

Share & Learn: New School Dental Program Resources

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Speakers

School Dental Programs Workgroup, Resources Subcommittee, & Data Subcommittee

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Housekeeping

- Meeting is being recorded and will be posted on the COHTAC website and YouTube channel – follow up materials and a link to the recording will be emailed
- Questions are welcomed in the chat box and will be answered at the end of the presentations – please stay muted until called on
- Comments, resource sharing, and other discussion are also welcomed in the chat box
- As always, we appreciate your feedback – please take a minute at the end to complete our evaluation survey

Learning Objectives & Agenda

Objectives

- Learn about the scope, vision, and work of the statewide School Dental Programs Workgroup.
- Learn how to find, navigate, and use new resources from the School Dental Programs Workgroup.
- Discuss how to plug into the work of the School Dental Programs Workgroup and integrate resources across LOHPs.
- Hear about what's coming down the pipeline to support LOHPs in their school dental programs.

Agenda

- Overview of School Dental Programs Workgroup – [Paula Lee](#)
- Resources Subcommittee – [Claire Bleymaier](#), [Brandy Mattson](#), [Christy Lopez](#)
- Data Subcommittee – [Christy Lopez](#)
- Odds & ends updates
 - COHTAC - [Bahar Amanzadeh](#), [Kristin Hoeft](#), [Aubri Kottek](#)
 - SCOHR - [Gary Flores](#)
 - Office of Oral Health - [Shannon Conroy](#), [Myryah Leighty](#)
- Wrap up



