

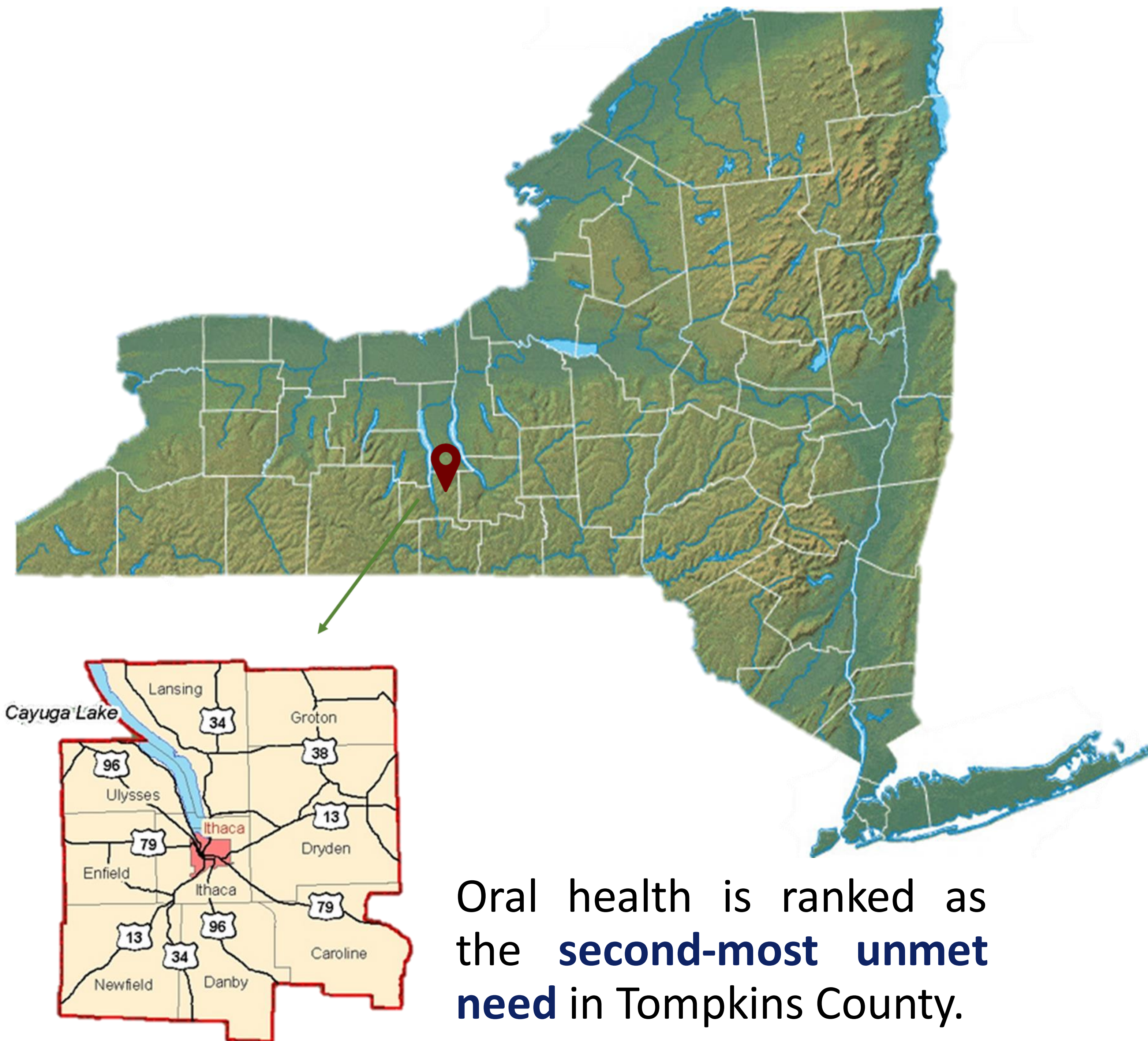
# EVERY SMILE COUNTS

## A TOMPKINS COUNTY ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

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### Oral health in Tompkins County



### Objectives

- Participants will be able to evaluate the significance of oral health in public health.
- Participants will be able to assess the current dental health status of communities in Tompkins County.
- Participants will be able to identify community-based solutions for improving oral health in Tompkins County.

