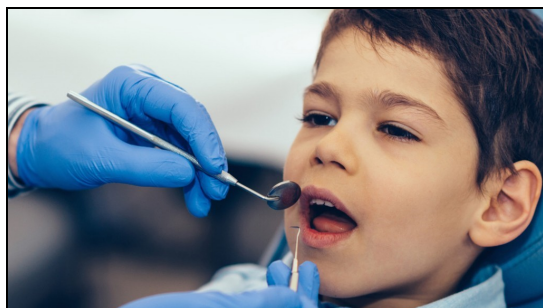




Madera County Oral Health Needs Assessment

The health of a person's gums and teeth are important for overall health. This factsheet identifies key findings from the official 2018 community-driven assessment report to identify oral health needs, risk and protective factors within Madera County.

31.4% of children ages 0 to 5 have NEVER visited the dentist.



More than HALF of Latino parents give their children JUICE in their bottle or are put to sleep with a bottle which can increase CAVITIES.



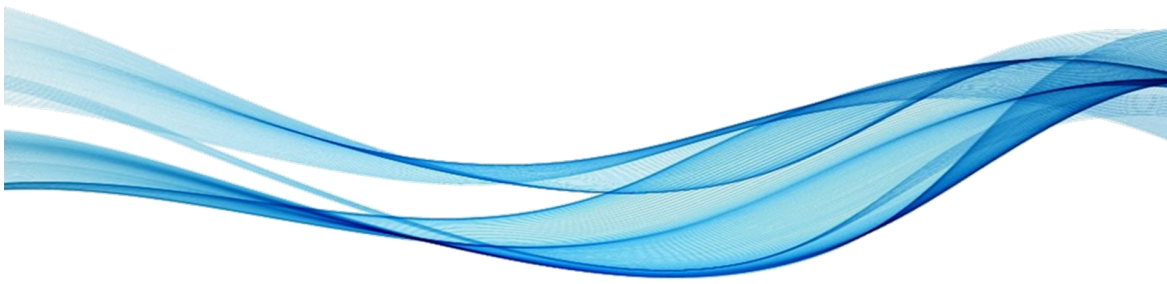
Key Findings

- 37.2% of adults have lost between 1 to 5 teeth.
- The most common reasons for not visiting a dentist were lack of insurance and cost.
- Only 65.9% of all kindergarteners received an oral health assessment, though this varied by school district and ranged from 0% returned to 80% returned.
- Average yearly visits to the emergency room due to dental issues were higher than the California average.
- The most common issues of going to the dentist were: few dentists who accept insurance, transportation, fear of the dentist, and legal residency status.



Get involved in local efforts!
Join the Madera County Oral Health Advisory Committee.

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Madera County Local Oral Health Program

In July 2018, the Madera County Local Oral Health Program was implemented by the Madera County Department of Public Health. The mission of the Madera County Local Oral Health Program is to engage patients and families in the prevention of oral diseases, promote existing oral health services and advocate for oral health policies. As dental providers, there are many ways to get involved:

Dental Days

The MCDPH will be conducting “dental days” on a monthly basis with the WIC clinic. With the participation and support of volunteer RDHAPs and local dentists, this event will provide dental screenings, fluoride varnish treatments, and dentist referrals to children ages 6 or younger.



Tobacco Cessation & Dental Offices

Dental practices provide a uniquely effective setting for tobacco use recognition, prevention, and cessation. Dental professionals can help tobacco users quit by consistently identifying patients who use tobacco, advising them to quit, and offering them information about cessation treatment. The MCDPH LOHP will be conducting lunch-and-learn sessions at local dentist offices to provide training on how to implement tobacco cessation education in dental offices.

Rethink Your Drink & Dental Offices

Sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) are beverages with added sugar including soda, juice and fruit drinks, sweetened teas or coffees, flavored waters, chocolate milk, and sports and energy drinks. Consumption of SSBs can lead to tooth decay and other health issues in both children and adults. The MCDPH LOHP will be conducting lunch-and-learn sessions at local dentist offices to provide training on how to implement rethink your drink education in dental offices.

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