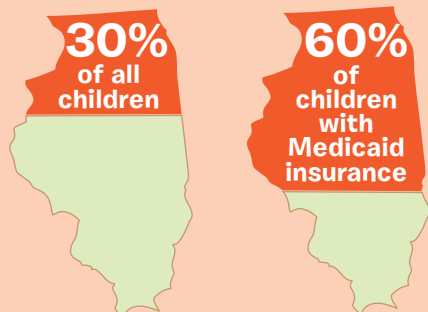




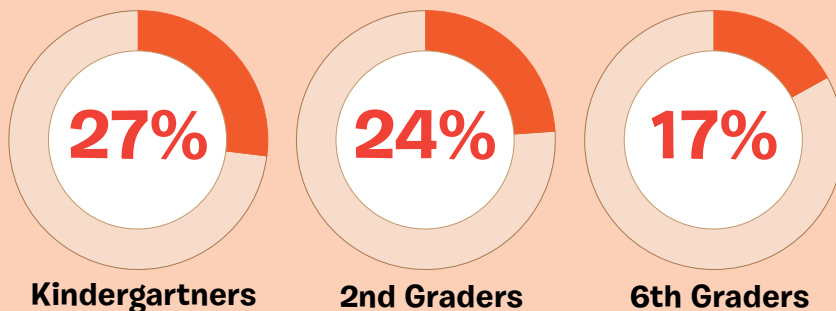
The Importance Of Children's Dental Health

U-46 Children Deserve Better Access to Dental Care

Illinois Children With No Dental Visit in the Past Year



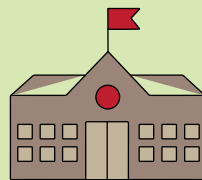
District U-46 Students Who Have Submitted the Required Dental Examination Form



Medicaid reimbursement rates for dentists in Illinois are among the lowest in the country. As a result, few dentists are willing to treat children with Medicaid insurance.

Tooth Decay is the Most Common Chronic Health Condition Among Children

In Illinois...



Oral Health Affects School Attendance & Achievement



school hours lost annually for urgent and unplanned dental care

Students with toothaches are...



more likely to have **low grades**



more likely to **miss school** for dental problems

Poor Oral Health Has a Significant Impact on Children's Physical And Mental Health

Tooth decay is linked with...

Heart disease	Poor nutrition	Shyness
Stroke	Interrupted sleep	Unhappiness
Lung disease	Speech problems	Feeling worthless
Oral cancer	Behavior issues	Social withdrawal

Support increased Medicaid payment for oral health services to ensure all children have access to quality, affordable dental care.

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