



FRESNO COUNTY LOCAL ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM - **KINDERGARTEN ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT (KOHA)**



WHAT IS KOHA?

California law requires children to have a dental assessment by May 31st in Kindergarten or their first year of school. Poor oral health can cause more missed school days and affect overall school performance.

40% OF FRESNO COUNTY YOUTH (2 OUT OF 5) ARE LIVING WITH TOOTH DECAY

TOP 5 HEALTH NEEDS

(REPORTED BY COMMUNITY IN FOCUS GROUPS AND KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS)

#1 MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS

#2 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

#3 ACCESS TO CARE

(INCLUDES PRIMARY CARE, ORAL CARE, VISION CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE)

#4 CHRONIC DISEASES

#5 NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

(OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY)

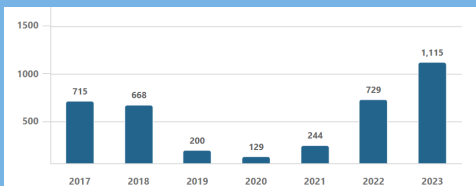
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WHY IS KOHA IMPORTANT?

Helps identify caries experience in children during their early school years and supports in establishing a dental home to receive oral care services to prevent dental disease.

KOHA HIGHLIGHT FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR



In the 2022-2023 school year, a total of 1,115 Fresno County Kindergarteners were reported to complete a KOHA (Data Source: System for California Oral Health Reporting)