



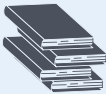
Have You Heard?

Michigan passed a law to ensure kids entering kindergarten have an oral health (dental) assessment prior to starting school.

Dental problems prevent kids from reaching their full learning potential.



Children's oral health is a key public health priority. Ensuring that kids have access to dental care will help children succeed.



Poor dental health affects attendance and grades. Kids with poor dental health are 3x more likely to miss school because of dental problems.



Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease in children. Almost half of Michigan Head Start children have tooth decay and close to one third have untreated decay.

To prevent these issues, Michigan created the **Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment Program (KOHA)** to improve school readiness and raise awareness of the importance of good oral health.

The KOHA can be completed at no cost by the Ottawa County Department of Public Health or your dental provider.

What will a parent or guardian need to do?

1. Download the MDHHS Health Appraisal form using the QR code below or visit miottawa.org/dental
2. Have Section V of the MDHHS Health Appraisal form completed by:
 - a. The Ottawa County Department of Public Health at clinic locations in Grand Haven, Hudsonville and Holland (April - August).
FREE SCREENINGS - APPOINTMENT REQUIRED
English (616) 396-5266
Español (616) 393-5780
 - b. Your dental provider April - October
3. Return the completed form to your child's school by October 31.

Who can I contact for more information?

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MDHHS Health Appraisal Form

