Welcome back from break!









Oral Health Summit / Session II Turn the Curve with the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA)

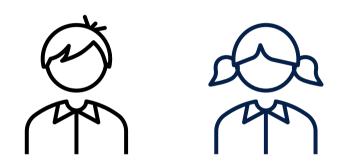
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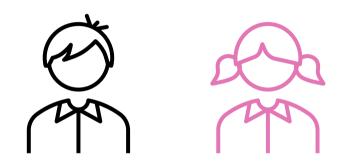
Presented by Katie Conklin, Myryah Leighty, Paula Lee, Laura Farneti, Bonnie Flippin, Laura Gallardo, Danika Ng, & Sayra Soriano



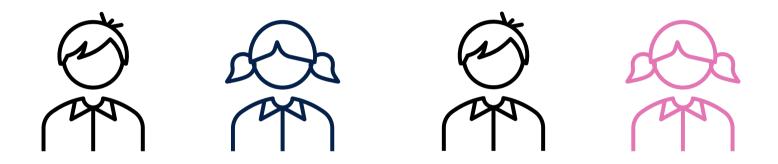
- Troubleshooting KOHA
- Quality Improvement and Results-Based Accountability
- Consensus Building







1 in 2 children entering Kindergarten have had tooth decay



More than a quarter have untreated tooth decay

"Mommy, It Hurts to Chew"

2004-2005 Report Highlights

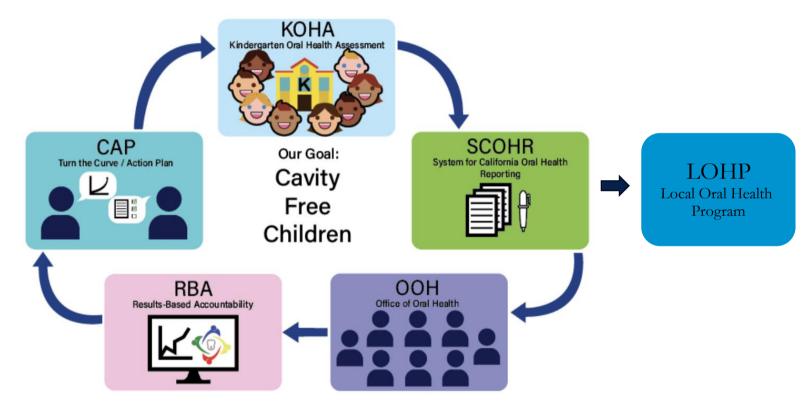
- Dental disease is the hidden epidemic of California's school children.
- Kids with severe decay are often in pain, can't concentrate, miss school days, and get poor grades.
- Poor children and children of color are much more likely to have tooth decay and suffer the consequences of untreated disease

The start of the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment

Laws, Policies, and Programs



Why Turn the Curve with KOHA?



Troubleshooting KOHA



KOHA

Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment

 California Law (AB1433, 2007) to ensure children entering public school receive an oral health screening

Check readiness for school

Overall health

Included in the Educational Code 49452.8

KOHA

Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment

 California Law (AB1433, 2007) to ensure children entering public school receive an oral health screening

The goal of KOHA is to establish a dental home for children entering Kindergarten

KOHA Schools Role Step #1

Parent Letter









KOHA

Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment Program

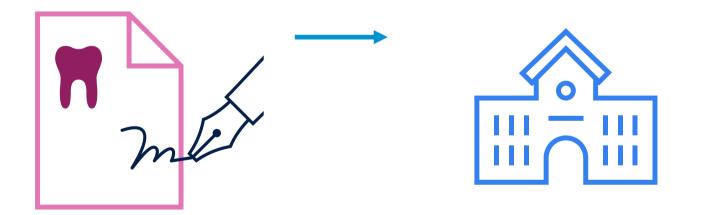
- 1. <u>School provides the parent or caregiver</u> with the notification letter and assessment/waiver
 - The parent takes the assessment to their dentist to have completed
 - The parent signs the waiver to not have the assessment completed
- 2. <u>School hosts a free dental screening day to provide the oral</u> health assessment to all eligible children
 - Children identified are referred to a dental provider for follow-up care