School Dental Programs Workgroup

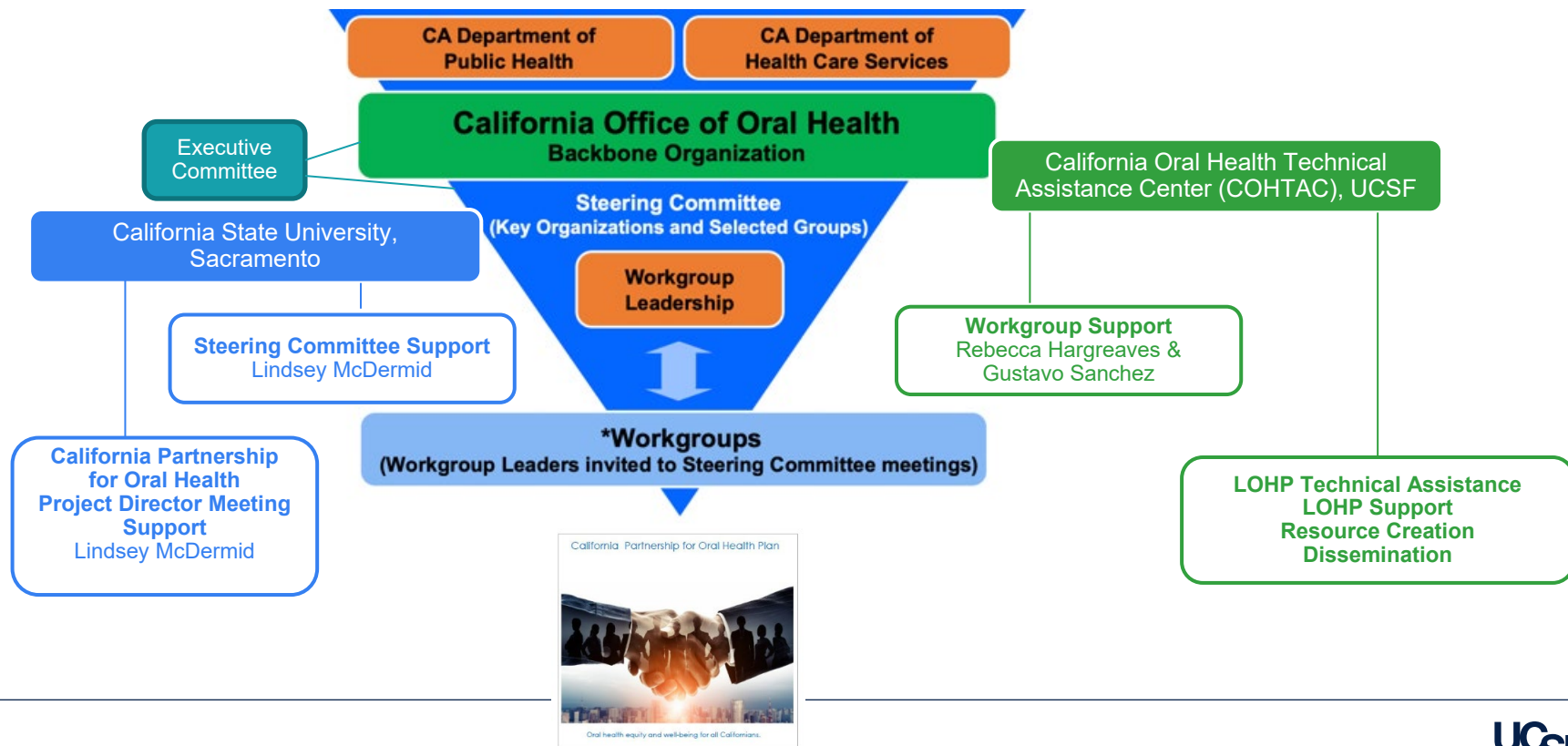
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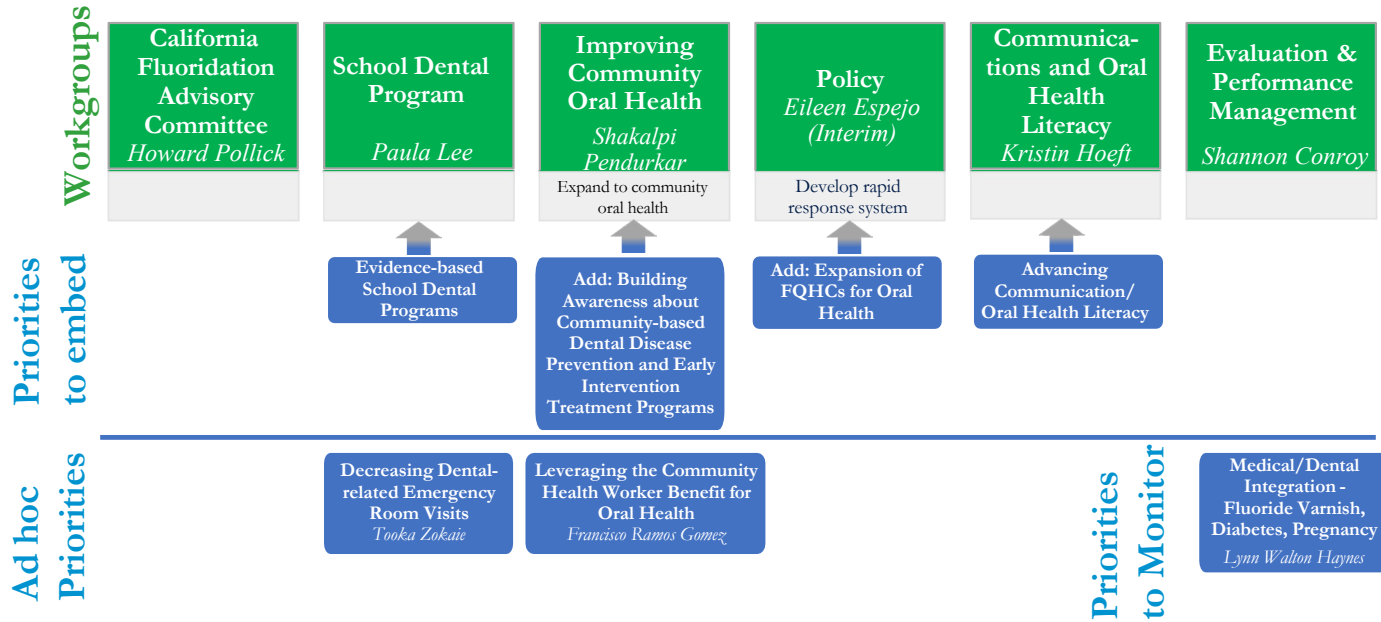


Support for workgroups and Steering Committee



Summit: Workgroups and Two Year Workplan Priorities 2023-2025

Advancing Oral Health Equity



School Dental Program Work Group Members

- California Dental Association (CDA)
- CDE School Based Health Program,
- CDE Early Head Start and Child Care Partnership
- CDPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH)
- CDPH, Office of Oral Health (OOH)
- Center for Oral Health
- Children Now
- LA Trust
- Local Oral Health Programs (LOHPs)
- RDH/RDHAPs
- School nurses
- School Based Health Alliance
- System for California Oral Health Reporting (SCOHR)
- UCSF California Oral Health Technical Assistance Center (COHTAC)

School Dental Program Work Two Year Action Plan 2023-2025

Purpose:

- Advance the Moving California Forward Work Plan 2022-2027.
- Reduce tooth decay among school-age children through school-linked/-base dental programs.
- Prioritize pre-school to 3rd grade.

