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Weekly Wednesday Update

*Our Mission:
To improve oral health
in Kansas through
advocacy,
public awareness
and education.*

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2012 Oral Health Kansas Conference

Make plans now to attend the 2012 Oral Health Kansas Conference September 13-14 at the [Hotel at Old Town](#) in Wichita, Kansas. The Conference will feature a special reception with a new exhibit at [Exploration Place](#).

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

**Dental Hubs are a Public-Private
Partnership that Works**

This week the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee heard good news. They received a briefing about the success of the Kansas Dental Hub Program. The program, administered by the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU), provides dental services in safety net clinics (hubs), with additional services provided in both fixed satellite and public health and community settings. The model is designed to provide targeted outreach to un-served or under-served populations. Private foundations, along with the Legislature provided funding for the project, which began in 2007.

recruiting a new Foundation Assistant.

Learn more about this part-time position and apply [HERE](#).

Applications are due February 20.



Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation

Kansas Mission of Mercy 2012

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.

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

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



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KAMU's presentation to the Senate Committee included preliminary results from an independent evaluation of the program by the University of Kansas Medical Center's Department of Family Medicine. The evaluation shows that from 2007 to 2010, the number of dental visits grew 88%, and the number of dental patients grew 76%. Additionally, the number of dental professionals working in safety net clinics grew by 137%. The Dental Hub program has increased access to dental services for thousands of Kansans.

The funders of the program were honored during the awards ceremony at the joint KAMU/Oral Health Kansas Conference in 2011. Their investment made this successful project possible:

- State of Kansas
- United Methodist Health Ministry Fund
- Kansas Health Foundation
- Sunflower Foundation
- Jones Foundation
- Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation
- REACH Healthcare Foundation

FREE 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 **FREE** apps for iPhones and iPads that teach children about dental care, answer parents' questions, and in one case, focus on tools for people with autism.

Pediatric Dental Expert - Free ★★★★★ 54 Reviews

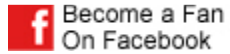
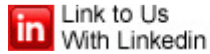
This application includes the most frequently asked dental questions by parents about their children's oral health and answered by the top dental experts in their field. Includes charts showing the eruption and loss of Baby Teeth and the development of Adult Teeth.

CavityFree 3D - Free ★★★ 760 Reviews

This application demonstrates proper brushing and flossing techniques using four industry leading 3D dental animations. These realistic, high quality animations will guide you through

the entire process of brushing and flossing your teeth with and without braces.

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