KOHA Schools Role Step #2

Assessment/Waiver

Returned to School





KOHA Stops

Steps

 Compiled at School, School District, and County Office of Education

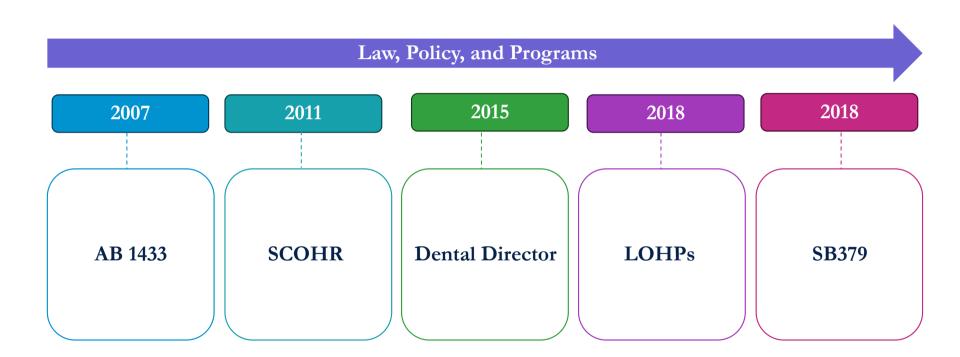


 Who uploads the KOHA data into the state database?



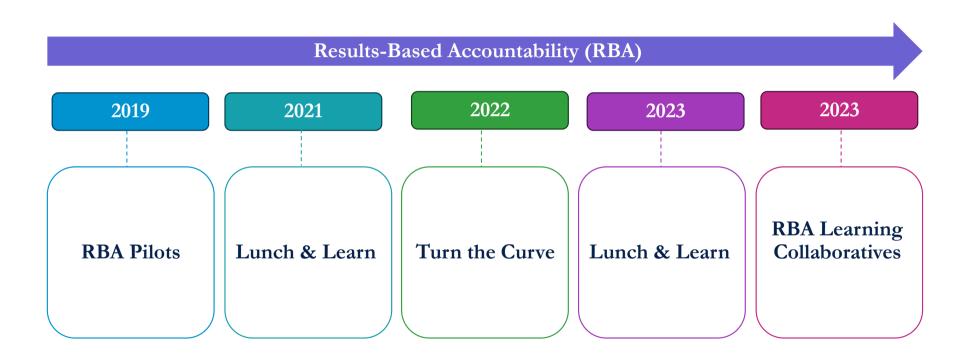


KOHA Timeline





KOHA & Quality Improvement Timeline



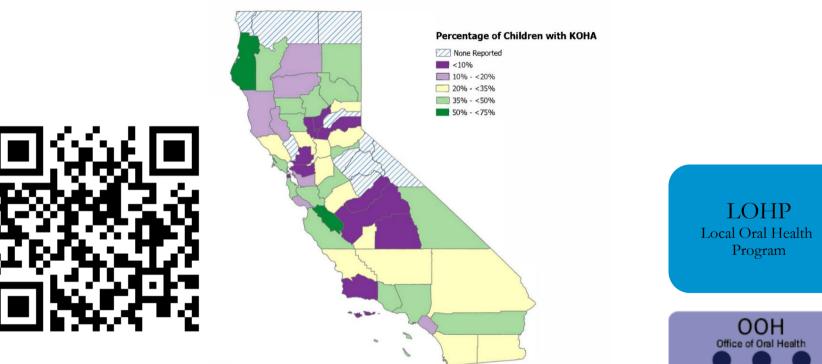




SCOHR System for California Oral Health Reporting



DRAFT Children with Proof of Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA) System for California Oral Health Reporting, 2021-2022



https://oralhealthsupport.ucsf.edu/RBA

Source: Number of children with proof of KOHA (numerators), System for California Oral Health Reporting State Reports downloaded March 2023. Number of enrolled kindergarten students (denominators), California Department of Education Annual Enrollment Files. Prepared by T Ta, 03/07/2023

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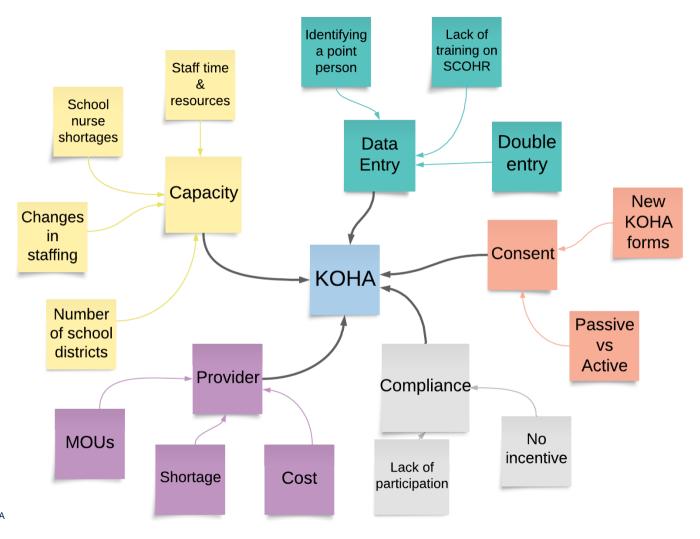


