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To improve oral health
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public awareness
and education.*

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Dental Champions Corner:

Join fellow Dental Champions at a special pre-conference session on Thursday, November 7 at the Hawthorne Suites by Wyndham in Overland Park.

Conference Registration Open

This week registration for the 2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference opens. On November 7 and 8, join your friends and colleagues at Johnson County Community College to learn about state and national trends in oral health and the economics of the future dental care delivery system. National experts on water fluoridation advocacy efforts will be on hand to share their insights.

A full list of conference sessions is available on the [Oral Health Kansas website](#). The link to register on-line also is available on the website. A group discount of 10% is available for two or more people attending from the same organization. Early bird rates are available until October 4.

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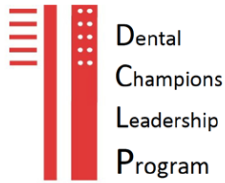


Celebrating a Decade of Advancing
Oral Health in Kansas

The conference will feature a reception with tours of the

Details about the new phase for the Dental Champions program will be unveiled, along with a new Dental Champions website.

[Register now](#) for the Dental Champions pre-conference session!



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Thanks to Conference Sponsors!

Oral Health Kansas thanks the following organizations for sponsoring the 2013 Conference November 7-8 in Johnson County:

Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation

Comfort Dental

Bureau of Oral Health

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[Kansas](#) to learn how to join in November the celebration of

Johnson County Community College dental hygiene clinic and will include nine dental continuing education credits.

Hotel rooms are available at the Hawthorne Suites by Wyndham Overland Park, 11400 College Boulevard. Please call 913-344-8100 to reserve your room now. Ask for the special "Oral Health Kansas" rate of \$89 per night. The special rate is available until October 7.

Call 785-235-6039 or email info@oralhealthkansas.org with any questions.

Award nominations accepted through September 27

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. **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.

Oral Health Kansas'
10th anniversary with
continuing education
and networking
opportunities!



Johnson County
Community College
November 7-8

Traveling Sugary Beverage Display

In September, the Oral Health Kansas traveling sugary drink displays will be on display at the Greenwood County Health Department, and Haskell Township Library.



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

State Dental Director Position announcement

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment will accept applications for the state's Dental Director position through September 27. The responsibilities of the position include:

- Maintain Kansas' public oral health infrastructure through the implementation and maintenance of evidence based community health interventions. This includes the creation, management and evaluation of federally funded programs including the Kansas School Sealant program.
- Assist communities, local health departments, local health care professionals and water operators with issues related to Community Water Fluoridation. Draft, implement and supervise all federal grant applications.
- Maintain Kansas Oral Health Surveillance System through the supervision of the Kansas School Screening Program, the Water Fluoridation Reporting System, periodic administration of Basic Screening Surveys, and submissions to the National Oral Health Surveillance System

This position directs the activities of an Oral Health Epidemiologist and oral health research contractors, but the Dental Director drafts and approves all state oral health data reports including "Smiles Across Kansas", "Elder Smiles" and other data reports of state and national interest. Read more about the position requirements and how to apply on the [Kansas Dental Association website](#).

Kansas awarded new CDC Cooperative Agreement

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced last week that 21 states have received cooperative agreements designed to support state infrastructure development and implementation of prevention programs. Approximately \$6 million will be available each year over a 5-year project period from 2013 to 2018. The overall purpose of

Drink displays are available for hosting this fall!

Did You Know...

In the Middle ages people believed that dogs' teeth boiled in wine made an excellent mouth rinse for tooth decay.



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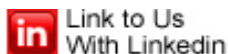
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this program is to assist state health departments to build or maintain effective public health capacity for implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of best practices associated with oral disease prevention and improvement of oral health.

Three states-Hawaii, Idaho, and New Hampshire-have been awarded cooperative agreements under Component 1, "Basic Capacity for Collective Impact." An additional 18 states that demonstrated they have achieved certain milestones and have more advanced oral health programs received cooperative agreements under Component 2, "Implementation of Evidence-based Community Preventive Interventions and Access to Clinical Preventive Services." These states are Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Iowa, **Kansas**, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

States that have received an award under Component 2 are expected to maintain the capacity they have previously developed and also to implement or expand sealant delivery to schools located in low-income or rural communities; increase the proportion of the population with access to optimally fluoridated water; and/or implement strategies or changes to the health system to increase access to clinical preventive dental services.

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