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[Lisa Thurlow](#) (Dental Champions Class VII) has been named [2017 Gini Award Honoree](#) by Smiles Change Lives. The Gini Awards recognize orthodontic providers, volunteers and individuals who have gone above and beyond to inspire hope, raise self-esteem and help change the lives of children across North America.

Share your resources and products or help sponsor the OHK conference

The 2017 Oral Health Kansas conference is November 2-3 at the K-State Olathe Campus. This year, the OHK conference theme "Meeting the Challenge of Change," will provide a conversation about changes in our environment, how we can work together to create solutions and embrace change as well as make impacts effectively.

MEETING the
CHALLENGE
of **CHANGE**

We are now seeking exhibitors and sponsors for our conference! A special early bird exhibitor rate of \$350 is available until September 25. If you are a returning exhibitor, you will receive a 10% discount. Click [here](#) for the exhibitor form.



Lisa has a private practice, Johnson County Dental Care, in Overland Park and is a Dental Hygiene Clinical Director at Concorde Career College.

Congratulations Lisa! Such a deserving recognition for someone who does so much to make sure children get the dental services they need.

Write to your legislators!

The [Alliance for a Healthy Kansas](#) is urging consumers to contact legislators and urge them not to support the [American Health Care Act](#) (AHCA).

Click [here](#) to read the letter and to sign on! Do it today!

Reserve a sugary drink display

It's summer and along comes the summer heat! Reserve a sugary drink display for an event, health fair, day care or summer camp to show everyone healthy beverage options they can be choosing!

Our sugary drink display has 10 popular beverages and shows

This year we have provided a variety of ways for you to be a sponsor!

- * Platinum Sponsor
- * Gold Sponsor
- * Silver Sponsor
- * Clinical Post-Conference Sponsor
- * Student Sponsor
- * Dental Champions Pre-Conference Sponsor
- * Patron Sponsor

Click [here](#) to view a description of each level and choose which one you would be so generous to help with!

Sign on to protect dental coverage for children

The [Children's Dental Health Project](#) (CDHP) worked with the American Dental Association (ADA) to prepare a [sign-on letter](#) to the US Senate about the oral health implications of major changes in the Medicaid program that are proposed in the current American Health Care Act (AHCA).

Oral Health Kansas has signed onto this letter. The deadline to sign on is this Thursday, June 8 at 4 pm Central. If your organization would like to sign on, please contact Colin Reusch, Senior Policy Analyst at CDHP. Email [Colin](#) or call him at 1-202-417-3595.



how much sugar is in each. We also include some of our [Tips and Tricks](#) fact sheets and brush your teeth mirror clings! The display is free to use for up to a month, and we reimburse postage!

Reserving yours ahead of time ensures you can get the date(s) you need. [Sign up now!](#)



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Tax reform passes Kansas Legislature


Last night the Kansas Legislature voted to overturn Governor Brownback's veto of a bill that will repeal the 2012 tax cuts. The bill will return Kansas to having three income tax brackets, rather than the current two brackets, and it will raise income taxes, but not quite to the level they were in 2012. It also will repeal the tax exemption for more than 300,000 businesses. The tax cuts have been unpopular, as they have resulted in dramatic budget shortfalls over the last five years. The bill will raise \$1.2 billion in the next two years and will begin to restore the state budget to fiscal health.

Learn more from [Kansas Public Radio](#) and the [Wichita Eagle](#).

Staff provides oral health education to families at Special Olympics

Oral Health Kansas created an oral health fair for Kansas Special Olympics Summer Games in Wichita Friday, June 2nd. This was the seventh time OHK provided oral health information to athletes, coaches and families. Doug Bowman and Marcia Manter worked with Doreen Eyler, lead dental hygienist from GraceMed, to create and manage the oral health fair.

More than 150 people learned about better toothbrushing and flossing

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practices and healthy ways to deal with dry mouth conditions. They also learned how to choose foods healthy for teeth and which snacks and beverages put teeth at risk for cavities.



A family visits the OHK table and discusses oral health practices with staff

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