



**ORAL HEALTH KANSAS**  
ADVOCACY • PUBLIC AWARENESS • EDUCATION

# 2024 Impact Report

In the past year, Oral Health Kansas secured new funding for adult Medicaid dental services, launched new educational programs, and increased media coverage of our work. We are happy to share some of the major impacts we had in the state of Kansas in 2024.

## Advocacy

- Launched new **Dental Provider Advisory Group** with dentists and hygienists from across the state.
- Recruited over two dozen organizations to support **advocacy to cover preventive dental care for adults in Medicaid**.
- On July 1, 2023, the Medicaid program began **covering preventive dental care for adults**.
- Supported local advocates in protecting **community water fluoridation in the city of Abilene**.
- Participated in the Kansas Legislature's one-day [Special Committee on Sedation Dentistry](#) where they made a total of eight recommendations based on testimony they heard.
- Secured a 15 month grant to grow our [Pathways to Oral Health](#) program to increase dental provider participation in Medicaid and improve access to dental care for Kansans with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

## Education

- Launched new program called Success Begins with a Smile at the **Wyandotte County Juvenile Detention Center** to prepare youth to understand and take care of their oral health.
- Began partnerships with **Kansas Neurological Institute and Parsons State Hospital** to provide education about toothbrushing for staff and residents.
- Lived Experience Advisory Group members gave a presentation to **Community Care Network of Kansas** dental clinic leaders about making dental care accessible for people with disabilities.
- Gave four presentations at the **National Oral Health Conference**.
- Record attendance at our **Conference on Oral Health** with 165 attendees and 18 exhibitors.

## Public Awareness

- Op-ed in the [Kansas Reflector](#) about improved Medicaid coverage of dental care for adults.
- Featured in an article in [TK Business Magazine](#) about making a business case for why oral health is important.
- **Interviewed by KSN TV** in Wichita about My Dental Care Passport.: [Kansas tool takes stress out of dental visits](#).
- In partnership with CareSource, Oral Health Kansas was an event sponsor for a [Team Smile held an event at the Kansas City Monarchs stadium](#).

**57,576**

**Social media reach**

**1,707**

**Professionals  
educated**

**2**

**Major policy  
changes**

**38**

**Training  
programs**