Table Activity

10 minutes - QR code on the table

- Brainstorm with your table,
 - Choose <u>one</u> problem from the Mind Map to talk through your solutions what can we do to overcome these barriers?
 - California Department of Education
 - OOH/COHTAC School Workgroup
 - COHTAC
 - OOH
 - Others?
- Select someone at your table to take notes

Table Activity

10 minutes – QR code on the table

- Report out from your table using Menti Poll
 - Select 2 solutions from your table you would like to share with the larger group

Example looks like:

Advocate for soda tax to fund schools (work group)

https://www.menti.com Code: 9875 3841



Parent Letter

July 2022

Oral Health Notification Letter (Letter to be provided with the Oral Health Assessment Form)

(USE DISTRICT LETTERHEAD AND COMPLETE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS)

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Having a healthy mouth helps your child do well in school. To make sure your child is ready for school, California law Education Code Section 49452.8, requires that your child have an oral health assessment or dental check-up in his or her first year in public school (kindergarten of first grade). Every child needs an oral health assessment from a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional, and a completed Oral Health Assessment form (attached to this letter) to meet this requirement.

If your child has not had an oral health assessment in the past 12 months, they will need one before May 31. Take the attached form to your child's dentist to complete, if your child had an oral health assessment or dental check-up in the past 12 months. The following information will help you find a dentist:

- You can call the Medi-Cal Telephone Service Center at 1-800-322-6384 or visit <u>Smile California - Find a Dentist</u> (https://smilecalifornia.org/ind-a-dentist/) to find find a dentist that accepts Medi-Cal. For help enrolling your child in Medi-Cal, you can apply are by mail, go in person to your local Social Services office, or online at <u>Apply for Medi-Cal</u>. (https://www.dhcs.ca.ou/services/medi-cal/pages/applyformedi-cal.appx)
- For additional resources that may be helpful, contact your local public health department, click <u>Apply for Health Coverage</u> (https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ medi-cal/Pages/CourtyOffices.aspx) to find yours.

When you take your child to the dentist, bring the attached form to be completed.

If you cannot take your child for an oral health assessment, please fill out the separate Waiver of Oral Health Assessment Requirement form, and return the form.

Please return the form to (insert school-specific information to return form). Your child's identity will not be in any report. Schools keep students' health information private. You can get more copies of the form at your child's school or on-line from the *California Department of Education.* (https://www.cde.ca.gov/lshe/hn/oralhealth.asp)

We want your child to be healthy and ready for school! Even though they fall out, baby teeth are very important. Children need healthy baby teeth to eat, talk, smile, and feel good about themselves. Children with cavities may have pain, difficulty eating, stop smiling, and have problems paying attention and learning at school.

Page 1 of 2

Here is important advice to help your child stay healthy:

- Take your child to the dentist. Dental check-ups can help keep your child's mouth healthy and pain free.
- · Choose healthy foods for the entire family, like fresh fruits and vegetables.
- · Brush teeth at least twice a day with toothpaste that contains fluoride.
- Limit candy and sweet drinks like punch, juice or soda. Sweet drinks and candy contain a lot of sugar, which causes cavities and leaves less room for your child to have healthy foods and drinks. Sweet drinks and candy can also cause weight problems, which may lead to other diseases, such as diabetes. Give your child healthy choices like water, milk, and fruit instead.

If you have questions about the new oral health assessment requirement, please contact (fill in name of district personnel or office responsible for the program, telephone number and/or e-mail address).

Thank you!

Sincerely,

District Superintendent Attachment

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New KOHA Forms

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New KOHA Forms

All KOHA Forms are available on the COHTAC Website

California Department of Public Health July 2022

On-Site Dental Screening Opt Out Letter (This letter is only required if on-site dental screenings are being offered at your school.)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

An on-site free dental screening by a licensed dental professional may be provided at your child's school. The purpose of this dental screening is to check your child's teeth for tooth decay.

