

Share & Learn: Back-to-School Insights & Strategies for a Successful School Year

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Learning Objectives & Agenda

Objectives

- Reflect on how back-to-school activities went: what went well, what resources were helpful, how you would change things next year
- Understand how to access school dental program resources on the recently updated COHTAC website
- Hear from local programs on what goes into their planning for the rest of the school year
- Learn how to access and use the System for California Oral Health Reporting (SCOHR) and have your questions answered by a member of the SCOHR team

Agenda

- Back-to-school reflections – [Aubri Kottek](#)
- School resources – [Katie Conklin](#)
- Planning for the school year – [Bahar Amanzadeh](#)
 - Stanislaus County – [Sharrie Sprouse](#)
 - City and County of San Francisco – [Bernadette Millares](#), [Deanna Aguallo](#), & [Maryna Spiegel](#)
 - Smile Keepers – [Erika Hagstrom Dossi](#)
- SCOHR overview and Q&A – [Stephanie Craig](#)
- Wrap up



Back-to-School Reflections

Reflect & Share

Use Mentimeter to answer questions below

1. What wins would you like to celebrate with your back-to-school activities? 🎉
2. What were some challenges you experienced with your back-to-school activities? 🔍
3. What were the most useful resources or tools that you used for your back-to-school activities? 💡

Join at **menti.com**

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School Dental Program Resources

Katie Conklin

School Dental Programs Workgroup

Many thanks to the workgroup & subcommittees for shaping updates/resources!

Resources Subcommittee

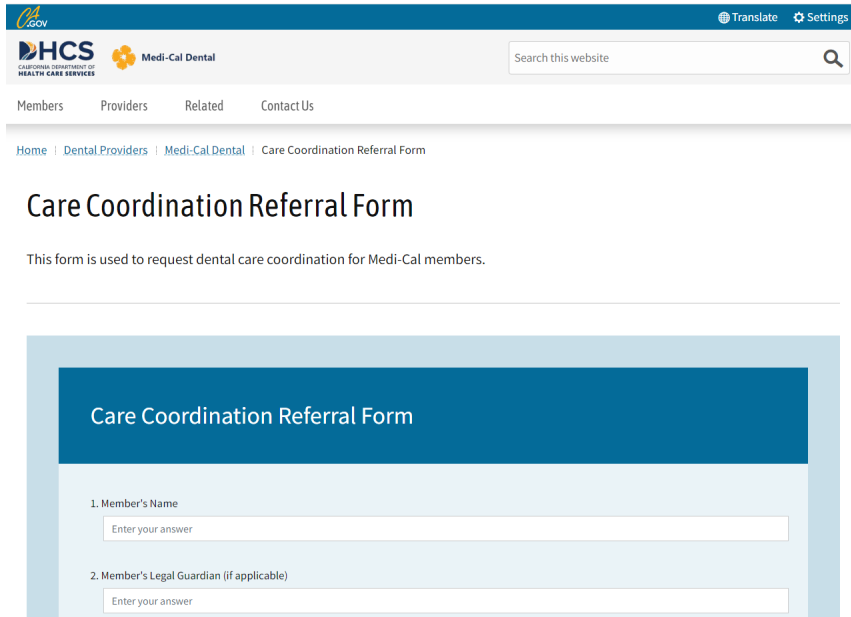
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Medi-Cal Dental Care Coordination Form

https://dental.dhcs.ca.gov/Providers/Medi_Cal_Dental/CareCoordinationReferralForm



The screenshot shows the DHCS website header with the Medi-Cal Dental logo and a search bar. Below the header, there are navigation links for Members, Providers, Related, and Contact Us. The main content area displays the title "Care Coordination Referral Form" and a brief description: "This form is used to request dental care coordination for Medi-Cal members." Below this, a preview of the form is shown, featuring a blue header with the title "Care Coordination Referral Form" and two input fields: "1. Member's Name" and "2. Member's Legal Guardian (if applicable)".

- Anyone can use the form to refer Medi-Cal members to dental care
- Specify “needs tier level” (1-4), dental treatment needs, translation/interpretation needs, transportation needs
- DHCS staff aim to follow up with members within 3 business days



Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCPs)

Reminder: MCPs are required to execute MOUs with LEAs by Jan 1, 2025

- Existing legislation and contracts require that Medi-Cal MCPs cover and ensure dental screenings and oral health assessments for all their members
- MOUs with LHJs, LEAs, and other entities must clarify roles and responsibilities for **coordination of the delivery of care and services** of all members, among other things
- Check out Children Now's toolkit on the COHTAC website for more opportunities and recommendations

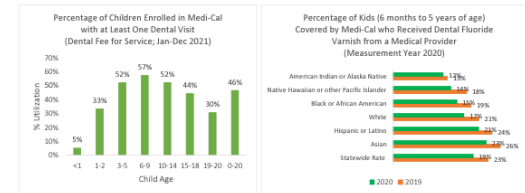
Leveraging Medi-Cal Innovation to Promote Children's Oral Health: A Toolkit for Local Oral Health Programs

Medi-Cal managed care plans (MCPs) are critical to promoting children's oral health. The California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative and new Medi-Cal benefits available to children and families present new opportunities for MCPs, local oral health programs (LOHPs), community-based organizations (CBOs), schools, and local First 5s to build and strengthen relationships that promote optimal oral health for California's children and youth.