Goals:

- All activities are intended to support the desired outcome of a **50% reduction in oral health disparities among school-aged children** in California by 2030.
- Share best practices, tools, and resources state-wide to implement activities related to school dental programs.
- Implement KOHA.
- Measure performance.
- Meet 3rd Monday, 10:30-11:30am

Resources Subcommittee

Data Subcommittee

Goals for 2-Year Action Plan: 2024 & 2025

Focus grades: PreK/Tk - 3rd grade.

PreK/TK	Kinder	2nd Grade	3rd Grade
Toothbrushing Program	KOHA Screening 4635 schools	Screening	
		Sealant	
Oral Health Education			
Referral Management			

Resources

- ▶ [Brush in a Box Toolkit | California Oral Health Technical Assistance Center \(ucsf.edu\)](#)
- ▶ [Sealants for a Healthy Smile | Smile California](#)
- ▶ [Welcome | Seal America \(mchoralhealth.org\)](#)
- ▶ [National Children's Dental Health Month | Smile California](#)



Q & A



Odds & Ends Updates

COHTAC Updates

- Ways to further support LOHP school dental programs
 - Highlights from the School-Linked Dental Programs Manual and focus groups
 - New group TA resource: “School Open Hours”
 - Updated RBA and KOHA webpages
- Other updates
 - Findings from recent TA survey
 - New mechanisms for communication and collaboration
 - Upcoming events

Highlights of the School-Linked Dental Program Manual

- Focus groups were held to understand use
 - 19 LOHPs participated in 4 focus groups – thank you!
 - Provided feedback on the manual
 - Shared challenges and ideas for improvement
 - The idea of learning collaboratives focused on school dental programs was well received – “School Open Hours”

Implementing a School-Linked Program in 5 Steps:

Step 1: Preparation

- [Find and establish partnerships](#)
- [Communicating effectively with potential partners](#)
- [Developing a memorandum of understanding](#)
- [Create a quality improvement \(QI\) plan](#)

Step 2: Program Setup & Logistics

- [Prioritizing screenings based on school grade](#)
- [Establishing a referral pathway](#)
- [Obtaining parent/guardian consent](#)
- [Scheduling](#)

Step 3: Implementing the Program

- [Conducting oral health assessments](#)
- [Oral health education](#)
- [Oral health counseling](#)
- [Referring students to dental care](#)

Step 4: Care Coordination & Referral Management

- [Dental care coordinators](#)
- [Resources for care coordination](#)
- [Communication strategies](#)
- [Referral management systems](#)



Step 5: Program Evaluation

- [Performance management: Results-Based Accountability \(RBA\)](#)
- [Continuous QI cycle](#)
- [Data reporting](#)

“School Open Hours”

- **What?** Group interactive learning workshops focused on local school oral health programs (Work Plan Objectives 2-3)
- **Why?** Individualized problem solving with COHTAC experts and LOHP colleagues
- **Who?** All LOHPs are invited to join
- **How?** Grouping LOHPs based on similar challenges, geography, and size, with some mixing to create cross-learning
- **When?** Meeting 1x/month for 1-1.5 hours across 3-4 months, starting with the first two cohorts in the next few months

More information will be shared with Project Directors soon!

Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA)

Overview

Problem

Requirements

Steps to KOHA Completion

Process Map

- 1 KOHA Forms
- 2 Reminders
- 3 Data
- 4 Urgent Referrals
- 5 Communication



Side bar area

We thank the California Oral Health Partnership School Workgroup Resources Subcommittee for creating the organizational format on which this webpage is based

California LOHP KOHA manual (2024) - working on name :)

CA Statistic on KOHA

Want to improve your KOHA data reporting? Join a Results-Based Accountability (RBA) Learning Collaborative

Tips and Promising Practices for implementing KOHA

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Appendices with ready to use checklists, timelines, templates and letters

Revised RBA page on COHTAC website

<https://oralhealthsupport.ucsf.edu/RBA>

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Results-Based Accountability

Results-Based Accountability (RBA)

Results-Based Accountability (RBA) is used around the world to engage the community and plan health promotion programs. Using a Collective Impact theory to promote planning, the RBA framework brings the community together to look at data and hold [Turn the Curve sessions](#) to explore the story behind the curve, including brainstorming to create an action plan and [meet the deliverables](#) in the LOHP Work Plan.

How do you participate?

