



OHIO ASSOCIATION
OF FREE CLINICS

Membership

Benefits

ADVOCACY

- The Ohio Association of Free Clinics (O AFC) is the primary advocate and supporter of Ohio's Free Clinics.
- As the State voice for our Clinics, the O AFC has an active role in helping to shape health care policy and legislation that affect Free Clinics and the people they serve.
- In 2014, the O AFC played an integral role in the passage of House Bill 320, which strengthened the operations of free clinics and allowed Medicaid patients to have greater access to healthcare options offered by free clinics.
- The Association also works as a liaison with the Ohio Department of Health.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE SHARING

- The O AFC provides educational opportunities throughout each year, including multiple Leadership Forums, the Annual Conference, special workshops, and webinars.
- Participation in Regional Groups across the state, which allow clinics to network, communicate with, and learn from other clinics in their area.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

- Throughout 2015, the O AFC leadership and Board worked to create Quality Assurance standards in order to strengthen and enhance the care provided by Ohio's free clinics.

CAPACITY BUILDING

- The O AFC provides many opportunities to build the capacity of clinics, which include notification of grant opportunities, offers of donated medication and equipment, and organizational support needed.
- Participation in discounted group purchasing.
- Discounted drug purchasing through the Ohio Department of Mental Health.
- The Association also provides opportunities for qualifying clinics to receive funding through the Ohio Department of Health.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- Opportunities to employ AmeriCorps VISTA members for year-long and summer-long positions to aid with program development, volunteer recruitment, fundraising, and any other capacity building projects.
- Utilization of Navigators, who are trained and able to help consumers, small businesses, and their employees as they look for health coverage options through the Healthcare Marketplace.
- Discounted Membership for the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics