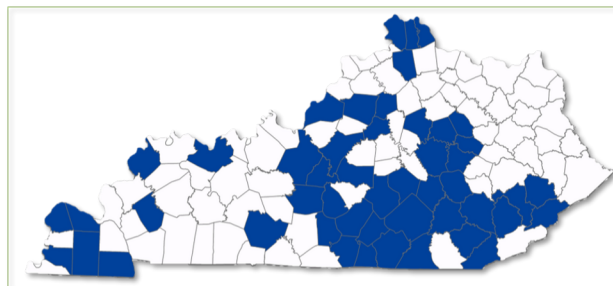


ENGAGING DENTAL PROFESSIONALS IN ENDING CHILD ABUSE

Delta Dental of Kentucky is partnering with the Kosair Charities' Face It Movement to equip dental professionals with the information they need to recognize and report child abuse and neglect.

It is estimated that more than 50% of injuries due to child abuse are on the head and neck – meaning the warning signs of abuse are front and center for dental professionals. This group of health professionals have unique opportunities to ask important questions, provide key information, and observe both parents/caregivers and children for the warning signs of child abuse and neglect.

44 Respondents Representing
49 Kentucky Counties



Disseminated Survey Through



Kentucky Youth Advocates collected responses to a short survey during Summer 2019 to determine dental professionals' knowledge around child abuse and neglect.

Key Findings

More than half of respondents were dental hygienists and a quarter were dentists.

Approximately 60% of respondents have had a patient they suspected was a victim of child abuse or neglect.



84% of those respondents reported the suspected abuse to the appropriate authorities...

even though every adult in Kentucky is a mandated reporter for suspected child abuse and neglect.

With support from Delta Dental of Kentucky, the Face It Movement will be providing targeted resources to dental professionals to supply them with the tools necessary to fulfill their role as a mandated reporter of child abuse and neglect.

45%

of respondents did not feel very or moderately confident in their ability to report suspected child abuse/neglect.