- Sign-up for RBA Learning Collaborative
- Attend an RBA 101 Basic Training or watch a recording (2 hours)
- Gain access to a account with 2 KOHA Performance Measures data imported
- Practice implementing all tools and presenting KOHA data to inform partners
- Develop an infographic to promote KOHA participation
- Receive a certificate for participating

Participate in an RBA Learning Collaborative or Workshop

Develop a Process Map of the steps to upload KOHA data into SCOHR

Participate in a Turn the Curve session

What is an RBA Learning Collaborative?

A space to meet LOHPs, like us, and practice OI skills

The Office of Oral Health (OOH) and COHTAC have teamed-up to provide a safe space for collaboration and learning, called the RBA Learning Collaboratives.

Leadership for the collaboratives is provided from the OOH by Myriah Leigh, Quality and Performance Management Specialist, and Anumita Hasnani, Research Scientist and from COHTAC by Katie Conklin, Turn the Curve Specialist, and Gustavo Sanchez, Design and Development.

What are LOHPs saying about the Collaboratives?

Sign-up for the next RBA Learning Collaborative (Spring, 2024!)

JOIN THE WAIT LIST!

Share RBA stories?

slack #rba channel

oralhealthsupport@ucsf.edu

17 LOHPs participated in the RBA Learning Collaboratives to increase KOHA data submitted into SCOHR in 2023

18 California Oral Health Technical Assistance Center (COHTAC)

“Quality Improvement gives an opportunity for the organization to look inward and develop tools to improve while using data.”
Local Oral Health Program Director
Participated in the RBA Learning Collaboratives

COHTAC's Technical Assistance (TA) Survey

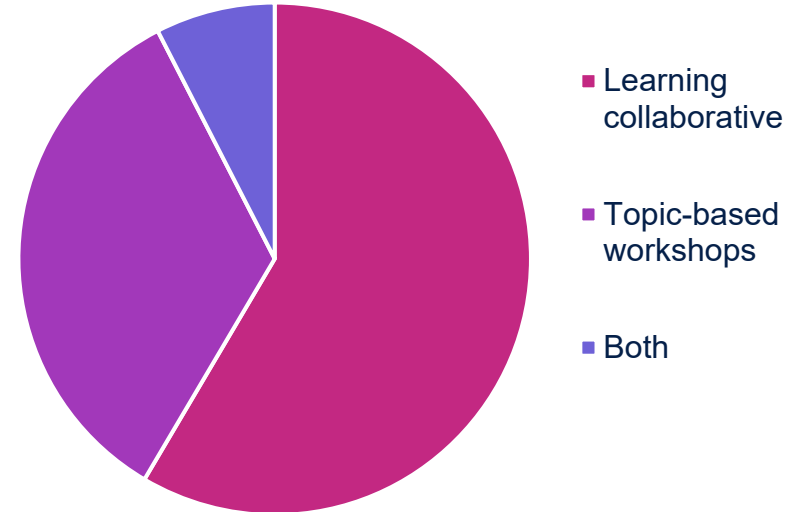
- Annual TA survey
 - Designed with the Office of Oral Health
 - Piloted with 3 LOHPs
 - Data collected between Nov-Dec 2023
- 90% of LOHPs fully participated – thank you!
- COHTAC uses survey data strategically to:
 - Design our TA and prioritize webinar/event topics
 - Identify, elevate, and address common barriers/challenges
 - Continuously improve how we support LOHPs

