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## OHK educates about sugary drinks at the NAACP state conference

Staff attended the Connecting You To Care 2016 Health and Wellness Expo, at the 73rd Kansas State Conference NAACP Annual Conference on October 15 in Olathe, Kansas. Doug visited with members from the NAACP. He received lots of questions about our sugary drink display and lots of amazed faces as to how much sugar there are in drinks.

## Let's improve oral health in Kansas. Learn how at the OHK conference!

At the Oral Health Kansas Annual Conference, we will gather with community advocates, consumers, dental professionals and health educators, on how we can work together to improve oral health in Kansas. We cannot do this alone and we need you to be there!

The conference is November 3-5, at the [Double Tree Hotel](#) in Overland Park, Kansas. On Friday, November 4 you will have the opportunity to hear from a panel of speakers discuss the oral health landscape in Kansas. How can we improve. What is working but what can we do to make it better. Listed below is our incredible panel of speakers!



## How to keep kids' mouths healthy during Halloween

Halloween is just around the corner! We know our kids will be eating lots of candy. [Here](#) are some ways to make sure their teeth and mouths stay healthy. Don't forget, the stickier the candy, the harder it is to wash away!



## Sugary Drink Display

Our sugary drink display sure is popular! We have people signing up months ahead! If you are at our conference November 3-5, stop by our booth and check out our display.

Our sugary drink display contains 10 popular beverages



Matt All, Blue Cross Blue Shield Kansas and Denise Cyzman, Kansas Association of the Medically Underserved



Tanya Dorf Brunner, Oral Health Kansas and Michael Herbert, Delta Dental of Kansas



Stuart Little, Little Government Relations and Kim Moore, United Methodist Health Ministry Fund

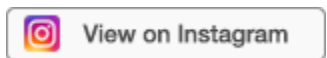
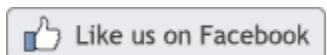
and shows how much sugar is in each. The display is free to use, we reimburse postage. You must sign up to [reserve](#) a sugary drink display. Slots fill up fast so if you need it for a specific date, please check in with us in plenty of time.



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The deadline to [register](#) for the conference is October 28.

## Thirsty for Health pilot project learns about schools needs for access to water

Kelly Rippel, OHK Water Access Manager, recently conducted facility assessments in four school districts participating in the [Thirsty for Health pilot project](#): Galena, Bonner Springs, Edwardsville, and the Kansas Schools for the Deaf and Blind in order to learn what physical barriers kids may face to drinking water throughout the school day.

The School for the Deaf has added the Oral Health Kansas sugary drink display to the lunchroom as a part of the process to get students excited about drinking water more often.



A total of eight school districts have committed to joining the pilot project, and we are excited to work with them to educate Kansas kids about oral health and proper hydration.



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