

TRINITY COUNTY KINDERGARTEN ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT (KOHA)

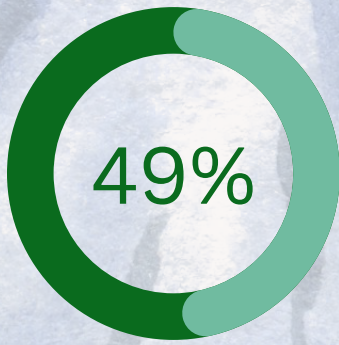
What is KOHA?

To make sure your child is ready for school, California law requires that children have a dental assessment by May 31 in either kindergarten or first grade, whichever is their first year in public school.

Why is it important?

Poor oral health can affect a child's attendance, grades and overall performance in school. The KOHA helps ensure children are healthy and ready for a successful school year.

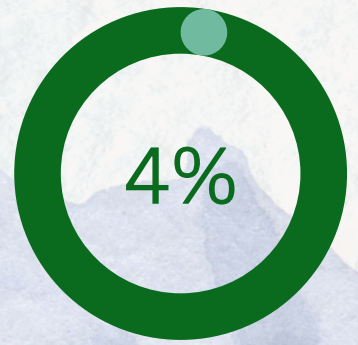
KOHA Highlight of 2022-2023 School Year



49% of children screened had untreated decay



11% of children screened needed urgent care



4.41% of children that needed urgent care received treatment

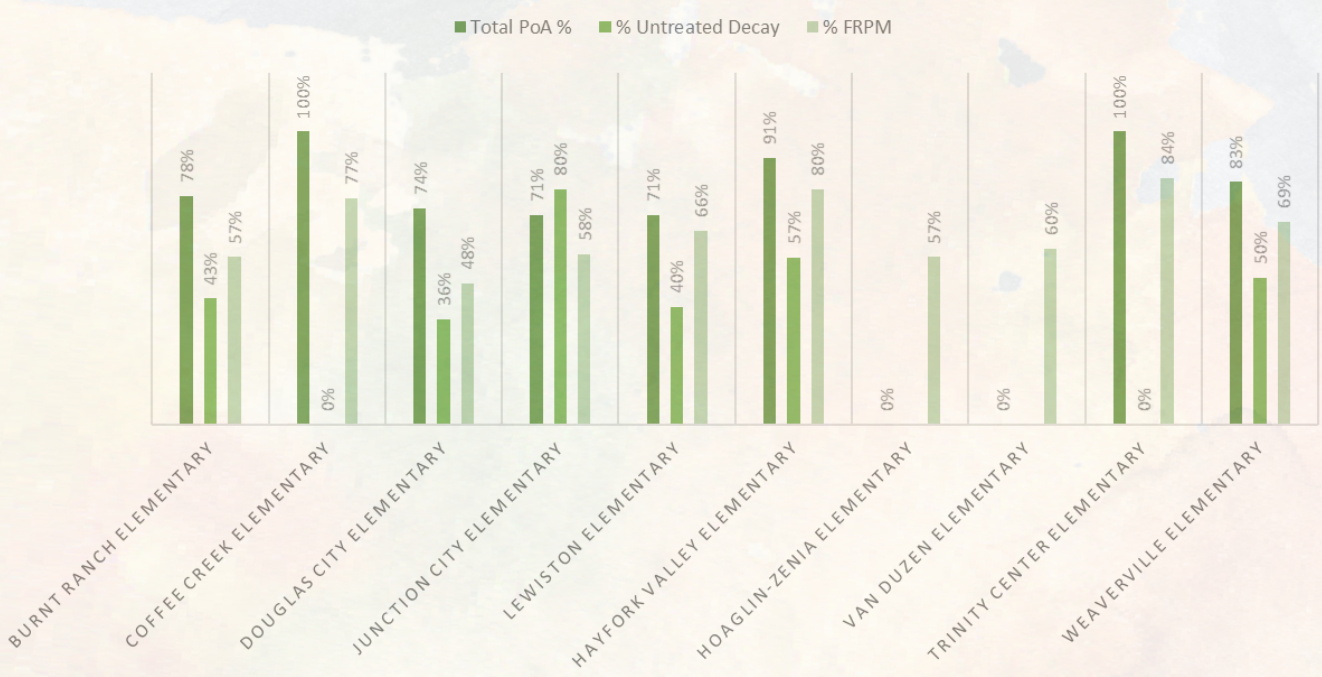
Source: 2022-2023 Trinity County Office of Education KOHA Data

Let's Talk About the Facts:

- Trinity County is recognized as a Health Professional Shortage Area, and this includes Dental Professionals.
- Over 60% of the 0-18 population are Medi-Cal Beneficiaries, and of that group of children only.
- In 2021, only 30% of Medi-Cal Beneficiary, children 0-18 had attended an annual dental visit.

Sources: Medi-Cal Dental Data CAL-HHS Open Data Portal 2018-2021

2022-2023 KOHA SCHOOL COMPARISON



Sources: 2022-2023 California Department of Education Free and Reduced Price Meals. 2022-2023 TCOE KOHA Data

How You Can Make A Difference

- Encourage parents and caregivers to establish a dental home, and visit their dental home twice a year.
- Help your school promote the importance of oral health, and be sure that all KOHA consent forms have been returned prior to your schools scheduled screenings.
- You can promote toothbrushing in your classroom, by implementing *Brush in a Box*, if you are interested please reach out to TCLOHP@trinitycounty.org

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