Cavities (tooth decay) are the most common disease experienced by children. However, tooth decay is preventable. In California, 54% of kindergarteners and 70% of third graders have experienced tooth decay. Tooth decay causes pain and can lead to malnutrition, poor performance in school, childhood speech problems, and serious infections.

Participating in a school screening has many benefits:

- You do not need to take time off from work. No missed school days or workdays.
- FREE dental assessment by a licensed dental professional.
- Quick look at your child's teeth, no instruments are used during the screening.
- Referral to dental professional, if needed
- Complies with the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment Requirement law (AB 1433 & SB 379) and supports children's school readiness and success under the Kindergarten Readiness Act (SB 1381).

If your child is screened and found to have urgent dental problems, your child will be sent home with a letter. If you receive a letter, it is important that you take your child to a dentist or dental provider for an evaluation.

If you want your child to participate in the screenings for his/her grade, \underline{no} further action is required.

If you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in the on-site dental screenings, please complete the bottom portion of this letter and return it to your child's school. If you have any questions, please feel free to call ______.

Sign the Form below if you DO NOT want your child to participate in the on-site dental health screenings.

Student's Name: ____

 \Box I **<u>DO NOT</u>** wish to have my child participate in the on-site Free dental screening.

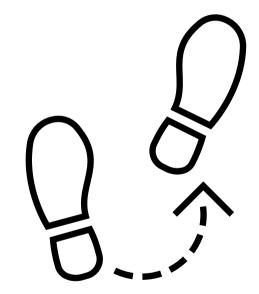
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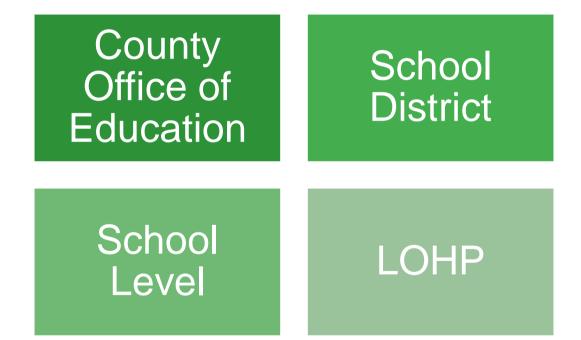


KOHA & SCOHR One-Pager

- A living Document
- COHTAC Website



Who can upload the data? SCOHR Accounts email <u>scohr@sjcoe.net</u>



KOHA Communication CDE & OOH

- Superintendent letter
 - CDE Website
 - Joint letter of support
 - Informs of the Education Code
 - Passive consent
 - Absenteeism
 - Links to the assessment/SCOHR



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April 19, 2023

Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

OF EDUCATION

Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment Requirement Update

The California Department of Education and the California Department of Public Health are writing to inform you that the forms used for the Kindergarten Oral Health Requirement per California *Education Coci* Section 49452.8 (Assembly Bill (AB) 1433) have been revised through Senate Bill (SB) 378 to improve oral health outcomes data needed to measure the success of prevention and intervention programs. SB 379 allows schools to provide onsite screening and fulfill the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA) with passive consent, which means that parents/guardians of students would need to notify the school that they do not want their child screened. Please use the updated KOHA forms **effective immediately**. KOHA is another way schools can help reduce dental disease through connecting children to a source of dental care, reduce chronic absenteeism, and improve school readiness.

Tooth decay is the most chronic yet preventable healthcare need among California's children. It is the cause of 874,000 school days missed each year, which costs schools \$29 to \$32 million annually in average daily attendance funding. More than half of California current kindergartners have experienced tooth decay, and by third grade, this number rises to over 70 percent. If left untreated, tooth decay affects children's academic performance, social-emotional development, sleep, and nutrition.

AB 1433 data are managed by the System for California Oral Health Reporting (SCOHR) at https://www.ab1433.org/home/overview at no cost to schools, districts, or counties. There are local oral health programs in all counties with oral health resources and assistance to support your efforts.

For copies of the new Oral Health Assessment Forms, please visit the SCOHR Reporting web page at https://www.ab1433.org/home/reporting.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact Erin Ross, School Nurse Consultant, Office of School-Based Health Programs, at <u>eross@cde.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Tony Thurmond State Superintendent of Public Instruction California Department of Education

Jayanth Kumar State Dental Director California Department of Public Health

TT/JK:er Last Reviewed: Wednesday, April 19, 2023

KOHA Communication CDE & OOH

Superintendent letter

- COHTAC Website (oralhealthsupport.ucsf.edu)

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School Oral Health Programs & KOHA

This page is being updated. Please email us if you notice a broken link or have additional resources to add. The school-related COVID-19 information is still available in our Resources page.

