



Coming Together to Create Change: The Oral Health 2020 Network

Kansas Oral Health Connections is a part of a national network called Oral Health 2020. As members of the Oral Health 2020 network, we believe that communities thrive because oral health is valued as essential to wellbeing and that equitable opportunities ensure that everyone realizes their full potential.

As a part of the national Oral Health 2020 network, we are working with colleagues across the country to accomplish these goals:

Goal 1: Eradicate dental disease in children.

- With the closing of disparity gaps, 85% of children reach age 5 without a cavity

Goal 2: Incorporate oral health into the primary education system.

- The 10 largest school districts have incorporated oral health into their systems

Goal 3: Include an adult dental benefit in publicly funded health coverage.

- At least 30 states have an extensive Medicaid adult dental benefit.
- Medicare includes an extensive dental benefit.

Goal 4: Build a comprehensive national oral health measurement system

- A national and state-based oral health measurement system is in place

Goal 5: Integrate oral health into person-centered healthcare.

- Oral health is integrating into at least 50% of emerging person-centered care models.

Goal 6: Improve the public perception of the value of oral health to overall health.

- Oral health is increasingly included in health dialogue and public policy.

