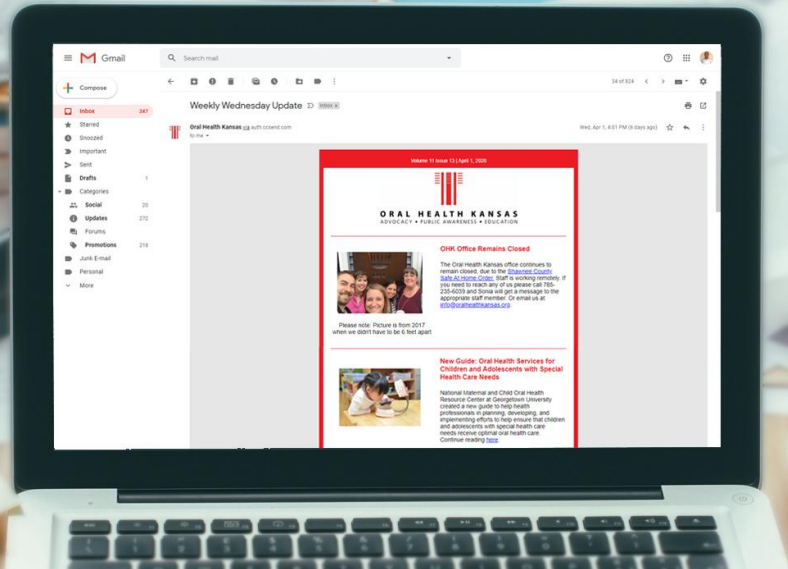




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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

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](#).

Click here to sign up for our [Weekly Wednesday Update](#).

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Thank You to Last Year's Winners

During the 2021 Conference on Oral Health we recognized three individuals for the work they do to improve the oral health of Kansans. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed. Click on the names below to learn more about each award winner.

- *Outstanding Dentist:* [Dr. Grant Smith](#)
- *Outstanding Dental Hygienist:* [Katelyn Freund](#)

■ *Bob Bethell Outstanding Policy Maker:* [Senator Pat Pettey](#)

We need your help to recognize individuals or organizations in Kansas that are doing distinguished work in their communities to improve oral health. Nominations for the Excellence in Oral Health will be received until 5pm on Monday, September 12. Awards will be recognized at the 2022 Conference on Oral Health in November at the KState Olathe Campus. Visit our [website](#) for more information or for questions, email info@oralhealthkansas.org



Chronic Diseases and Oral Health

July 10 was Chronic Disease Day. [Healthy People 2020 shares various resources](#) on oral health and chronic disease that may be helpful to understand. Oral diseases ranging from dental caries (cavities) to oral cancers cause pain and disability for millions of Americans. The impact of these diseases does not stop at the mouth and teeth. A growing

body of evidence has linked oral health, particularly periodontal (gum) disease, to several chronic diseases, including diabetes, heart disease, and stroke. Oral health can also impact employment.

Oral Health Kansas understands how important it is for people to have access to dental care. Providing preventive care is a step to help people maintain their oral health in hopes to keep their overall health strong. We advocated for Medicaid (KanCare) adult dental benefits to be extended and now we're working on next steps to get the services implemented. The scope of service will include fillings and crowns, as well as periodontal treatment. The managed care organizations (Aetna Better Health of Kansas, Sunflower Health Plan, and United Healthcare) will continue to cover exams and cleanings through their value-added benefits. Watch our [Weekly Wednesday Update](#) for information.



Webinars Focused on Oral Health

A new initiative created by the [Federal Healthy People 2030 Oral Health Workgroup](#) in collaboration with the Public-Private Partner Oral Health Alliance will feature best practices and strategies for success to improve the nation's oral health through a series of webinars beginning in August 2022. The webinar series will begin with a focus on Oral Health Objective 8, which is to increase the proportion of children, adolescents, and adults who use the oral health system. This will align with National Back to School Month, and each of the one-hour webinars will be aligned with one or

more national health observances. The August webinar will feature an overview of the objective and will be co-hosted by the Medicaid-Medicare-CHIP State Dental Association (MSDA) and the American Dental Association (ADA), while the CDC will serve as facilitator.

