

## 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.

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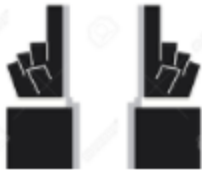
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## Friday is the Last Day to Register for the Conference on Oral Health

**Friday, October 20** is the last day to register for the Conference on Oral Health! Sign up to attend virtually or in person!

Our speakers are excited to join you!

**TIME'S  
RUNNING  
OUT**



### **Oral Health's Impact on Overall Health**

Speakers: Tim Ricks, RADM (Ret.), U.S. Public Health Service Dental Public Health Specialist, IHS Headquarters Division of Oral Health

### **Oral Health Equity for People with Disabilities**

Speakers: MaryAnne Lynch Small, Associate Research Scientist at Columbia University School of Dental Medicine, Tami Allen, Families Together and Nick Rogers, Rogers Family Dentistry

### **Addressing Dental Care Needs in Rural & Underserved Areas: Workforce Strategies**

Speakers: [Charles A.](#) Abbick, Executive Director of Dental Services, Salina Family Healthcare and UMKC School of Dentistry students

### **Federal and State Oral Health Policy Check**

Speakers: Stuart Little, Little Government Relations and Melissa Burroughs, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Families USA

### **Improving Dental Access through Medicaid: Policy Updates and Provider Insights**

Speakers: Tanya Dorf Brunner, Oral Health Kansas, Stephanie Coleman, Autism Family Educator/LEND Family Faculty/University of Kansas Medical Center and Aaron Bumann, Kansas City Dentistry for Children

You can see the full conference brochure [here](#).

CE's will be available.

**Fee:** \$125 (\$20 student rate)

**When:** Friday, October 27

**Where:** University of Kansas Edwards Campus, 12600 Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS 66213

Or join us virtually.

Register [here](#). If you have any questions, reach out to us: [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org)



## **OHK is Hiring a Remote Community Engagement Position**

This is a half-time remote position located in Kansas that is dedicated to supporting Oral Health Kansas' efforts to engage community members and organizations. The position is responsible for designing and carrying out community engagement projects including the Lived Experience Advisory Group and Brush Book Bed project. The Community Engagement

Specialist will assist with special projects and provide guidance to the organization on policy strategy.

Click [here](#) to read the full job description. Job posting closes November 3.



## FREE Workshop Begins October 19

The Accessible Oral Health 2023 ECHO: Building Confidence in Serving People with Disabilities series begins **Thursday, October 19**. This series aims to increase dental care access for Kansans with disabilities through the education of the dental teams and professionals involved in the dental journey of individuals with intellectual / developmental disabilities (IDD). **Keep in mind, you do not need to be a dental professional to attend!** Series includes raising awareness of IDD, destigmatization, communication strategies, sensory awareness, the importance of teamwork (both within the dental team, with care coordinators, and with other healthcare professionals), and introduction to existing tools and resources. This series is not only a practice builder, but also a great opportunity for team building and education.

Oral Health Kansas and the Pathways to Oral Health Team are proud to partner with the University of Kansas Medical Center and Aetna Better Health of Kansas to bring you these **FREE** sessions.

This series will include 5 courses on Thursdays, beginning October 19th through November 16th.

All courses will be held via Zoom from 12:00 – 1:00 PM CST and **free of charge** but you must register.

Learn more and register through the [University of Kansas Medical Center](#) before spots fill up!

Contact Oral Health Kansas at [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org) with questions.



## Upcoming Events

- Course: An Introduction to Value-Based Care in Oral Health: Moving from Volume to Value, 1 CE. Click [here](#) for the course information.
- Self paced courses: [Providing Oral Health Care to Autistic Individuals](#) and [Caring for Individuals with Disabilities: Practical Considerations for Dental Providers](#).
- October 19: New training series: Accessible Oral Health 2023: Building Confidence in Serving People with Disabilities. Learn more and register through the [University of Kansas Medical Center](#).
- **Webinar: Expanding Access to Oral Health Care for Veterans** , October 19, 2023, 12pm CT. Register [here](#).
- [Conference on Oral Health](#) - hybrid conference on Friday, October 27 at the KU Edwards Campus.
- **Webinar:** Community Engagement & Cross-Sector Collaboration Learning Community Registration, December 13. Click here: [bit.ly/3L2Yz11](https://bit.ly/3L2Yz11)



Congratulations to Greg Hill on being inducted as an Honorary Fellow of the [American College of Dentists](#) this month! Greg currently serves as the Executive

Director of the New York State Dental Association. He is a Kansan, was in the second Dental. Champions Leadership Program class. When he served as the Assistant Executive Director at the Kansas Dental Association Greg was a valuable partner and volunteer for Oral Health Kansas. We are proud of Greg and all he is accomplishing!





## Sugary Drink Display

We have Adult and Children's Sugary Drink Display's available for reservations. These displays are eye catching at exhibits, schools, library, dental offices, clinics and just about anywhere you see them!

We only have a limited amount so please sign up soon if you're interested in reserving one. Click [here](#) to learn more about sugary drink display reservations!

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