BACKGROUND

Less than half (46%) of children and youth covered by Medi-Cal receive any dental care, and very young children are least likely to receive care (see charts below).¹

Moreover, state data shows that very few young children and children of color receive fluoride varnish application in the medical or dental setting,² despite American Academy of Pediatrics *Bright Futures* recommendations to apply fluoride varnish to the primary teeth of all infants and children starting at the age of primary tooth eruption (as early as six months of age).³ Research shows that fluoride varnish "can prevent about 33% of cavities in the primary (baby) teeth."⁴ Yet, only 8% of children 6 months to 5 years of age covered by Medi-Cal received dental fluoride varnish from a non-dental provider, and only 11% received dental fluoride varnish from a dental provider (see Appendix A for county-level data). Managed care plans and their contracted primary care providers and clinics are critical connectors to oral health care and a dental home. MCPs, local oral health programs, dental providers, local F5s, and schools should work collectively to screen, refer, and connect children and youth to a dental home.



¹ Dental Fee for Service Performance Measures Report, Fee-for-Service Statewide Performance Measures Report by Age (18 <= C <= 18 years), Department of Health Care Services, 2021.
² 2021 Preventive Services Report, Department of Health Care Services, June 2022.
³ Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care, Bright Futures/American Academy of Pediatrics, 2022.
⁴ Children's Oral Health: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, April 8, 2022.



Need More Support?

COHTAC support for school dental programs

- **Join office hours on Wednesday, October 2, from 10-11am**
 - Katie Conklin & Bahar Amanzadeh will be available to answer any questions about school dental programs
 - Drop in or stay the whole hour – we are here to support you!
- Join **School Open Hours** – small group learning to facilitate implementation of school dental programs
 - Take our survey if interested in joining our next cohort (see chat)
- Email oralhealthsupport@ucsf.edu

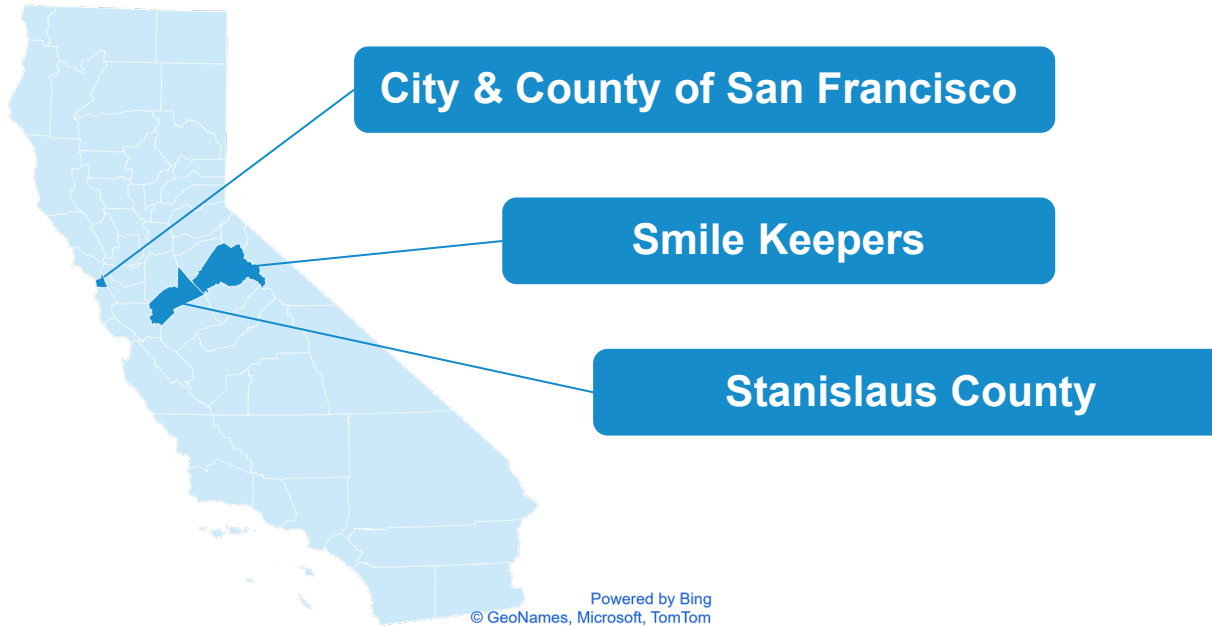


Planning for the School Year

Bahar Amanzadeh

Panelists

Planning for the duration of the school year





Stanislaus County

Sharrie Sprouse

Back to School Insight & Strategies



Who We Are

STANISLAUS COUNTY ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

- **Vision:** Cavity free kids!
- **Mission:** Working together to improve oral health.
- **Goal:** To reduce oral health disparities among school-aged children by 50%.



