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A familiar face at Oral Health Kansas will be leaving us this month. Policy Director Rachel Alexander is taking a job at the Kansas City regional office of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as a health policy analyst.

Rachel joined the Oral Health Kansas staff in May 2015. Over the last 18 months, she managed our legislative activities and played the lead coordinating role in our DentaQuest Foundation

Launching new Fluoride in Kansas website

After several months of hard work, we are delighted to officially announce the launch of our revamped [Fluoride in Kansas website!](#)

Our goal for the new website is to provide visitors an easier way to learn about community water fluoridation. The new website is interactive and gives better access to Kansas county data, champions around the state, the history of community water fluoridation in Kansas as well as fun facts to share with friends.

New site features include integrated social media buttons for Facebook and Twitter to foster improved communication. We will continue updating the site content with helpful information, articles, blogs, newsletters, and community successes.

We hope you find the new website with a fresh look, easy to access information

multi-partner project known as Kansas Oral Health Connections. She served as the state representative for a twelve-state regional team focusing on oral health policy and education. Rachel also led the efforts to re-design the Fluoride in Kansas website and helped design advocacy presentations at two of the dental hygiene schools.

Rachel will leave a big hole not only in our work, but in our hearts. She's been great to work with, and we know her new colleagues at CMS will enjoy working with her as much as we do. We thank her for her dedicated service to Oral Health Kansas and the advocacy community.



Webinar on Strategic Planning in your community

This is a third of webinar series offered by Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA). Strategic and Action Planning + Growing and Sustaining Your Results will be on January 31, 2017, 12-1:30 pm (CST). This webinar will provide information on creating a framework for change. The webinar is helpful for new coalitions or coalitions that would

and we also wish to establish this portal as a source of information for those who visit our site.

For any questions, suggestions, feedback or comments, please [email us](#).



Volunteer with us at KMOM!

The 2017 Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM) will be January 27-28 in Manhattan. The Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation is seeking both dental and non-dental volunteers for both days. Learn more and register to volunteer on the [foundation's website](#).

Oral Health Kansas will partner with the Kansas Dental Association to conduct a patient exit survey during KMOM. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the survey, please register using the link above and note that you are volunteering with Oral Health Kansas. At this time we could use more volunteers on **Friday** than Saturday but we will definitely appreciate any help we get!

Please also let us know you are interested in helping by emailing us at info@oralhealthkansas.org.

like to brainstorm new ideas.

For more information and to sign up, click [here](#)!



**Sugary Drink Display
reservations are
filling up fast!**

Our sugary drink display is so popular, all of our February slots are booked! Don't wait to reserve yours for the upcoming months. [Sign up](#) now for a guaranteed spot.

Our sugary drink display contains 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. The display is free to use, up to a month and we reimburse postage. Reserve a display for your health fair, clinic, school event or child care!



Kansas Mission of Mercy
Making a Difference

**This weekend: workshop
working with persons
with dementia**

Rita Jablonski-Jaudon, PhD, CRNP, FAAN., an Associate Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham delivers dynamic, useful, and humorous presentations that integrate clinical expertise (and common sense) with up-to-date research findings.

When she presented at the 2015 Oral Health Kansas Annual Conference participants said she was fascinating and they could listen to her all day.

Here are some of the topics she will cover:

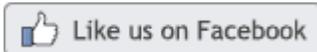
- The common faces of dementia
- The "why's" behind the "what"
- Overview of common medications used and their impact on care delivery
- Clinically tested techniques that prevent triggering symptoms and promote acceptance of care
- Resources (including free mouth care videos on YouTube) to share with colleagues and family caregivers.



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Workshop details:

Saturday, January 21, 2017

Delta Dental of Kansas
1619 N. Waterfront Parkway
Wichita, Kansas
9:00 am-12:30 pm
Registration begins at 8:30 am

Don't miss out!



This opportunity is sponsored by Oral Health Kansas and the Wichita component of the Kansas Dental Hygienist's Association. It has been partially underwritten by Comfort Care Homes.

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