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Congrats to Amy Seery, Class VII! She has been appointed Chapter Oral Health Advocate for the American Academy of Pediatrics. Chapter Oral Health Advocates work within their chapter and community on pediatric oral health support and promotion.

## Dental Services Provided For 1,150 Patients

The 2018 Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM) was held in Hutchinson on February 9 and 10. [The Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation](#) reports volunteer dental professionals provided 1,150 patients with a total of \$1,396,068 in donated services including 3,345 tooth extractions and 1,175 fillings for an average of \$1,200 per patient.

OHK staff volunteered and were able to capture nearly 500 exit surveys with patients as they were wrapping up their services.





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## 2018 Annual Insurance Update

The Kansas Health Institute (KHI) has released its Annual Insurance Update 2018: Health Insurance in Kansas. This publication reports the latest-available data describing insurance coverage in Kansas.

This report uses data from the 2009 through 2016 U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) Public Use Microdata Samples (PUMS) as the primary data source.

Download the report [here](#) and learn more!



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## Sugary Drink Display

We couldn't keep our sugary drink displays on the shelf! This month they have been all over the state from Kansas City all the way to Grinnell!

The sugary drink display has 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. We



We will keep you posted on 2019 KMOM!

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## Big Love for Little Teeth

Baby teeth are just like babies....we have to take care of them as they grow! Not only do baby teeth help your baby chew food, those teeth hold a space for when permanent teeth come in. It's important for the child not to lose a tooth too early.

When do you start taking your child to the dentist? After the first tooth comes in and no later than the first birthday!

also include some of our [Tips and Tricks](#) fact sheets and brush your teeth mirror clings! The display is free to use for up to a month, and we reimburse postage! Use a sugary drink display in your office, school, health fair, school camps and more!



Send your reservation request ahead of time to ensure you will have one on hold! [Email us!](#)



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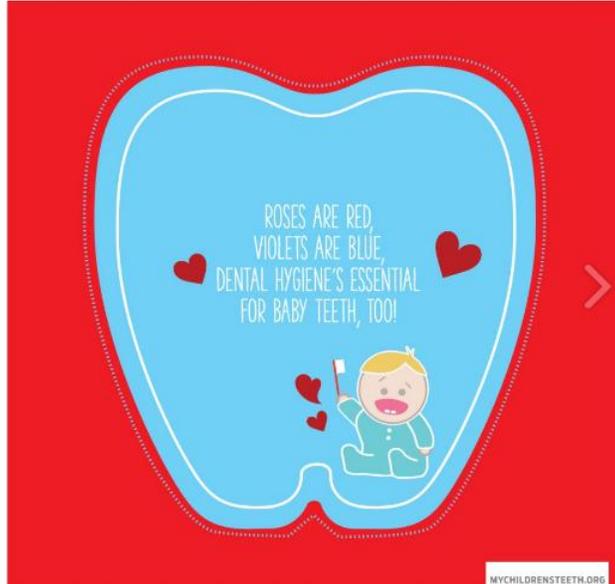
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Is it safe for you to clean your child's teeth so early? Yes, use a soft, moist washcloth and wipe the gums. For children younger than three, start brushing with fluoride toothpaste as soon as they begin to come in. Use just a smear or the size of a grain of salt with a child size toothbrush.

For more information on taking care of your child's baby teeth, visit: <http://mouthmonsters.mychildrensteeth.org/>.

[Here](#) are some Valentine's to print off and have your child color. Cut them out and put them around your house and read them to your child as a reminder for a healthy mouth!

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