WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

The Weekly Wednesday Update is our newsletter which we email every Wednesday with oral health, health and policy updates from around the state and nationally.

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Promote Children's Dental Health Month In Your Community

February is Children's Dental Health Month! Oral Health Kansas has partnered with KDHE Bureau of Family Health to help their partners celebrate Children's Dental Health Month! We have created a fun and interactive oral health poster, "What's in Your
Mouth?” and hidden picture puzzle handout for clinics to post at their locations. This campaign's intent is to build awareness that oral health is a crucial part of overall health and wellness in young children. By focusing on oral health during early childhood, families learn healthy habits that reduce the risk of cavities and other preventable chronic conditions throughout life.

During the month of February, we will be providing resources through email blasts, Facebook and Twitter. Feel free to share the information or share your own resources on social media!

Save The Date: Twitter Storm February 13

In honor of Children’s Dental Health Month, Oral Health Kansas will be hosting a Twitter Storm on Wednesday, February 13 at 10:00 am CST. If you're new to Twitter, a Twitter Storm is a sudden spike in activity surrounding a certain topic, such as Children’s Dental Health Month. It is a great way to increase awareness on social media and engage people outside of our networks. Watch your emails for more information and sample tweets! Make sure you follow us on Twitter @OralHealth_KS!

NEW Resource: Bi-Weekly Updates From The Capitol!

Want updates on what’s happening at the Capitol? Join Oral Health Kansas every other Friday throughout the legislative session for our NEW Advocacy Update Calls! These quick 30 minute calls over the lunch hour will talk briefly about bills and hearings in the Capitol from the past two weeks and provide a space for your questions. This week will cover medicaid expansion, dental therapists, and more! You won't want to miss this great new resource!

Sign up here!
Public Health Champion Awards In Shawnee County

The Shawnee County Health Department is issuing a Call for Nominations for the 2019 Public Health Champion Awards. The 2019 Public Health Champion Awards will recognize one individual and one organization who has made outstanding contributions to our community by championing and leading equitable opportunities for health across the Topeka/Shawnee County community. To be eligible for nomination, an individual or organization must be a resident of Shawnee County. Current employees of the Shawnee County Health Department are not eligible.

Click here for more information.

Tobacco 21 In Kansas: Local Efforts to Regulate Age of Smokers, Vapers in Kansas

On February 27, the Kansas Health Institute will be hosting a discussion with various panelists from Kansas communities. This will be an interesting and informative discussion on tobacco policy in Kansas. Keynote speaker Mark Meaney, J.D., M.A., is Lead Senior Staff Attorney for Technical Assistance at the Tobacco Legal Control Consortium, a program of the Public Health Law Center and will discuss what he has learned leading a team providing technical assistance to communities around the country on tobacco control policy.

The event is from 10:45 AM - 4:30 PM at the Kansas Health Institute, 212 SW 8th Ave, First Floor, Topeka, KS 66603.

Registration deadline is February 21. Click here to register.

Give Kids A Smile in February

Concorde Career Institute, 3217 Broadway St., Kansas City, Missouri, will have a Give Kids a Smile event. Give Kids a Smile is an event to provide FREE dental hygiene services to local children (ages 1-18) from under-served families.
Dental services include: Comprehensive exam by a dentist, dental cleaning X-rays and fluoride treatments

Call 816-595-2079 for more info and click here!

Late last week we learned that Oral Health America (OHA) ceased operations. OHA had been a partner for Oral Health Kansas for many years, especially in the area of older adults and Medicare advocacy. In fact, a report card issued by Oral Health America was one of the catalysts for starting our organization over 15 years ago.

We are sorry to lose them as a partner and as a leader in oral health policy. Read about their decision to close at this site.

Reserve A Sugary Drink Display For March
Our Sugary Drink Display is so popular the month of February is BOOKED! Make your March reservation now!

What is a Sugary Drink Display? It's our drink display that has 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. You can reserve a child drink display or an adult drink display for a month. Spots fill up quickly! We will do our best to fulfill requests of less than 30 days but there is no guarantee.

Interested in purchasing a Sugary Drink Display? Great, email us at info@oralhealthkansas.org and we'll send you more info!