Each of the subsequent one-hour webinars will follow the same format, with a member of the Federal Healthy People 2030 Oral Health Workgroup introducing the objective followed by two organizations (dental and otherwise) who will provide 20-minute presentations to highlight best practices in support of the particular objective being featured, and the webinars will conclude with a federal agency facilitating a short question-and-answer period. Below is the tentative schedule of these webinars. Details of the August webinar will be shared in late July.

Here are a list of webinars:

Aug 2022	<u>OH-8: Increase the proportion of children, adolescents, and adults who use the oral health care system</u>
Oct 2022	<u>OH-3: Reduce the proportion of adults with active or currently untreated tooth decay</u>
Nov 2022	<u>OH-6: Reduce the proportion of adults aged 45 years and over with moderate and severe periodontitis</u>
Dec 2022	<u>OH-2: Reduce the proportion of children & adolescents with active & currently untreated tooth decay in their primary or permanent teeth</u>
Jan 2023	<u>OH-11: Increase the proportion of persons served by community systems with optimally fluoridated water systems</u>
Feb 2023	<u>OH-1: Reduce the proportion of children and adolescents with lifetime tooth decay experience in their primary or permanent teeth</u>
Apr 2023	<u>OH-7: Increase the proportion of oral and pharyngeal cancers detected at the earliest stage</u>
May 2023	<u>OH-4: Reduce the proportion of older adults with untreated root surface decay</u>

Jun 2023	<u>OH-D01: Increase the number of states and the District of Columbia that have an oral and craniofacial health surveillance system</u>
Aug 2023	<u>OH-10: Increase the proportion of children and adolescents who have dental sealants on 1 or more molars</u>
Oct 2023	<u>OH-9: Increase the proportion of low-income youth who have a preventive dental visit</u>
Mar 2024	<u>OH-8: Increase the proportion of children, adolescents, and adults who use the oral health care system</u>
May 2024	<u>OH-5: Reduce the proportion of adults aged</u>

Thank you to USPHS Chief Dental Officer Newsletter Issue #63 for sharing this helpful information.



Call for Abstracts

The Call for Abstracts for the 2023 National Oral Health Conference is Now Open!

The 2023 NOHC will be held in Orlando, Florida on April 17 through April 19, 2023 with weekend workshops on April 15

and 16. Abstract submissions are now being accepted for the following:

60- and 90-minute Seminars

A 60-minute seminar should address one critical issue, technique, or model in a clear and concise manner that is easy for the audience to understand. This seminar may present the topic in broad overview or focus in more detail on no more than three aspects of the topic.

A 90-minute seminar provides the audience with an opportunity to delve more deeply into a topic than possible during a 60-minute seminar. The audience will learn about an issue (or a set of closely related issues) that is of immediate relevance and importance to the dental public health community and should address the details of one or more solutions, techniques, or models that are innovative or based on current best practices.

The submission deadline for 60- and 90-minute seminars is 10:45 p.m. CST, September 7, 2022!

You can review the guidelines here:

<https://www.nationaloralhealthconference.com/.../NOHC...>

Weekend Workshops

A workshop is an engaging and highly collaborative interactive learning experience facilitated by no more than three leaders. If you are interested in submitting an abstract for a Weekend Workshop, please contact Christine Wood at cwood@astdd.org or Frances Kim at fkim@aaphd.org to discuss your proposal and receive permission to submit prior to submitting an abstract. If you did not receive approval from one of them to submit for a weekend workshop, your submission will not be considered for review.

The submission deadline for weekend workshops is 10:45 p.m. CST, September 30, 2022!

General Poster and Oral Presentation Abstracts

The Poster session will be held Monday, April 17, 2023. The Oral Presentation sessions will take place during a Concurrent Sessions. Abstracts to be considered for the AAPHD Student Merit Award program should not be submitted a second time for the General Poster Session. No manual submissions will be accepted. Review the guidelines for posters and oral presentations as well as topics of interest here:

<https://www.nationaloralhealthconference.com/.../NOHC...>

The submission deadline for general poster and oral presentation abstracts is 10:45pm CST, October 18, 2022.

