

Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday Update

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This month, the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation announced they would serve as a sponsor for the 2014 Oral Health Kansas Conference, which will be held from November 6-8 at Wichita State University.

The 2014 Conference theme is oral health across the lifespan and will include a series of thought-provoking sessions about improving oral health for Kansans of all ages, including one session featuring a panel of dental professionals sharing best practices from rural areas. The conference also will debut of the 2015-2017 State Oral Health Plan in a new web-based format.

The Oral Health Kansas conference attracts a cross-section of people dedicated to improving oral health: dentists, dental hygienists, public health officials, health administrators, health educators, community advocates for children, elders, and



Congratulations to Doug Farmer (Class 1) on being named the new Chief Executive Officer of the Colorado Health Care Association. Since 2010, Doug has served as the Vice President for Policy at the Sunflower Foundation in Topeka. This summer he and his family will move to Denver, where Doug will take the reins at Colorado's association representing long-term care facilities. [Learn more about Doug's transition to Colorado here.](#)



Save the Date...

The 2014 Oral Health Kansas Conference will be November 6-8 at Wichita State University. This year's conference theme is

people with disabilities, as well as state government officials and association executives. This is an ideal opportunity showcase your support for the Kansas oral health community.

Join the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation and learn more about [Sponsorship](#) and [Exhibitor opportunities](#) today. For more information, please contact Oral Health Kansas at 785-235-6039 or info@oralhealthkansas.org.

Farewell and Hello



This week Oral Health Kansas is bidding farewell to Caroline Stern, who has served as our Office and Communications Manager since January. Caroline has been a welcome addition to our team. She has avidly promoted our sugary drink display across the state. She has worked hard to improve our communications processes and is the author of a new social media plan we are eagerly implementing. She brought a lot of life and energy to our office and to her job, and the entire Oral Health Kansas staff and board have enjoyed the opportunity to work with such a smart and talented person. While we did not have the chance to work with her very long, she left a lasting impact. Caroline is leaving Oral Health Kansas to attend dental school at the University of Colorado this fall.

At the same time, we are excited to welcome Sarah Franklin as our new Office and Communications Manager. Sarah is a recent graduate of the University of Kansas who has a wealth of experience in website management, social media, and bookkeeping, as well as outstanding planning skills. She will be a vibrant addition to the Oral Health Kansas team and is excited to work with staff, board, volunteers and supporters to support the advocacy and educational work of our organization.

It is a bittersweet week in our office. We are eager to get started on a new and exciting chapter with Sarah, and we wish Caroline the best as she moves on to the next thrilling phase of her life.

Summer Political Races Heat Up!

Oral Health Across the
Lifespan.

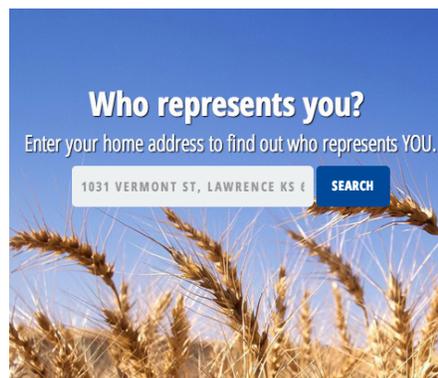
Traveling Sugary Drink Display



Reserve our traveling Sugary Drink Display for your business or event! Displays are available from June onward and reservations are made for one month at a time. Return postage is covered by Oral Health Kansas. [E-mail Sarah here](#) if you would like to make a reservation.

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The primary races are in full swing leading up to August 5th, when parties will choose which candidates will run in the general election in November. All seats in the Kansas House of Representatives will be on the November ballot, as will all statewide elected offices, including Governor and Insurance Commissioner.



The primaries offer voters an important opportunity to weigh in on who the general election will be. In some districts, August 5 is a much more decisive date than the general election. For instance, in fifteen House districts, there is no general election challenger from the opposite political party, which means the winner of the primary race essentially will be elected to the office.

Look at the primary races in your area. There are 34 House districts with primary contests this year. Are there primary races that you can vote in? If so, make sure you are registered by the June 30 deadline!

You can register to vote [here \(online\)](#) or [here \(mail in\)](#)

If you're not sure if there is a primary race in your district, you can check out all your elected officials by typing in your address at openkansas.org, then look [at the candidate list](#). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Oral Health Kansas staff at [785-235-6039](tel:785-235-6039) or info@oralhealthkansas.org.

If you have an idea, story or suggestion for a Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday Update please contact us at info@oralhealthkansas.org.

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