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**Budget Puzzle**

Some of the policies Oral Health Kansas will be discussing during the 2012 Legislative Session could have a fiscal impact on the state.

**Dental Apps for iPhones and iPads**

In celebration of February’s Children’s Dental Health Month, OHK is featuring one of the newest communication and educational tools, dental apps for smart phones. These are tools families and educators can use to communicate with young people about good oral health practices.

Here are two of our favorite for iPhones and iPads that teach children about dental care, answer parents’ questions, and in one case, focus on tools for people with autism.

**My Healthy Smile - $4.99**

★★★★★ 4 Reviews This app offers 11 audio & visual social scripts to show children, ages 3-10, what to expect at the dentist and how to have good oral care at home. Topics include: having your teeth cleaned, taking X-rays and getting fillings, losing a tooth, brushing and healthy eating. The use of social scripts works especially well for children who have autism or developmental disabilities.

**Dental Care Aid - $2.99**

★★★★ 8 Reviews A total of 38 3-D Videos display the detailed oral hygiene procedures on different groups of teeth. Therefore, with the aid of this application, those interested in educating others about oral health can explain hygiene methods more conveniently.

**Kansas Mission of Mercy 2012**

Our Mission:
To improve oral health in Kansas through advocacy, public awareness and education.
How do all the components of the budget work together? How would any one proposal's fiscal impact affect the bottom line in the state budget?

Learn more about how each choice affects the budget with this new budget puzzle developed by the Kansas Health Institute

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KMOM is a two day clinic designed to provide urgent dental care to as many patients, both adults and children, as volunteer dental professionals are able to treat. Patients are treated on a first come, first served basis so there is no advance patient registration or qualifications. Patients will simply arrive for care the morning of the clinic.

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*Making a Difference*

**FREE DENTAL SERVICES!!!**

65th St & State Ave
Shopping Center
Kansas City, Kansas

**February 17-18, 2012**

No Eligibility or Income Requirements

**No Appointments - First Come, First Served**

Children and Adults

KMOM Services Include:

- Fillings
- Cleanings
- Extractions

* Doors Open at 5:30 AM*

Event location at the future KMOM urgent care center.

Registration for volunteers is now open, to volunteer [CLICK HERE](#)

Learn more at [Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation](#)

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