Schools can play a key role in addressing missed school days and improving their students success. School oral health programs such as the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA) and sealant programs help keep students healthy and ready to learn by focusing on oral health prevention and programming strategies to link students to a dental home.



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KOHA Toolkit

Getting Started

OOH Guidance - A Guide for Local Oral Health Programs To Develop A School-Linked Program

Working with schools

- · Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment Requirement Letters (CA Dept of Education)
- · Slide presentations to School Board helpful intro slides when presenting to school administrators
- Talking points key messages on absenteeism, school readiness, and equity
- · Sample letter to school boards and parents to promote KOHA- glass half full
- Sample letter to school boards and parents to promote KOHA- glass half empty
- Humboldt County KOHA Handbook

School Dental Program Workgroup







Myryah, Shumaila, Gustavo, Shannon

Results-Based Accountability (RBA)

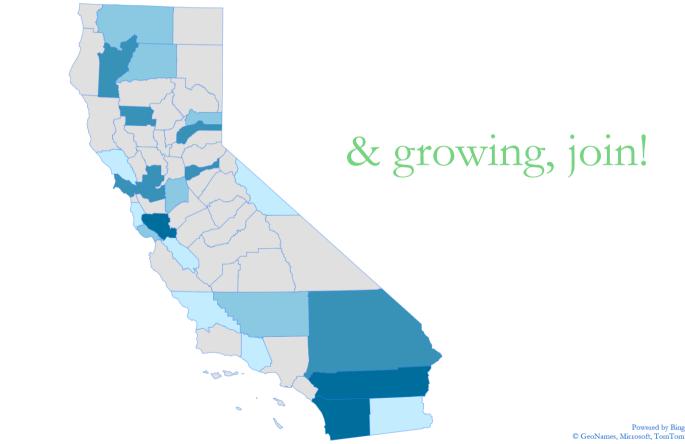
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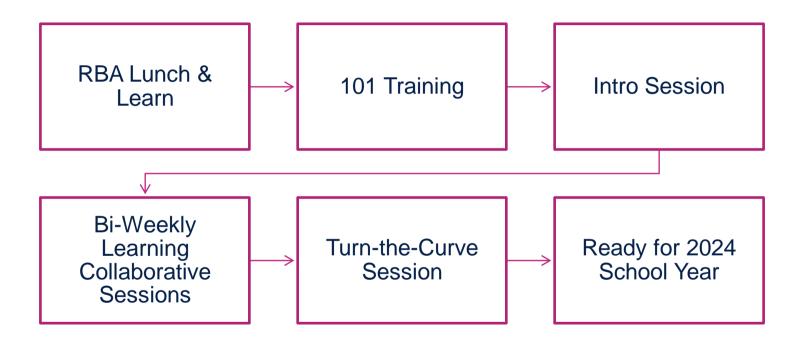
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RBA **Pilots** AND RBA Learning Collaborative **Cohorts 1**, **Cohort 2**, **& Cohort 3** = 25 LOHPs



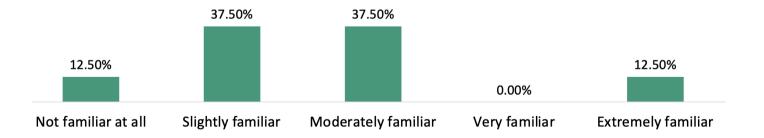
RBA Learning Collaborative Journey





Baseline Survey

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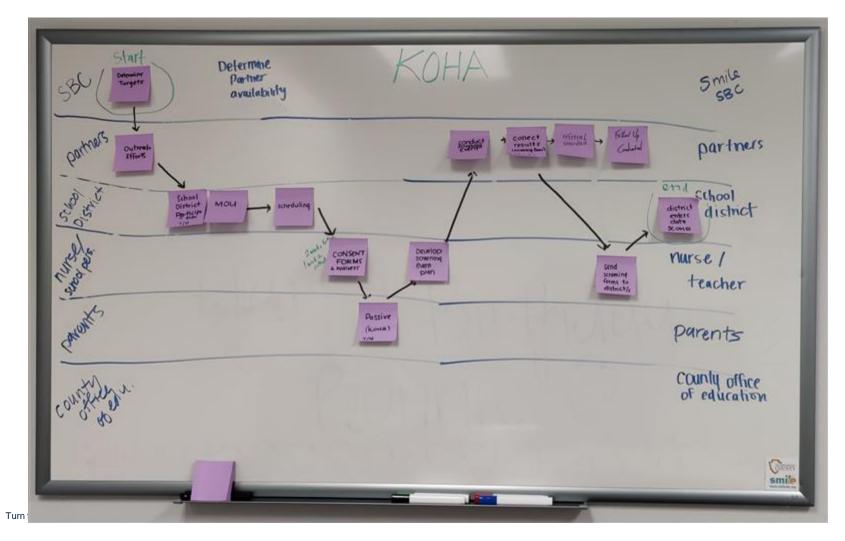




