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When we think dental hygienists, we think the hygienist who cleans our teeth at our dentist appointment. But dental hygienists can have more than one role in their careers!

Four dental hygienists spoke at the Kansas Dental Hygienists Association (KDHA) annual meeting last month about their roles they play beyond traditional dental practice. [Click here](#) to learn more about each hygienist!

Come learn strategies to help people with disabilities

People with disabilities often need more help to maintain their health, including their oral health. Providing oral health care to a person with a disability requires one to use different techniques in providing care.

At our Oral Health Kansas conference next month, we will have a panel presentation about the best practices in meeting people with disabilities where they are in order to provide the dental services they need.

Moderator:

- Jean Hall, PhD, Institute for Health & Disability Policy Studies, University of Kansas

Panelists:

- Susan Hall, DDS, private practice in Lawrence
- Heather Samuel, RDH, MS, MPH, Johnson County Community College



Kathleen Elder, RDH, ECP II, COM



Kathy Hunt, RDH, ECP II



Krista Hahn, RDH, BSDH, MBA, ECP III



Pam Smith, RDH, ECP III

Sugary Drink Display

Although we have several drink display models, every month they are reserved out for events, dental offices and schools. It's important to sign up ahead of time to get one!

- Karina Shields, student, Johnson County Community College

Attend the Oral Health Kansas conference November 2 and 3 in Olathe! Check out our [website](#) for more conference details!

[Download](#) the conference brochure.



Brush Book Bed program training begins

Plans are underway to continue our ground-breaking work to implement [Brush, Book, Bed \(BBB\) program](#) in Topeka. The concept originated with the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#), and Oral Health Kansas subsequently has taken it to the community through early childhood home visitation programs. The Shawnee County Oral Health Coalition has been integral in this project, successfully writing for grants and seeking small donations from service organizations. Our plans include continuation in the Topeka USD 501 Parents as Teachers (PAT) program, as well as the Seaman USD 345 PAT program. A grant was received from the

Our sugary drink display has 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. We also include some of our [Tips and Tricks](#) fact sheets and brush your teeth mirror clings! The display is free to use for up to a month, and we reimburse postage!

Send your reservation request ahead of time to ensure you will have one on hold! [Email us!](#)



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[American Dental Association \(ADA\)](#) and will allow for expansion of the BBB program into TARC and their Parents and Children Together program. The program was developed to assist and provide support to parents with intellectual disabilities.

If you have any questions about the program, contact [Doug](#).



Marcia Manter, OHK staff, BBB training to PAT

What do you need to know about the Oral Health Kansas conference?

What do you need to know about our conference next month, besides it's going to be **FUN**?! We've had some questions about our conference that we thought we could address:

Q: Is the conference two days or one?

A: It is two days, November 2 and 3. We have different session/days options for you to choose from.

Q: Is the location in Manhattan?

A: No, even though the location says its KState, it's actually the location in Olathe, 22201 W. Innovation Dr.



Q: Are there 2 different fluoride strategies sessions? I heard there's a different link for that?

A: Yes, there is. The Fluoridation Strategies: A National Perspective session with Jane McGinley, MS, RDH, American Dental Association is on Wednesday, November 1 in Wichita and Thursday, November 2 in Olathe. You must sign up! Here is the [registration link!](#)

Any other questions? [Contact Sonia.](#)

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