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## Working with persons with dementia

On January 21, Oral Health Kansas is sponsoring a session called, "[Working with Persons with Dementia](#)".

Speaker Rita Jaudon-Jablonski, Ph.D, CRNP, FAAN, will educate on techniques to help dementia patients with oral care. We were lucky to have Rita present at our Saturday conference session last year. Attendees stayed longer than the scheduled session, to continue to hear her present and ask questions. This session is one you will find useful in every way!

## Oral Health Kansas to testify at KanCare Oversight Committee

Oral Health Kansas will be among more than a dozen organizations and individuals scheduled to testify before the Bob Bethell Joint committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight about problems consumers are facing with the state's privatized Medicaid system, known as KanCare.

The meeting of the KanCare Oversight Committee comes at a time of growing concerns over how the state's health care programs are being managed including getting those in need of services enrolled in Medicaid and low reimbursement rates for providers. Read Oral Health Kansas testimony [here](#). The Committee will meet all day, Thursday, November 17 and Friday, November 18 and is open for all to attend.

To register, click [here](#).



### Water is good for us and our bodies!

Our bodies are around 60% water, give or take. Getting enough water every day is important. You can get water by drinking it and eating it! Yes, celery, for example, has high water content. But drinking fluoridated water keeps teeth strong and reduces cavities.

[Here](#) are some health benefits as to why drinking water is important!



### Sugary Drink Display

The holiday's and school breaks are coming up. But don't forget to reserve your sugary drink display before your forget! We have slots that are filling up extremely fast!

Our sugary drink display contains 10 popular beverages



## Oral Health Kansas co-hosts webinars

This month, Oral Health Kansas will co-host two different webinars. Join us for both!

On **Thursday, November 17**, from 1:30-3:00 (CST) Colin Reusch, Senior Policy Analyst at the Children's Dental Health Project (CDHP) will cover how dental coverage is available in the Kansas marketplace, discuss the differences between stand-alone dental plans and dental coverage as part of a qualified health plan, and explain factors that families should understand before purchasing a plan. [Register here!](#)



On **Tuesday, November 29** at noon, the Midwest Collaborative Initiative team, Kansas, Wisconsin and Michigan will co-host a webinar entitled Oral Health Coalition Webinar Series -- Community Assessment & Community Engagement. This webinar is not only for oral health coalitions. It is open to anyone. In this

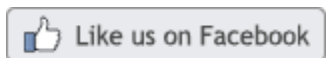
and shows how much sugar is in each. The display is free to use and we reimburse postage. You must sign up to [reserve](#) a sugary drink display. Reserve a display for your health fair, clinic, school event or day care!



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webinar participants will be able to:

- Describe why a community assessment is important
- Conduct the steps to complete a community assessment
- Engage the coalition and community in conducting and using the community assessment
- Create a community assessment that informs other steps in the Strategic Planning Format
- Plan to conduct a Community Assessment in a culturally competent manner

To register click [here!](#)



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