Baseline Survey

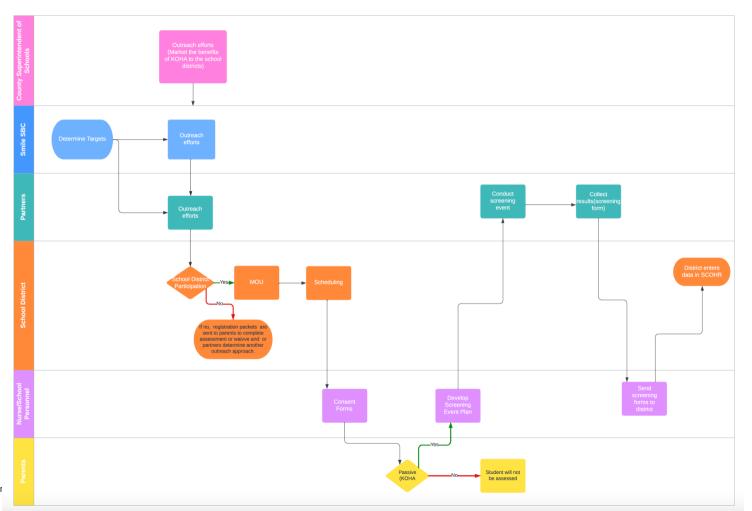
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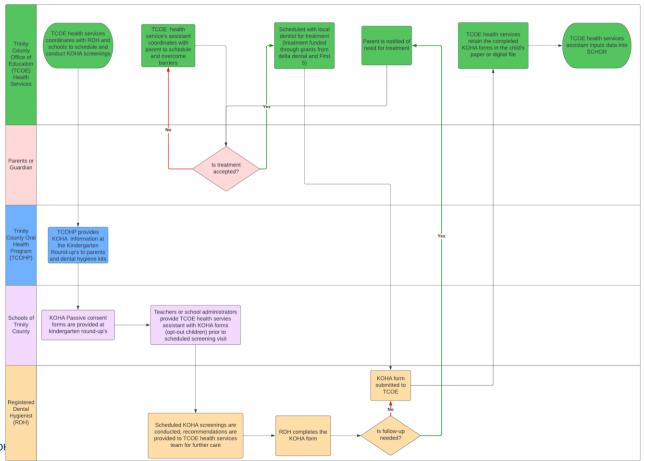
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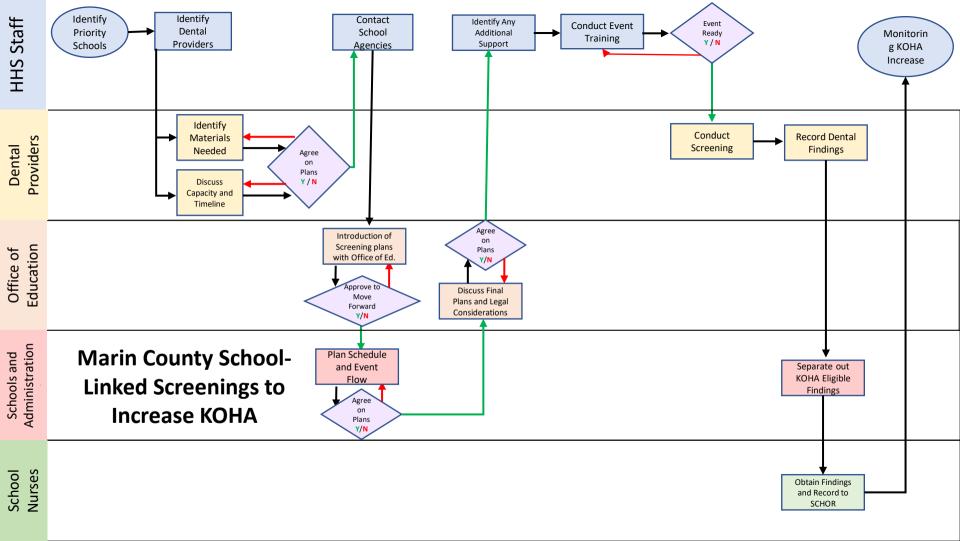
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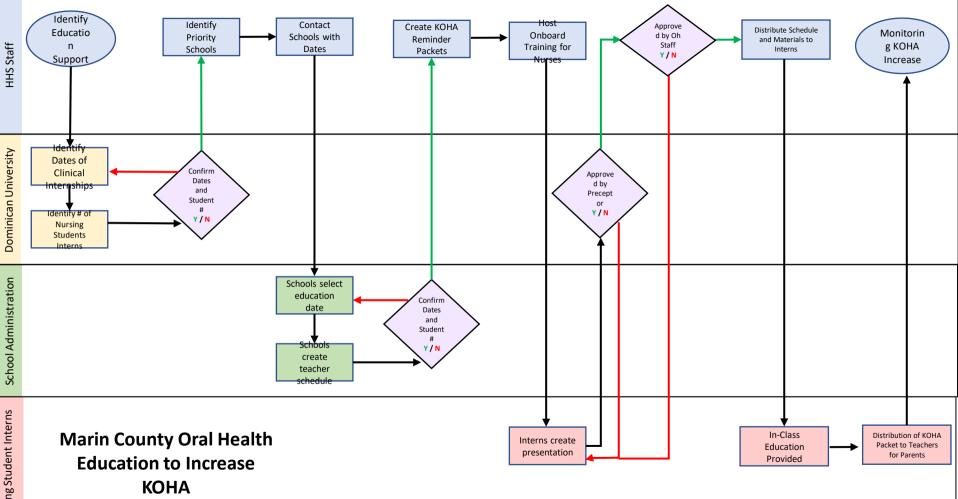