Roundtable Abstracts

The Program Committee invites abstract submissions for the Roundtable Sessions presenting scientific research, program evaluations, community-based interventions and partnerships related to dental public health. The Roundtable Sessions will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. No manual submissions will be accepted. You can review the guidelines for Roundtables here.

<https://www.nationaloralhealthconference.com/.../NOHC...>

The submission deadline for Roundtable abstracts is 10:45pm CST, October 18, 2022.



Mental Health Among Racial and Ethnic Populations

[National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month](#) is observed each July to bring awareness to the unique struggles that racial and ethnic minority communities face regarding mental illness in the United States. Dental care is a health issue that impacts us all.

When our mouths are not feeling healthy or look unpleasant, we tend to avoid smiling and even avoid socializing. Did you know 48% of young adults have untagged themselves from a photo on Facebook because of their smile?

Some racial/ethnic and socioeconomic groups have worse oral health as a result of the social determinants of health. Below are some facts from the [Centers of Disease Control and Prevention](#):

- Nearly twice as many non-Hispanic Black or Mexican American adults have untreated cavities as non-Hispanic White adults.
- Children aged 2 to 5 years, about 33% of Mexican American and 28% of non-Hispanic Black children have had cavities in their primary teeth, compared with 18% of non-Hispanic White children. For children aged 12 to 19, nearly 70% of Mexican American children have had cavities in their permanent teeth, compared with 54% of non-Hispanic White children.



National Youth Sports Week

July 18-22 is National Youth Sports Week, a time to showcase how communities can promote healthy lifestyles for children and families through sports. We enjoy watching our children and family members play sports, but we also have to be reminded to find ways to help prevent their mouths from injury.

Accidents can happen during any physical activity and the advantage of using a mouth guard during sports is to help limit the risk of mouth-related injuries to your lips, tongue, and the soft tissues of your mouth. Mouth guards also help to avoid chipped or broken teeth, nerve damage to a tooth, or even tooth loss. The [American Dental Association recommends wearing a properly fitted mouthguard](#) to reduce the incidence and severity of oral injury in sporting or recreational activities, particularly activities with significant risk of dental trauma or orofacial injury.

Upcoming Events

- **Webinar:** Racism and Our Families' Health: Connecting the Dots! Talking About Race in Nonprofits/Organizations (2 part series). Tuesday, July 19th (Part 1) and Thursday, July 21st (Part 2) from 5pm-7pm CST. Click [here](#) for more information.



- **Webinar:** The Data-Driven Economic Implications of Veteran Oral Health Health, July 20 at 12 p.m. CST. Register [here](#).
- **Webinar:** A Discussion on Anti-Racism in Dentistry, July 21 at 12 p.m. CST Register [here](#).
- **16th Kansas Disability Caucus** on August 10th - 12th. Click [here](#) for details.
- **Webinar: The Science of Advocacy**, August 18 at 7pm CST. Register [here](#).

■ **Community Care Network of Kansas** annual conference, October 5-7 in Manhattan, Kansas. Click [here](#) for more information.

■ **2022 Conference on Oral Health:** Friday, November 4. Conference will be a hybrid event. Thursday, November 3: Dental Champions Reception.

Dates to remember!

- July 13: First day advance by mail ballots are mailed and advance in-person voting may begin
- July 26: Deadline for votes to apply for advance mail ballot
- **August 2: Primary Election**



Congratulations [Dental Champion \(Class II\), Junetta Everett!](#) Junetta will serve as the next chair of the Kansas Health Foundation (KHF) Board of Directors. She has served on the KHF Board of Directors since 2014. Junetta is a Registered Dental Hygienist and stays



involved in many community organizations as well as OHK. We are thrilled to see her continuing to do great work!



Sugary Drink Display

Out of an abundance of caution, we are suspending use of the Sugary Drink Display until further notice.



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