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# Innovations in Children's Healthcare Workforce *Pathway and Mentoring Programs*

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# Illinois PreDental Club Consortium

## Overview

- Started in 2007 as the Illinois PreDental Club Consortium
- Initially funded by Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation and UIC
- PreDental Club members have included: Benedictine, Chicago State, DePaul, Illinois Institute of Technology, Illinois State, Loyola, Midwestern, Northern Illinois, Notre Dame, Northwestern, Roosevelt, Southern Illinois, St. Xavier, UIC, U of I, and U of C.
- Organizational members have include:  
American Student Dental Association, American Dental Association, Illinois State Dental Society, Chicago Dental Society, Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation and UIC
- Annual Budget varies \$5,000- \$20,000 (not including in-kind support)
- The mission of the Illinois PreDental Club Consortium is to connect Illinois PreDental students on a state-wide level with the goal of sharing resources and interests





# At the CDS MidWinter Meeting





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# Urban Health Program Dental Camp

## Overview of the program

- **A pathway and mentoring program**
- **Held one week in early August**
- **9am – 3pm**
- **Hosted at the UIC College of Dentistry**
- **Focus on Black male high school students**
- **Students participate in lectures, laboratory activities and mentoring**
- **20 – 25 participants**
- **\$25,000 grants from the Delta Dental Foundation of Illinois**
- **End of Program Celebration on Friday  
Families are invited**
- **Next phase is year- round mentoring of students**





# Thank You