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To improve oral health  
in Kansas through  
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public awareness  
and education.*

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## Dental Champions Corner:

Congratulations to the  
Dental Champions in  
the inaugural class of

## Inaugural ECP III Class completes course work

Twenty-three dental hygienists have completed the course work necessary for the new Extended Care Permit III certificate. The students completed their lab practical exam last weekend at the UMKC School of Dentistry. Prior to taking part in the lab portion of the training in Kansas City, the students completed several course modules on-line. The students come from all corners of the state, from Atwood to Atchison.



The Extended Care Permit (ECP) III designation was created by the 2012 Legislature. Dental hygienists who have practiced for 2000 hours and participate in the certification training program will be able to perform services including removing decay using hand instruments, placing temporary fillings, and adjusting dentures. The ECP IIIs will work under the sponsorship of Kansas dentists.

Extended Care Permit III dental hygienists. If you look closely at the photo on the right, you'll spot Doreen Eylar (Class 4), Krista Hahn (Class 5), Tammi Engel (Class 6) and Elisa Storbeck (Class 6).

Dental Champions are leaders in moving dental services forward in our state!



a program of Oral Health Kansas, Inc.

*Our apologies to any Dental Champions we may have missed.*

## Visit new Kansas Dental Board website

The Kansas Dental Board has debuted a new website with an updated look and a new address.



Visit the new site at [www.dental.ks.gov](http://www.dental.ks.gov) to see all the latest Dental Board news and licensing requirements.

"Like" the

Another ECP III class at UMKC will begin in 2014, with a start date to be announced.

## Excellence in Oral Health Award Nominations Sought

Oral Health Kansas is seeking nominations for the 2013 Excellence in Oral Health Awards. The awards recognize Kansans who have made significant contributions to the oral health community. Awards are given in several categories:

- Outstanding Organization
- Outstanding Dental Hygienist
- Outstanding Dentist
- Outstanding Community Leader
- Bob Bethell Outstanding Policy Maker
- Outstanding Oral Health Volunteer
- Outstanding Dental Champion



Details about the awards categories, a list of previous award winners, and the on-line nomination forms are available on the [Oral Health Kansas website](http://www.oralhealthkansas.org). Nominations will be accepted through September 27.

Awards will be presented at a luncheon during the Oral Health Kansas Conference at Johnson County Community College on November 8.

## Legislative Oversight Committee to review KanCare

This week the Legislative Coordinating Council assigned two study days to the Robert G. Bethell KanCare Legislative Oversight Committee. The KanCare Oversight Committee was established this year by a unanimous vote of the Legislature. It was named in honor of Rep. Bob Bethell, who worked tirelessly in support of programs and

## ECP Facebook Page

A new Facebook page about the Extended Care Permit (ECP) for dental hygienists is available.

The goal of the new page is to share information about how the permits are being used, as well as to establish community contacts to expand the use of the permits.

Join the [Facebook page](#) and spread the word about this valuable forum to promote the ECP model.

## 2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference

Join us in November as we celebrate Oral Health Kansas' 10th anniversary with continuing education and networking opportunities!

Brush with



Johnson County  
Community College  
November 7-8

services for under-served Kansans. He was tragically killed in a car accident at the conclusion of the 2012 Legislative Session.

Among the issues the committee will be able to address in their two-day study this fall are Medicaid costs and the provider networks. As more details become available about the meeting schedule, Oral Health Kansas will share them.

If you have any questions, ideas or concerns about KanCare you would like to share with the committee, please contact Oral Health Kansas at [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org).

## Kansas Head Start Association welcomes new director

On August 1, the Kansas Head Start Association will welcome a new Executive Director. Erick Vaughn will take the helm after serving for the past 18 months as the Fiscal and Program Manager. During his time at KHSA, Erick also oversaw the home visiting training project as it transitioned to an online format, designed an early childhood social emotional advocacy effort and directed the work of the financial literacy project.



Lori Alvarado, who has been KHSA's Executive Director since August of 2011, will serve as a transition consultant until she leaves KHSA to take a new position in a social service agency based in Lawrence on September 30th. Congratulations to both Erick and Lori!

## Up to 9 Dental CEs to be Offered

Oral Health Kansas will offer a special continuing education session for Extended Care Permit dental hygienists and other dental professionals as a post-conference session on November 8, 2013. The Oral Health Kansas Conference on November 7-8 will present a variety of continuing education opportunities, and this year a special, in-depth session for ECP hygienists will be added to the agenda. ECP hygienists will have the chance to learn more about how to effectively serve people with disabilities during this session featuring Dr. Ray Lyons.

## Did You Know?

90% of systemic diseases have oral manifestations



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**Save the date and watch for more details!**

## Traveling Sugary Beverage Display


Currently the Oral Health Kansas traveling sugary drink displays are on display at the Salina YMCA, ECKAN in Anderson County, and Dodge City Dental Clinic.



If you are interested in having the drink display on display in your area, send an email to [Tanya](#).

Drink displays are available for hosting in September!

If you have an idea, story or suggestion for a Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday Update please contact us at [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org).

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