



## WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

The Weekly Wednesday Update is our newsletter which we email every Wednesday with oral health, health and policy updates from around the state and nationally.

To view past issues [click here](#).

January 3, 2024

2023 IMPACT REPORT

Scan the QR code



or click here to  
sign up for our  
**Weekly  
Wednesday  
Update.**

## 2023 Impact Report. 20th Anniversary Year!

2023 was a good year for Oral Health Kansas! We celebrated our 20th anniversary with our partners, created new partnerships, and marked several milestones along the way. We are happy to share some of the major impacts we had in the state of Kansas in 2023.

**20th**

Anniversary!

**16,300**

Social media reach

**3**

State policy  
changes

**1,755**

Professionals  
educated

## ADVOCACY

- Launched the new [Lived Experience Advisory Group](#)!
- Recruited over two dozen organizations to **support advocacy to cover dentures in Medicaid**.
- On July 1, 2023, the Medicaid program began **covering dentures and partials for adults!**
- The **Pathways to Oral Health** team succeeded in getting the [Dental Passport](#) approved by Kansas.
- Department of Health and Environment and all three KanCare managed care organizations!
- Participated in **OPEN's Virtual Hill Day** in September.
- The **Sedation Dental Care Task Force** helped us advocate successfully to include a requirement in the new KanCare contract that all the MCOs track and publish their lists of sedation dental providers.
- Kansas Medicaid program began covering a code that **reimburses hospitals for providing operating room space** for sedation dental care cases.

## EDUCATION

- [Brush Book Bed](#) program grew to over 40 local organizations across the state.
- Through our **Cavity Free at Three program**, we have trained 83 health professionals at 28 medical facilities across the state to integrate oral health into early childhood medical appointments.
- Kansas **100 Million Mouths program** continued to grow and organized a second dental education day for Physician Assistant students at K-State University.
- Launched a new [medical-dental integration webpage](#).
- Provided a **record number of presentations** by speaking 43 times!
- Presented about the **Dental Passport** at the National Network for Oral Health Access conference.
- Provided presentations to **over 400 MCO care coordinators** about the new Medicaid adult dental benefit.
- The Pathways to Oral Health team's work led to a highly successful five-part **Project ECHO** educational series designed to help dental teams become more comfortable treating people with disabilities.
- Record number of sponsors and exhibitors for the **2023 Conference on Oral Health**, and 125 people attended.

## PUBLIC AWARENESS

- Provided education to kids participating in a [Team Smile](#) event at Arrowhead Stadium in November.
- Our op-ed about adult dental benefits in Medicaid was featured in the *Topeka Capitol-Journal*. It was picked up by national media markets, including [MSN](#).
- OHK was featured on the [Fox 43 AM Live TV show](#) discussing Medicaid adult dental benefits.

### Follow Us



**Oral Health Kansas** • PO BOX 4567 • Topeka, KS 66604  
785.235.6039 phone • 785.233.5564 fax • [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org)  
Copyright 2024