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## **Healthy Smiles, Happy Troops**

Make this Halloween fun and rewarding by participating in a Halloween Candy Buy Back program near you! Local dentists will buy back halloween candy and send it to troops overseas.

Dr. Chris Kammer, DDS,

## **Providing Care for the Whole Person**

For nearly ten years, Smiles for Life has been the nation's comprehensive oral health curriculum for medical professionals. As a Steering Committee member and co-author of this national curriculum, Dr. Hugh Silk embodies the spirit of the program in all of his endeavors. He will discuss how he, as a family physician, is able to integrate medical, dental and behavioral health in order to care for the whole person.



The conference brochure and on-line registration are available through [Wichita State University](#). Please contact Oral Health Kansas with any questions: 785-235-6039 or [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org).

came up with this plan to fight childhood dental decay while helping the troops overseas. He has partnered with Operation Gratitude, a non-profit organization that sends care packages to troops. Check out [this site](#) to find a Halloween Candy Buy Back Program near you and watch this video from ABC news!



**Halloween Buy Back Program**

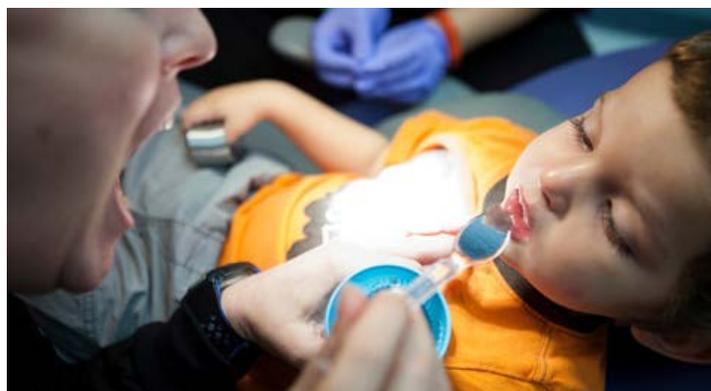
## **Dental Champions Corner**

Dental Champions Class VII will launch next month with a new class dedicated to protecting and improving water fluoridation in Kansas. Stay tuned to learn more about our seventh Dental Champions class!



## ***New York Times* Addresses Kids with Autism**

The *New York Times* published a series of stories this week on the challenges of meeting the dental needs of kids with autism. Oral Health Kansas staff were interviewed for this story, which is an issue we have addressed over the last several years. In conjunction with Heartspring in Wichita, Oral Health Kansas produced [a series of videos](#) about how to help young people with disabilities, including autism, accomplish the simple, but meaningful task of brushing their teeth. Additional resources about children with autism are available on [our website](#).



One of the *New York Times*' stories covers the issue of helping children with autism brush their teeth. This includes many simple tips about starting early, starting small and setting up a routine. The story is called, "[For Some Children With Autism, Even a Toothbrush Is a Challenge.](#)" Another story, "[For Children With Autism,](#)



## Reserve Your Room Today!

Hotel rooms for the conference are filling up fast at the Hotel at Old Town, make sure to call 316-267-4800 or book online at [www.hotelatoldtown.com](http://www.hotelatoldtown.com) using code ORALKS14!



## Traveling Sugary Drink Display

Reserve our traveling Sugary Drink Display for your business or event! Reservations are made for one month at a time. Return postage is covered by Oral Health Kansas.

[E-mail Sarah here](#) if you would like to make reservation.

[Opening a Door to Dental Care.](#)" discusses how to begin dental care in a dental office for kids with autism. This is accompanied by a video and an interview with a mom who is working hard to help her child have good dental health. The story quotes a dental hygienist who said, "What kills me is maybe they tried to go to the dentist once, it didn't go well, and everybody throws their hands up."

## OHK Staff at National Grantee Meeting

This week the DentaQuest Foundation hosted a meeting for their grantees in Philadelphia. Staff participated in this opportunity to network with colleagues across the country who are working on similar oral health policy and access goals.

The DentaQuest Foundation shared their vision for Oral Health 2020, which includes [goals](#) to have Medicaid and Medicare dental benefits and to ensure all children reach Kindergarten cavity-free. Staff also learned more about how to incorporate racial and ethnic diversity in all that Oral Health Kansas does.

We will unveil our own plans to achieve the Oral Health 2020 vision over the next several months.



## New Keep Fluoride TV Commercials

The [Keep Fluoride](#) coalition continues to work hard on the



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campaign to preserve water fluoridation in Salina. They recently released TV commercials to educate the Salina community.



Check out [this commercial](#) featuring the medical and dental professionals of Salina. They care about the health and well-being of the Salina community and water fluoridation is a key component.

If you have an idea, story or suggestion for a Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday Update please contact us at [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org).

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