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Sharrie Sprouse



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Snapshot of Stanislaus Schools

25 DISTRICTS



72% Eligible Districts (n=18)



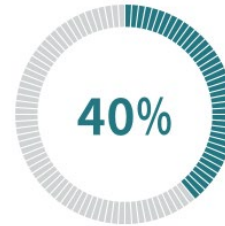
112 SCHOOLS

80% Eligible Schools (n=90)

KOHA

2022 - 2023 School Year Data

School Districts Reported
KOHA Data into the SCOHR



Students Assessed



46 out of 112

Elementary Schools



Students Reported
into SCOHR



2364
(58%)



No KOHA or
Waivers Returned

Our Journey . . .

STANISLAUS COUNTY SCHOOL ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS



Pre COVID

Leveraged Existing Relationships

To provided staff trainings and resources to Healthy Starts, Family Resource Centers, and Head Start sites, which are co-located with schools.

Internal Cross Collaboration

Again, leveraging existing relationships and collaborating with other public health programs.



COVID

Maintained Engagement

Partnered with schools to provide oral health education, materials, and kits with Grab n' Go School Meal Programs.

COVID Mitigation Guidance

Joined the School COVID Mitigation Meetings to assess readiness.



Post COVID

Reengagement to Expand Efforts

Conducted a pilot project with 3 high-need schools in largest school district.

Planning and Prioritization

Developed an implementation plan which included model, approach, equity, partners, performance measures, quality improvement, and sustainability strategies.

What We Did This Year . . .

STANISLAUS COUNTY SCHOOL ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS



Hey everyone Chewy here! 🦖🦷

I have been having a ROAR-some good time helping my friends get ready for school! 📚🍎🦷🍷

The Stanislaus County Oral Health Program educated families on good oral health care, gave out resources and oral health kits. We also provided oral health screenings to help keep those smiles healthy and bright. 🦷👍

An extra special DINO-rrific thank you
@riverbank.casa.del.rio
@kirschenelementary
@modestocityschoos
for their partnership!

#BackToothSchoolCA # SCOHP #ChewySCOHP

Where We Are Going . . .

STANISLAUS COUNTY SCHOOL ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

Model & Approach

- School-Linked Model
- Soft Launch Pilot Approach

Planning & Partnerships

- Continual Readiness Assessments
- Early Childhood Educators
- Districts and Schools
- Dental Professionals
- Technical Assistance and Support

CQI & Sustainability

- Establish Community of Practice
- Leverage Existing Policies



Thank You!

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SCHOOL BASED ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM



SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



GET TO KNOW

THE SFDPH SCHOOL BASED ORAL HEALTH TEAM



Deanna Aguallo, RDH, MSDH
Registered Dental Hygienist

- Enjoys visiting National Parks and juggling!



Bernadette Millares, RDH, BA
Registered Dental Hygienist

- 21 years dental experience
- Loves comedy shows

Helen Yu, DDS
**Interim Director of
Dental Services**

- 18 years experience in public health
- Loves shopping and traveling



Maryna Spiegel, MPH
LOHP Manager

- 15 years experience in public health
- 8 years with SFDPH
- Parent of a kindergartener



Jamie Lee, BA, MSPH
AmeriCorps Member

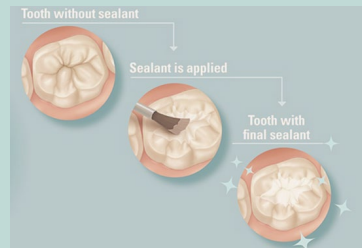
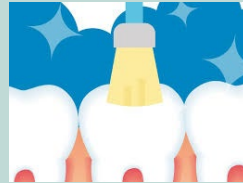
- Recent Grad from Johns Hopkins Univ.
- Black belt in Taekwondo





CURRENT PROGRAMS

- Kindergarten Screenings (73 Schools)
- Fluoride Varnish (49 Schools)
- Dental Sealants (32 Schools)