TA Survey Findings

Preferred formats for general TA

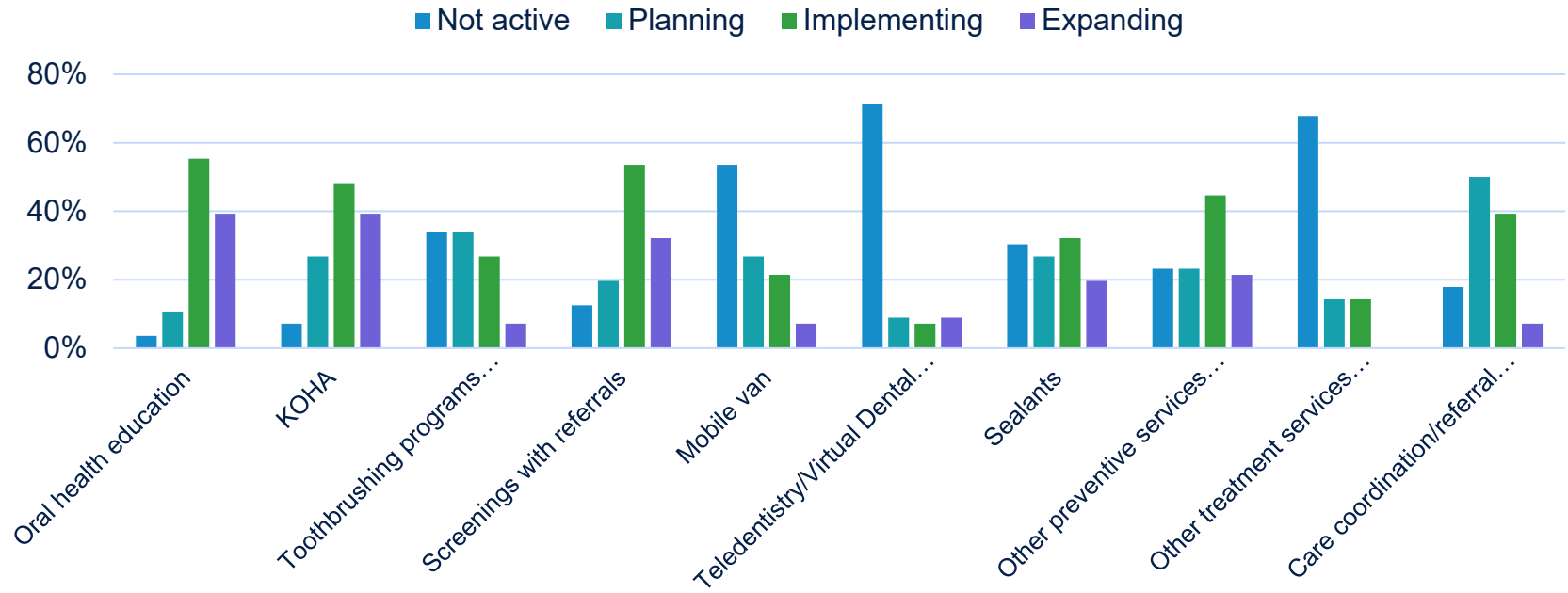
- 1 Live webinars/seminars
- 2 Small group sessions
- 3 Video/recorded webinar

Preferred formats for school TA



TA Survey Findings

Which elements are included in your school dental programs and what implementation stage(s) are you in?



TA Survey Findings

Top 5 school TA needs:

1. Coordinating care and referrals to dental providers: 66%
2. Billing and sustainability: 61%
3. Increasing consent rates and understanding opt-out rationale (from parents or schools): 50%
4. Identifying providers or dental practices to refer to: 48%
5. Developing key messages or scripts to approach school staff: 46%

Top 5 KOHA challenges:

1. No accountability for school districts/schools not participating in KOHA: 62%
2. Parents not returning/completing the KOHA forms (including consent forms): 59%
3. Insufficient access to dental providers in your community for dental homes for children: 59%
4. Barriers to data entry at school/district level: 49%
5. Lack of buy-in or support from school administration/staff/nurses/teachers: 45%

Connect With Us & Each Other



Upcoming Webinars



National Children's Dental Health Month social media toolkit working meeting with COHTAC



Office of Oral Health Project Director's Meeting (PDM) #2
KOHA – Best Practices to Maximize Success



Office of Oral Health Project Director's Meeting (PDM) #3



COHTAC Share & Learn: Ask-the-Experts Forum

LOHP Convenings

Join COHTAC at one of two LOHP Convenings to work on oral health programming

Two LOHP Convenings will be held in the spring of 2024 with roughly the same agenda but in different locations and on different dates. Each LOHP is invited to bring up to 2 staff members to one meeting (not both), and a waitlist will be set up for additional prospective attendees.

March Convening	May Convening
Tuesday, March 5, 2024	Tuesday, May 7, 2024
Southern California (likely Los Angeles, CA)	Northern California (likely Redding, CA)

More information will be shared with Project Directors soon!



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Other Updates

- SCOHR
- 3rd Grade Smile Survey
- Statewide Dental Referral Management System (DRMS)

Statewide DRMS Update

2023: Preparation and documentation

2024: Implementation

- Selecting a vendor
- Developing a draft of the program to test functionality (hopefully will be ready in 3-4 months)
- Organize training with LOHPs prior to go live date

Highlights of program features

- Access and store screening consent forms
- Complete screenings and generate referrals to local providers with designated priority status
- Able to check for errors and hard stop form submission without required fields filled
- Track referral progress and outcomes



Q & A



Thank You