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## KanCare Appeals Training

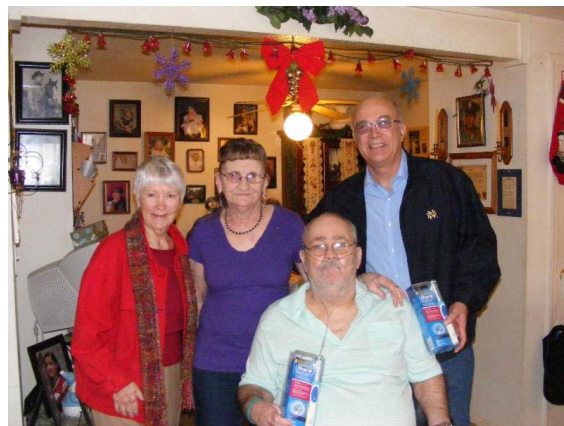
Kansas Advocates for Better Care is hosting a training about how advocates can help KanCare consumers file grievances, appeals or state fair hearing requests. The training will be presented by Lane Williams attorney with the Disability Rights Center and Eric Williams attorney with Justice in Aging. It is targeted to advocates who find themselves answering questions or assisting KanCare consumers.



Space is limited, so please RSVP with how you'd like to

## Meals on Wheels participants win new electric toothbrushes

Orita and Bob Leshner of Shawnee, Kansas, won a pair of OralB electric toothbrushes when their names were pulled in a drawing by Johnson County Area Agency on Aging Nutrition Services.



Chuck Nigro, Board President of Friends of Senior Kansans and Marcia Manter, Oral Health Kansas, provided gift bags with the toothbrushes and other oral hygiene supplies.

participate (in person or via web) as soon as possible. [Click here](#) to learn more about how to register.

**The training is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16th from 2-3:30 pm.**

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## Seeking a bilingual dentist in Kansas City

Turner House Children's Clinic is hiring for a Bilingual Staff Dentist to provide clinical dental services in its new dental clinic. The position will be open until filled. Read the [job description](#) for more information and spread the word!



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## Drink Display

Make plans now to host the sugary drink display in the new year!

If you are interested in reserving a drink display for December or the 2016 year, [email us](#)! It is free to use and shipping is reimbursed!



Chuck spearheaded a community project to assemble and deliver more than 700 toothbrush kits to participants in the county's Meals on Wheels program and community meal services. To study the benefit of the toothbrushing supplies, Nutrition Services staff distributed a survey to all participants. Sixty percent responding to the survey reported using the toothbrush supplies and seventy-four percent said they would like another kits in a few months.

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## Kansas Foundations: Medicaid Expansion would pay for itself

This week, the health foundations in Kansas released the results of a new study that shows Kansas would generate budget savings by expanding the Medicaid program known as KanCare.

In a [press release](#), the group known as Kansas Grantmakers in Health, said the new study shows, "that Kansas should be able to generate sufficient savings and revenue gains to cover the costs of expansion between 2016 and 2020 - in other words, expansion should be budget neutral. In fact, expansion may generate savings and new revenue in excess of the costs of expansion during this period."

The [KHI News Service reported](#) on the estimated \$53 million cost to expand KanCare, which would be more than offset by savings achieved through expansion. According to the KHI News Service, Kansas now spends nearly \$30 million a year to cover a portion of the losses experienced by hospitals, clinics and mental health centers for care provided to uninsured patients. The state



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also spends nearly \$87 million annually to provide health care to prison inmates and mental health services to uninsured Kansans. The new report shows these costs would be more than offset by expanding Medicaid.

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