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public awareness
and education.*

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Dental Champions

Fluoride Policy Update



THANK YOU to those who have contacted legislators-it is making a difference! OHK met with several members of the House HHS committee last week, and several mentioned receiving emails about the bill-nearly all explaining the benefits of fluoridated water and expressing opposition to HB 2372. Legislators listen to their constituents, so thanks for doing your part in this campaign! But the task is not complete - **if you have not reached out to your legislator yet, please do so this week** ([click here for details](#)). Also **consider joining us at the Capitol on February 5th; it is important to have an in-person presence as well!** If you plan to come, please [email Megan Foreman here](#).

Registered Dental Practitioner (RDP) Advocacy Day

Oral Health Kansas is supportive of any policy action that improves access to oral health care. Legislation to create a registered dental practitioner, who could perform more procedures than an extended care permit hygienist with additional training and under supervision by a dentist, is pending in both the House and Senate ([HB 2157/SB 197](#)). If you would like to get involved in this legislative issue, consider participating in Registered Dental Practitioner

Corner



Congratulations to Dr. DeDe Behrens (Class 4) on being featured in the Downtown Shareholders promotion in Kansas City, Kansas.



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Pass on Pop with the KAC

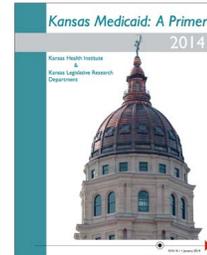


Oral Health Kansas has taken the pledge from the Kansas Action for Children (KAC) to Pass on Pop on Sundays! [Take the pledge on their website](#) or share the

Advocacy Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, Feb. 12th. The day will begin with mini advocacy training and will include meetings with legislators. To register, send your name, agency (if applicable), address, email and phone number to sonia@kshealthconsumer.com.

Medicaid Primer Released

The Kansas Health Institute (KHI) and the Kansas Legislative Research Department have released the 2014 Medicaid Primer. According to the KHI, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) play a substantial role in the Kansas health care system by providing health and long-term care coverage to the state's most vulnerable populations. In 2013, the state significantly changed the way Medicaid and CHIP services are administered and delivered in Kansas through a new initiative called KanCare. In addition, federal health policy changes in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) affect Kansas Medicaid and CHIP. As part of the ACA changes, legislators and state officials must decide whether to expand the Kansas Medicaid program to include more adults. To read the 2014 Kansas Medicaid Primer, click [here](#).



Toothsavers Gaming App

The Ad Council and the Partnership for Health Mouths, Healthy lives have released a new mobile gaming app, [Toothsavers](#), for iOS and Android devices. The game aims "to promote health, education, and well-being" amongst young people. In the game, children can "rescue fairy tale characters from an evil, cavity-creating sorceress who cast a wicked teeth-rotting spell on a fairy tale kingdom," according to the [ADA's article](#) on the Partnership for Healthy Mouths, Healthy Lives news release. The partnership consists of the ADA and 35 other dental organizations. Download the app on your mobile device or play it online [here](#).



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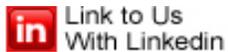
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