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Trinity County Oral Health Program KOHA Process Map







Nursing Student Interns

Consensus Building

		CAP Turn the Curve / Action Plan

"Consensus building is a process involving a goodfaith effort to meet the interests of all stakeholders and seek a unanimous agreement."

Definition

Consensus Building

Best Practices

- 1. A Conventional Problem-Solving Approach
- 2. Working with a Single-Text Document
- 3. A Visioning Approach
 - "What do we have?"
 - "What do we want?"
 - "How do we get there?"

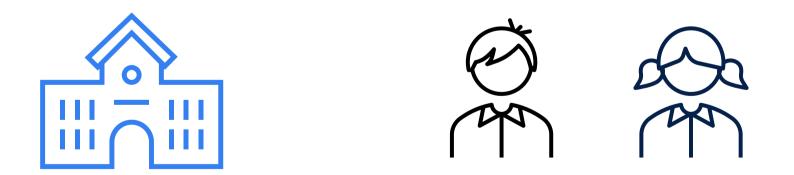


Turn the Curve



KOHA Performance Measures

 % of School Districts Participating in KOHA % of Children with KOHA





Partnerships

Menti time

Who are your three primary partners that help you with KOHA?

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SWOT Analysis

STRENGTHS

What are you doing well?

your good qualities?

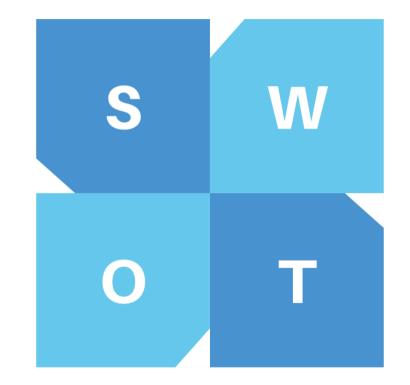
OPPORTUNITIES

What are your goals?

Are demands shifting?

How can it be improved?

What sets you apart? What are



WEAKNESSES

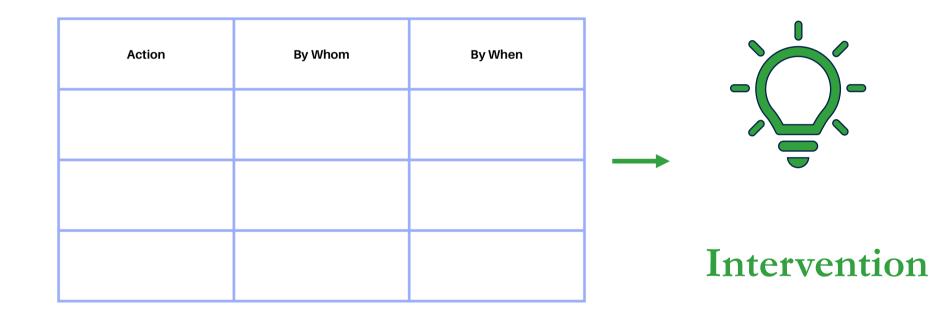
Where do you need to improve? Are resources adequate? What do others do better than you?

