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### Dental Champions Corner

Calling all Dental Champion Members!! Have you signed up for the Oral Health Kansas Conference? If you haven't, make sure you do! Come support your fellow members from Class VII as they present about their work on water fluoridation.



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**National Dental Hygiene Month**

### Early Bird Registration-Time Is Running Out!



Early bird registration deadline for the Annual Oral Health Kansas Conference, is **Monday, October 19. Only five more days!**

Registration to the **Friday, November 13** sessions, provides you with an invitation the evening of **Thursday, November 12** for our Excellence in Oral Health Awards reception. Awards will be given to outstanding achievements by dental professionals and organizations. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Dental Champions Leadership Program. Come celebrate Dental Champions accomplishments!

During our Friday session, the Dental Champions Leadership Program Class

October is National Dental Hygiene Month (NDHM). This year the NDHM focuses on four components of oral health maintenance:

1. brush teeth twice daily
2. floss daily
3. rinse with mouthwash
4. chew sugar free gum

Dental hygienists are asked to remind patients to do the "Daily 4". What are you doing in your community to remind others of the "Daily 4"?



## National Youth Justice Awareness

October is National Youth Justice Awareness Month. Tooth decay is more common in populations over represented in the juvenile justice system, including low-income and minority youth. State level data suggest that unmet oral health needs are prevalent among juvenile justice-involved youth. Among the general population, 68 percent of youth have decayed permanent teeth by age 19. [Read more](#) on the health issues for youth in the juvenile justice system!

VII will speak about their work on water fluoridation within the past year. See how you can get involved!

Can't make it Friday? Don't worry!

**Saturday, November 14**, Rita A. Jablonski-Jaudon, Associate Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing, will discuss ways to provide dental hygiene services to people with dementia. She will share insight about working across settings from the community to nursing facilities. She also will talk about the different types of dementia dental professionals may encounter, such as persons with fronto-temporal dementia usually present with less loss of memory but with significant dis-inhibited behavior.

- [Conference brochure](#)
- [Online Conference Registration](#)
- [Hotel Reservations](#) : by October 29 to get OHK room rate (code OHK)

5.5 Continuing Dental Education Credits will be available for Friday's sessions

3.0 Continuing Dental Education Credits will be available for Saturday's session. This session is designed to meet the Extended Care Permit II continuing education



## Dental Screenings for



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## Drink Display

Do you want to reserve the sugary drink display? Our slots in November and December are filling up! Remember this is a fun way to show families how much sugar is in popular beverages. You can also reserve the display for your organization to show your staff or for a presentation!

The sugary drink display is free. We reimburse your shipping costs!

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## Preschool Aged Children

Kansas Head Start Association and Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Oral Health, teamed up to implement Kansas' first Head Start open-mouth survey. The purpose is to learn more about the oral health status for preschool aged children around the state of Kansas. The final report will be shared both state and nationally.

Kathy Hunt, Dental Project Director, dressed as a Tooth Fairy, performed dental screenings on Head Start children in Saline County, which was one of the 25 sites selected. Dressed up in costume helped the children be at ease and even requested the Tooth Fairy visit their class.

Thank you to Delta Dental of Kansas for providing the toothbrush kits for the children! They were excited to receive them!



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