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Dental Champions Corner

A few slots remain in Dental Champions Class 7! Class 7 will focus on preserving water fluoridation in communities across Kansas. If you or anyone you know is interested in this opportunity, **email Sarah** today!



RDP Bill Introduced

At a January 15 joint meeting of the

OHK Seeking Community Coalition Coordinator

Oral Health Kansas is seeking candidates for a new full-time staff person to lead our community oral health coalition program throughout the state. The coordinator will help local oral health coalitions get started and continue to support them as they create plans and implement strategies. Activities will include: engaging traditional and non-traditional coalition partners, coordinating leadership development activities with Kansas Leadership Center, researching oral health projects that produce results, providing program reports to key stakeholders, and grant reporting.

We seek candidates who have demonstrated results in community development through relationship-building, collaboration, planning and resource development. This is anticipated to be a full-time, grant-funded position, based in Topeka with frequent travel throughout the state.

Our organization is dedicated to our mission to improve the oral health of all Kansans. This initiative will create local strategies based on the communities' needs and resources. This work is funded by DentaQuest Foundation's Oral Health 2020 Initiative to implement oral health policy change, public awareness, oral health literacy, access to dental care and data



Senate Public Health and Welfare and House Health and Human Services Committees, a new Registered Dental

Practitioner (RDP) bill was introduced. The bill proposes a midlevel dental professional be established in Kansas. The bill text is not yet available, but it is expected to be similar to RDP bills that were introduced in previous Legislative Sessions. Previous RDP bills have specified that an RDP would be a dental hygienist who works under general or direct supervision of a dentist and receives an additional 18 months of training to provide certain dental services, such as fillings, extractions of baby teeth, and extractions of loose permanent teeth. To learn more about the RDP model, visit the [Kansas Dental Project](#).

EC Tyree Clinic Position Opening

The E C Tyree Clinic is looking for a PRN hygienist that would work with their school outreach program. The ideal candidate will have an ECP license or ability to obtain it, compassion for patients, self-starter, and flexible. This position has the potential to become permanent. Please send resume to sjames-boyd@tyreeclinic.com.



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collection.

For more information, email or call Marcia Manter at mmanter@oralhealthkansas.org or 785-235-6039. This application is due February 18, 2015.

[Click here for a complete position description!](#)

JCCC Hires New Dental Hygiene Director



Carrie Hanson has been hired as the new Johnson County Community College Dental Hygiene Program Director. Carrie Hanson, RDH, MA, Ed D completed her doctorate in higher education and administration at the UMKC School of Education in December,

2014. She was formerly in the Division of Dental Hygiene at UMKC and was the Director of the Admission Enhancement Program, which serves underrepresented minority and underserved pre-dental students who desire to become competitive candidates in the dental school admission pool. Carrie has had over 20 years of teaching experience and 30 years of practice experience in general, periodontics and public health. Her public health endeavors include working for the State of Arizona educating nursing home care staff on the importance of oral health care for the elderly, teaching community dental health and coordinating the Extended Care Permit and ECP III online program for the UMKC School of Dentistry. Congratulations to Carrie on this new position!

Join In: Fluoride Social Media Storm

Stakeholder Meeting

Oral human papillomavirus (HPV) infection has been linked to a variety of oral health issues including oral lesions and oral cancer. Kansas Foundation for Medical Care (KFMC) will be hosting a webinar February 3rd from 12 - 1:30 CST featuring Dr. Terry Tsue, an otolaryngologist who has extensive knowledge on this subject. We are excited about this new opportunity to work with KFMC on oral health in the future! **Join the webinar** today!



Traveling Sugary Drink Display

Don't forget to reserve our traveling sugary drink display for your event! Our display shows how much sugar is in a variety of your favorite drinks, emphasizing which drinks are good and bad for you.



This display is completely free, and return shipping costs are reimbursed by Oral Health Kansas. Learn more **on our website** and **email Sarah** if you are interested in hosting the display!

To celebrate community water fluoridation's 70th anniversary, Children's Dental Health Project (CDHP) is hosting a social media storm this Friday, January 23. The event will feature 70 minutes of messages to celebrate 70 years of fluoridation, allowing participants to post messages at any time between 12 noon and 1:10 pm that day.

It's easy! CDHP has provided a **social media kit** that contains 60+ messages to post to outlets such as Twitter and Facebook.

Post a message or two on Friday and don't forget the hashtag #factsfavorfluoridation!



Awards Spotlight

This week, we are honoring Dr. Lucynda Raben who received the Outstanding Dentist Award at the Excellence in Oral Health Awards ceremony last November.

Throughout her career, Dr. Raben has been a tireless advocate for oral health. She is currently the board chair for both Delta Dental of Kansas and also Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation. Dr. Raben is also active in the fluoridation debate. In 2014, she testified before the Kansas legislature in favor of community water fluoridation. She also was a leader in Wichita's 2012 attempt to optimize the level of fluoride in the water. Dr. Raben has held many other positions all with the purpose to improve oral health in Kansas.

We thank Dr. Raben for all of her efforts!

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