

# EDC / Alpine - Key Partner Sustainability Plan



## Key Partners

- **School Staff** (administrators, nurses, teachers) – Facilitate screenings, assist with parent communication.
- **Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice (RDHAP)** – Conduct screenings and provide education.
- **Care Manager** – Support families in navigating barriers to accessing dental care.
- **Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH)** – Connect KOHA to county health initiatives help with “Urgent” referral coordination.



## Key Activities

- **KOHA Screenings**  
Conduct dental screenings to identify urgent needs.
- **Education**  
Provide oral health education to students, families, and school staff.
- **Preparation for Screening Events**  
Coordinate logistics, permissions, and staffing for successful implementation.
- **Marketing**  
Promote KOHA screenings through flyers, newsletters, social media, and direct school engagement.
- **Care Management**  
Assist families in connecting with providers and overcoming barriers to care.



## Best Practice

- **Standardized Screening Process**  
Ensure consistent data collection and reporting across all schools.
- **Parent & School Engagement**  
Use multiple outreach methods (calls, texts, flyers, events) to maximize participation.
- **Follow-up & Referral Tracking**  
Maintain a system to track students referred for urgent or preventive care.
- **Culturally & Linguistically Responsive Materials**  
Provide education and outreach materials in multiple languages.



## Project Relationships

- **School District & KOHA Coordination**  
Strengthen partnerships to make screenings a routine part of school health services.
- **County Public Health & MCAH Collaboration** – Align efforts with broader child health initiatives and care coordination for “Urgent” referrals.
- **Local Dental & Medical Providers** – Build referral networks to ensure students receive follow-up care.
- **Community-Based Organizations** – Partner with groups that assist families with accessing health and social services.



## Channels

- **School Communications**  
Flyers, emails, and parent meetings to increase awareness.
- **Community Events**  
Participation in health fairs and back-to-school events.
- **Social Media & Newsletters**  
Regular updates showcasing KOHA success stories and impact data.
- **Healthcare Provider Networks**  
Engage pediatricians and dentists in promoting screenings.
- **Parent Organizations** Use existing parent networks to increase participation and advocacy.



## Cost Structure

- **Grant Stipend for RDHAPs** – Funding to compensate dental hygienists for screening services.
- **Grant Funding for Supplies & Marketing** – Cover costs for screening materials, educational resources, and outreach.
- **Administrative & Care Coordination Costs** – Support for tracking data and managing referrals.



## Outcomes

- Increase in Student Participation
- Growth in County-Wide KOHA Numbers
- Early Detection of Oral Health Issues
- Increase in Referrals for Students with Oral Health Needs

# Sustainability Strategies



## How can we create long-term sustainable change?

- **Institutionalization Within Schools**
  - Advocate for KOHA to be integrated into school health policies, ensuring ongoing commitment.
- **Long-Term Funding Strategies:**
  - Secure multi-year grants from private foundations or local government health funds.
- **Explore Medicaid reimbursement options for screenings and follow-ups.**
  - Partner with local businesses and health organizations for sponsorships.
- **Building Local Capacity:**
  - Train school nurses and staff to conduct basic screenings and reinforce oral health education.
- **Volunteer Programs:**
  - Establish a volunteer program with local dental students or retired dental professionals.
- **Leveraging Existing Resources:**
  - Integrate KOHA within broader child health initiatives like immunization clinics or school wellness programs.
- **Medical Provider Collaboration:**
  - Collaborate with pediatricians to include oral health screenings in routine well-child visits.
- **Community Engagement & Advocacy:**
  - Work with parent organizations to champion oral health as a key issue.
- **Policy Changes:**
  - Engage policymakers to recognize KOHA as an essential public health service.