

WHO WE ARE

Oral Health Kansas, Kansas Head Start Association, KDHE Bureau of Oral Health, Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, and Kansas Dental Association unite over a shared vision of reducing disparities and achieving greater oral health equity in every part of the state by disrupting systems of poverty. Together, these organizations, known as Kansas Oral Health Connections, are working collaboratively to make progress on four key goals in Kansas:

- Establish a coordinated system of advocacy
- Increase the capacity of the Kansas dental workforce
- Enhance the available datasets about the

- oral health status of Kansans
- Bring oral health into the mainstream conversation by changing public perception.

We believe everyone deserves a chance to lead a healthy life. Community conditions can create unequal opportunities and access to resources that allow people to pursue healthy lives. By focusing on determinants of health, communities can alter the way that structural drivers affect daily living conditions, providing the opportunity to improve health while reducing inequities. To that end, we as a network are united in our vision of reaching a more equitable landscape for all Kansans by 2020.

Kansas Oral Health Connections continues to help more communities develop a shared understanding and then move from understanding to assessment and to action to improve the health of all Kansans and promote health equity. ■



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