THREATS

What are the blockers you're facing? What are factors outside of your control?

Action Plan

Who does what, by when?





Riverside County Oral Health Program



Melissa Cardenas, RDH,BS Dental Hygienist



Sandra Velasco, BA Program Coordinator II



Natalie Florencio Mendoza, MHA Health Education Assistant II



Mission

Improving Riverside County's oral health through collaboration, outreach, education and advocacy.



Vision

Oral health is valued as essential to overall health and well-being: opportunities exist to ensure that Riverside County residents are able to achieve optimal oral health.





STRENGTHS

- Brush Curriculum implemented at all Head Start sites in Riverside County
- Results Based Accountability Pilot with Kindergarten Oral Health Assessments
- Partnership with GeriSmiles
- Launched an Oral Health Curriculum with Riverside County Health Foundation Fall 2022
- Hired a dental hygienist.
- Newly created referral system through EPIC
- Staff are qualified to provide education and resources in Spanish which is the most common language used in Riverside County
- Providing BBB to RUSD Elementary Schools

OPPORTUNITIES

- RC-OHP to connect with additional school districts.
- Partner with Colgate or other company/organizations to obtain more resources for the community.
- Become fully staffed by interviewing two more Health Education Assistant's
- Improve employee retention to maintain projects running efficiently.
- Revamp the RCOE parent trainings to include KOHA information.
- Obtain feedback.

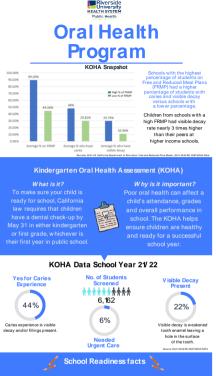
WEAKNESSES

- Outreach to desert school districts.
- Limited staff for outreach and education
- Limited rapport with school staff
- Collaboration between school staff, providers and RC-OHP
- Pushback from school administration and parents for KOHA
- Dental Provider participation

RC-OHP KOHA SWOT ANALYSIS

THREATS

- Community partners requesting more than the available resources and supplies (limited funds for resources)
- Funding
- Limited funds for resources may decrease the number of organizations/community member receiving services.
- School closures due to COVID-19, flu, colds and etc.
- School districts may refuse to participate due to parent pushback



Children who have poor oral health often miss more school and receive
low er grades than children who don't.
Children with caviles may also have difficulty eating, talking, and concentrating in
school.
Establishing good oral health habits in childhood helps create a lifetime of healthy

smiles.

You Can Make A Difference By Promoting KOHA

Promote the importance of the registration form that will be distributed to caregivers when they register their child for school.

Encourage caregivers to visit or find a dental home.

Remind caregivers to take their child for a dental check-up by May 31st.

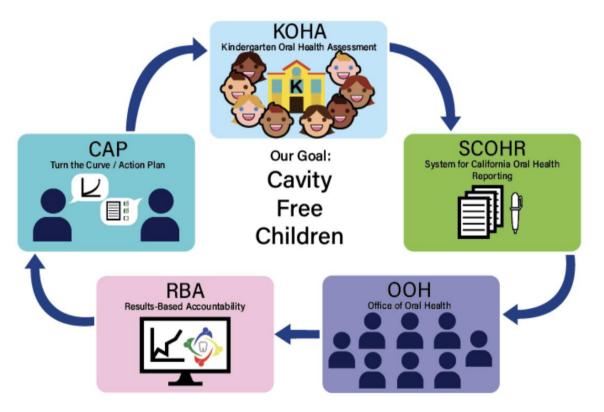
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Public Health Oral Health Program

Turn the Curve with KOHA



Turn The Curve Use RBA to improve KOHA participation and our children's oral health

Get ready for the upcoming school year! Session 3, after lunch



Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 pm

- Enjoy your lunch!
- Please make sure to return to your seat by 1:00 pm
- If you did not place a special lunch order, please do not take any of the boxes labeled "Special Order"