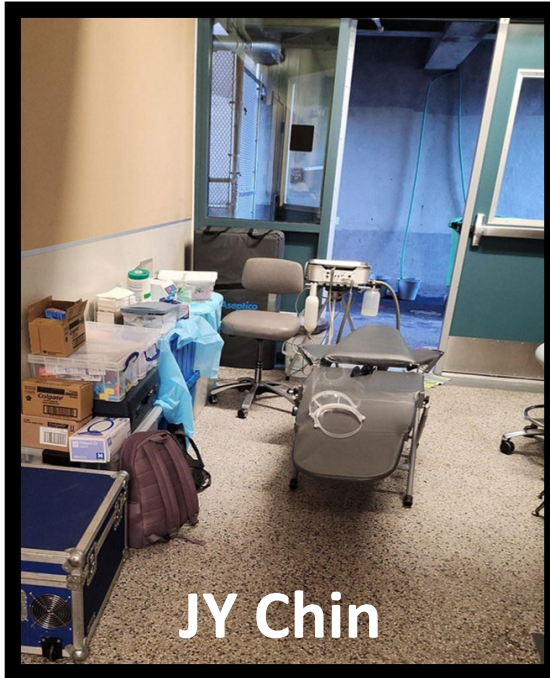
FUTURE GOALS

- Incorporate care coordination in our program.
- Increase consent rates. Reach as many students as possible.
- Increase oral health education in all schools.
- Improve database for efficient data collection and reporting.



DENTAL SEALANT SET UP

A FEW OF OUR SCHOOL SITES





THANK YOU

FOR HAVING US BE A PART OF THE
SHARE AND LEARN!!



San Francisco Department of Public Health Dental
SFDPH School based Oral Health Team





Smile Keepers

Erika Hagstrom Dossi

Smile Keepers Dental Program Tuolumne County

- 30 years of providing school-linked services
- Considered a “legacy” program by the Office of Oral Health
- Program serves:
 - 11 school districts (4800 children)
 - 500 preschool children (First 5)
 - Infant Oral Care Program (First 5)
 - Adult Clinics at Behavioral Health (MHSA)
 - Juvenile Hall Care Program (probation)
 - Calaveras First 5 program /LOHP project
- LOHP cooperative project with Tuolumne County Health Department
- Virtual Dental Home Project (UCSF)



Smile Keepers Strengths

WE HAVE FUN!

We over-communicate

We are reliable

We are driven to provide top-quality care

We are consistent

We know when to pivot

We are transparent

WE HAVE FUN!

Smile Keepers Short Film





System for California Oral Health Reporting (SCOHR)

Gary Flores



Wrap Up

AB 2630 (Bonta)



Adds TK to KOHA

- Defines kindergarten as TK+K and requires a KOHA only once during the two-year period
- OOH, CDE, SCOHR, and others are working to support implementation and will communicate updated guidance as soon as possible


Upcoming Information Session

Dental Public Health (DPH) residency partnership opportunity

- UCSF hosts a 1-year DPH residency program
 - Residents are dentists with an MPH degree
 - Residents receive hands-on experiences in various aspects of DPH, including community outreach, needs assessments, program planning, etc.
- Interested in hosting a DPH resident?
 - **Attend an info session on Thursday, October 10, from 11am-12pm**



Matching UCSF Dental Public Health Trainees to California Rural Local Oral Health Programs



Typical Day of DPH Trainee
Once assigned to a local oral health program, DPH trainees are encouraged to spend 4-8 hours per week at their field site, depending on the needs of the department and trainee's schedule.

Past DPH Trainee Projects
Some past DPH trainee projects have included presentations to local dental societies, developing training materials for school-based/titred programs, and writing articles on topics such as tobacco cessation, sugar-sweetened beverages, community water fluoridation, healthy mouth habits, kindergarten oral health assessment, and dental sealants.

Field Site Supervisor
A field site supervisor mentors the DPH trainee by identifying a project that builds on the work in-progress at the local oral health program and matches the trainee's skills, as well as completes quarterly reports to provide ongoing feedback on learning opportunities.

To become a field site supervisor, please email us at dphpostgrad@ucsf.edu

The UCSF Dental Public Health (DPH) Program Postgraduate Program is a one-year full-time certificate program focused on dental public health competencies and research. DPH trainees are dentists who have obtained a Master of Public Health degree and are interested in gaining real life experience working with rural, vulnerable, and underserved populations.

DPH trainees are building expertise in:

- Program planning activities
- Designing oral health surveys
- Developing oral health outreach materials
- Evaluating the impact of oral health programs
- Analyzing data and conducting research on oral health topics

If you are inspired to bring public health and dentistry together, we look forward to meeting you and getting to know about your local oral health program and how we can match a DPH trainee's skills and interests to your in-progress activities.

TO LEARN MORE

Visit our UCSF Dental Public Health webpage, dentistry.ucsf.edu/programs/post-grad/dental-public-health and our UCSF Open Smiles Collaborative webpage, opensmiles.ucsf.edu.



Upcoming Webinars



COHTAC Share & Learn:
Tackling Tobacco to Advance Oral Health



COHTAC Share & Learn:
Highlighting LOHP Care Coordination Models



Thank You