

DENTAL DISEASE & CALIFORNIA'S KIDS

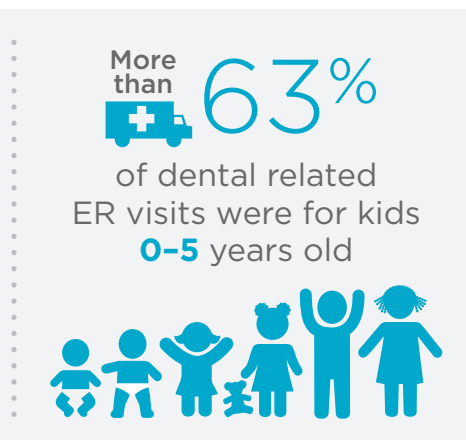
The most common chronic health problem facing California's kids is a largely preventable one.

Tooth decay disproportionately affects low-income children and children of color in the state. Untreated tooth decay can lead to devastating academic, physical, social-emotional, and economic consequences.



In Los Angeles County
More than **57%** of kids under 6 are covered by Medi-Cal
But, Medi-Cal dental service utilization rates are decreasing

Service	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	
Annual Dental Visit	59.3%	56.5%	54.6%	↓
Preventive Services	54.8%	51.9%	49.9%	↓
Use of Dental Treatment	31.7%	29.1%	27.2%	↓
Exams/Oral Health Evaluations	53.1%	50.4%	48.5%	↓
Sealants ages 6-9	24.6%	23.6%	22.9%	↓
Sealants ages 10-14	14.4%	13.3%	12.8%	↓



Help make sure children are achieving optimal oral health!

Attend the Los Angeles Stakeholder Meetings convened by the California Department of Health Care Services.

Engage in the Local Control Accountability Process to make oral health a priority in schools!

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