



KidCare

LIBERTY cares about more than just teeth!

LIBERTY Dental Plan health tip:
The Children's Epidemic



fact:
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have tooth decay

Children's Oral Health is a PUBLIC HEALTH issue

Childhood tooth decay (caries or cavities) is a disease, not a series of unrelated events. The ramifications of tooth decay have huge financial and social impacts on our lives, similar to diseases like diabetes and range from missed work to poor school performance and costly surgeries.

3 out of 5 Children (60%) have this dental disease known as tooth decay. This is a preventable, epidemic.

Compare the frequency of tooth decay to other childhood diseases:

- 1 in 3 (30%) has or will have diabetes
- 1 in 10 (10%) has childhood obesity
- 1 in 10 (10%) has asthma
- 1 in 50 (2%) has ASD ("autism")
- 1 in 330 (.3%) will have cancer by age 20

...AND Children's Oral Health diseases are almost entirely preventable with regular care and dental check-ups.

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