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Dental Champions Corner

Elisa Storbeck, RDH, ECP II, (Class 6) helped with the Spanish translation of the Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM) exit surveys. Thank you Elisa for being an asset to oral health! We are excited to be a part of the KMOM team this weekend by conducting exit surveys.



Successful Legislative Oral Health Caucus Meeting

On February 10, Oral Health Kansas sponsored a legislative Oral Health Caucus meeting at the Statehouse. Representative Susan Concannon, (R) Beloit, who is participating in the current Dental Champions class, chaired the informational meeting and facilitated the discussion. Ten Representatives and one Senator attended, hailing from both parties and a variety of cities throughout Kansas. They watched the [video](#) Oral Health Kansas produced last fall, discussed the issues shared in the video, and asked questions of the oral health experts in attendance.

If you live in one of these legislator's districts, please drop them a note to thank them for their interest in oral health. Let them know what you do and why you are passionate about the cause. We appreciate their attendance and your continued involvement with Oral Health Kansas!

[Rep. Barbara Bollier](#)

[Rep. Sydney Carlin](#)

[Rep. Stephanie Clayton](#)

[Rep. Susan Concannon](#)

[Rep. Linda Gallagher](#)

[Rep. Don Hill](#)

[Rep. Kevin Jones](#)

[Rep. Nancy Lusk](#)

[Rep. Les Osterman](#)



Applications Closing Soon!

We would like to share an opportunity to start an oral health coalition in your community in partnership with Oral Health Kansas. For more information, [visit our website!](#) This application closes February 20th.



Oral Health Kansas is seeking candidates for a new full-time staff person to lead our community oral health coalition program throughout the state. For more information [visit our website!](#) The application is due February 18th.

Join In: WWU Survey

We will be closing the WWU survey next Wednesday, February 18! Over 1,100 supporters receive Oral Health Kansas' [Weekly Wednesday Update](#). Each year we ask your feedback about the Weekly Wednesday update. Your responses will help us fine tune our communication as we all work to improve oral health for all Kansans.

[Give your feedback here in this short survey!](#)

[Rep. Kent Thompson](#)
[Sen. Marci Francisco](#)



Check out our [2015 public policy priorities!](#)

Join In: Cover Kansas Spanish Facebook Chat

With health insurance marketplace open enrollment closing this Sunday, February 15, Cover Kansas is hosting a Spanish Facebook chat to answer questions regarding medical insurance. **This chat session will take place at 7 pm tonight**, and people can ask questions by using the hashtag #CoverKansas in the message.

If you would like a complete list of locations where navigators will be in the upcoming days, [click here!](#) Check out the [Cover Kansas Facebook page](#) for more information!



New survey finds kids' oral health doesn't make



Traveling Sugary Drink Display

Don't forget to reserve our traveling sugary drink display for your event! Our display shows how much sugar is in a variety of your favorite drinks, emphasizing which drinks are good and bad for you.



This display is completely free, and return shipping costs are reimbursed by Oral Health Kansas. Learn more [on our website](#) and [email Sarah](#) if you are interested in hosting the display!

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Delta Dental Press Release

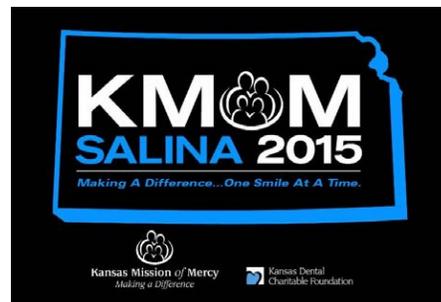
Only 28 percent of American parents would give their kids an "A" grade for oral health, according to a new survey of more than 1,300 parents released today by Delta Dental in conjunction with National Children's Dental Health Month. In fact, nearly nine of 10 parents (86 percent) say their children's oral health isn't as good as it could be.

A majority of parents (51 percent) think that oral care habits - rather than genetics or what their kids eat - are most responsible for their children's oral health. Yet, almost one-third of children don't brush twice daily, and 61 percent of children don't floss daily.

"A child's dental health is set in motion from a very young age. Tooth decay can develop any time after the first tooth comes in, starting around 6 months old, and good oral health habits should begin even earlier," says Dr. Bill Kohn, DDS, Delta Dental Plans Association's vice president of dental science and policy.

Follow all the KMOM action this weekend

This Friday and Saturday, the Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation will host the annual Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM) in Salina at the Bicentennial Center. Over 1000 people are expected to seek dental care over the weekend, and volunteers from across the state will be on hand to meet the needs.



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Keep up with all the news throughout KMOM on the **[Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation's website](#)** or on **[social media](#)**. Information for both patients and volunteers will be available.

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