### Next Steps

- 1 Develop and distribute Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (KAP) survey to public schools for students from first to twelfth grade.
- 2 Expand the survey to other residents of Tompkins County after surveying school students.
- 3 Collaborate with Cornell MPH students to publish oral health content on TCWH's website.
- 4 Partner with Cornell MPH students to help us develop health education materials to promote the use of fluorides.

### Project Plan

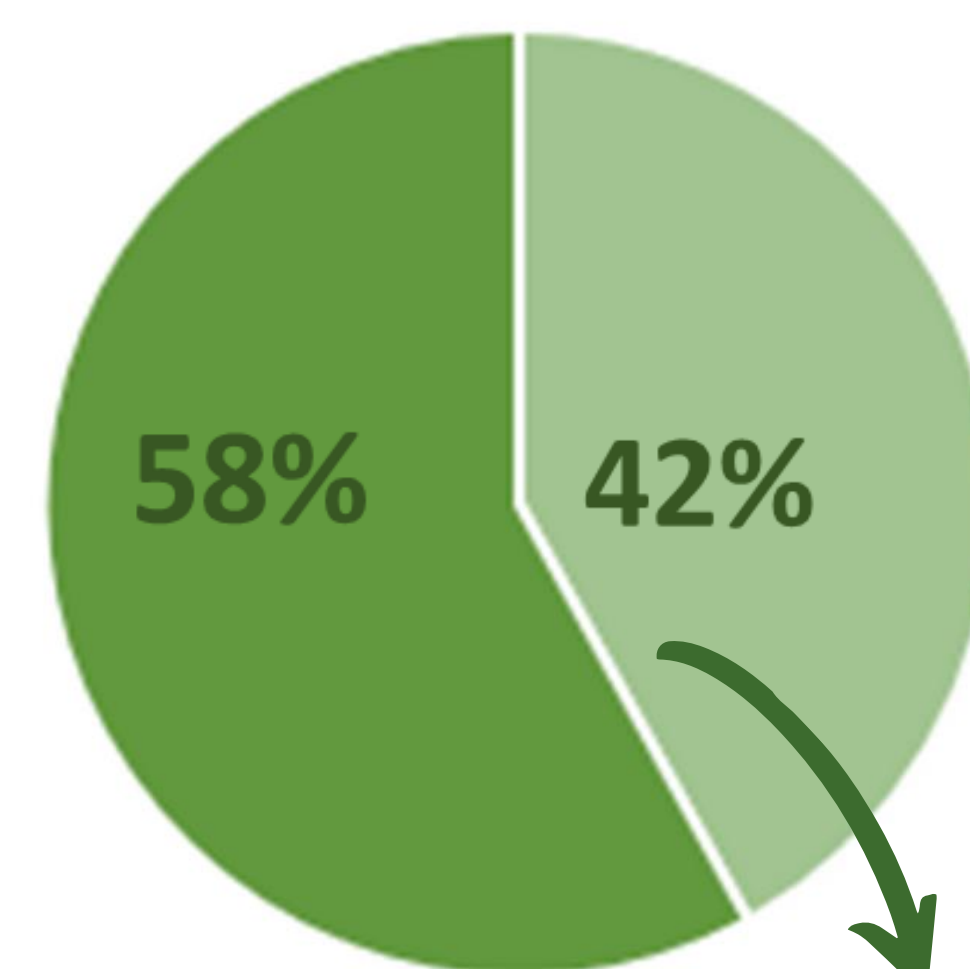
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### Disparities in dental care

- In Tompkins County, the dentist: patient ratio is 1700:1, which is lower than the national average of 1380:1.

- Nearly **half** of children in third grade experienced dental decay between 2009-2011.



Percentage of third graders who had tooth decay



#### Evaluate dental health status

A survey will assess the dental health status of Tompkins County residents.



#### Develop an oral health webpage

An oral health webpage will provide evidence-based oral health information to people.

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