



About

When it comes to oral health, access to dental care is not equal. Many people struggle to find affordable dental care that's close by and provided by a team that understands their unique needs.

The 2024 Conference on Oral Health will bring together experts, advocates, people with lived experience, and stakeholders to tackle the big issues in dental care access and equity. We'll dive into topics like dental care for veterans, improving services in rural areas, boosting medical-dental integration, supporting dental care for people with disabilities, and how the election may shape oral health policy issues in 2025 and beyond.

Make plans to attend the 2024 Conference on Oral Health to discover the latest resources and tools in Kansas and across the country. Through collaborative discussions, the Conference aims to identify actionable strategies and build partnerships that will improve oral health outcomes for Kansans.



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | OLATHE, KS

- 7:30 AM Registration / Exhibits / Breakfast
- 8:30 AM **Welcome and Introductions**
- 8:45 AM **State of the State of Oral Health in Kansas**
The Conference on Oral Health will kick off with a review of the latest policy changes and innovations in oral health in Kansas and a preview of the 2025 Kansas Legislative Session.
- 9:30 AM **Access to Dental Care in Rural Kansas**
Panelists will share strategies to improve access to dental care in rural communities through outreach, internships, and incentives.
- 10:30 AM Break with Exhibitors and Give & Get Board
- 11:00 AM **Veterans Oral Health: National and State Perspectives**
Experts will discuss the unique oral health challenges faced by Veterans strategies for improving access to care through VA benefits.
- 12:00 PM Break with Exhibitors and Give & Get Board
- 12:15 PM **Oral Health Kansas Luncheon and Awards Ceremony**
Over lunch, the 2024 Excellence in Oral Health Awards will be presented to Kansans who have made unique and impactful contributions to improving oral health in our state.
- 1:15 PM **Integrating Dental Care in Kansas Medical Clinics**
New programs and initiatives to integrate oral health into medical settings across Kansas will be discussed by the people leading the efforts.
- 2:00 PM Break with Exhibitors and Give & Get Board
- 2:15 PM **Lived Experience Improves Dental Care for People with Disabilities**
People with disabilities will share their experiences with dental care; professionals will describe innovative models of providing accessible care; and Oral Health Kansas will share educational resources, trainings, and tools to help improve communication and understanding.
- 3:15 PM Concluding Remarks
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