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On January 26 and 27, Dental Champions Class 8 gathered in Topeka. Dental Champions learned about advocacy and state government, rural water districts across Kansas, intersections of county and city laws, plus administrative initiative processes at the municipal level. This background information provided context to help understand how different entities and institutions share responsibility surrounding water

Announcing Oral Health Kansas 2017 conference!

Put it on your calendars now! We are excited to announce the 2017 annual conference will be on **November 2 and 3, 2017** in Olathe, Kansas. This year's conference will be held at the KState Olathe building, 22201 W. Innovation Dr. Olathe, KS 66061. For those of you who attended our 2015 conference, this is the same, beautiful location!



We will keep you posted with more details to come!

use in addition to how fluoridation happens in different communities.

The members were also able to take a tour of the Topeka Water Treatment Plant.

Visit our website for a [list](#) of Dental Champions Class 8.



Data shows sugar consumption in the US

According to [data](#) from 2011-2014 National Health Nutrition and Examination Surveys (NHANES), half of adults and two-thirds of kids drink at least one sugar-sweetened beverage per day, according to the report findings. On average, 7% daily calories comes from sugar-sweetened beverages. Among U.S. youth aged 2-19 years, 64.5% of boys and 61.3% of girls consumed at least one sugar-sweetened beverage on a given day during 2011-2014.

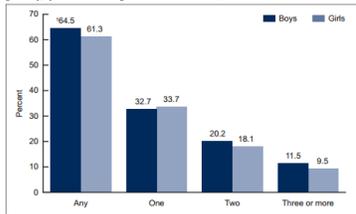
Committee allows three days for KanCare expansion hearings

This week, House Committee on Health and Human Services listened to testimony from opponents, neutral and proponents to [House Bill 2064](#). This bill, also known as the KanCare Bridge to a Healthy Kansas program, will promote and administer the program to potentially eligible individuals who are medically underserved in Kansas. Oral Health Kansas provided [written testimony](#) in support of HB 2064. When eligibility for KanCare is expanded, at least 150,000 low-income adults will have access to the preventive dental services offered by the KanCare contractors.

The [Kansas Health Institute reported](#) the latest-available data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (2015) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services about 41,000 children and 222,000 adults are uninsured in Kansas, though many are already eligible for Medicaid or subsidies to purchase health insurance on the marketplace.

Today, hundreds of advocates gathered at the Capitol to share their support before the 1:30pm proponents hearing. The [Alliance for a Healthy Kansas](#) reported about 160 organizations and individuals submitted testimony.

Figure 1. Percentage of youth aged 2–19 years who consumed sugar-sweetened beverages on a given day, by number of beverages and sex: United States, 2011–2014

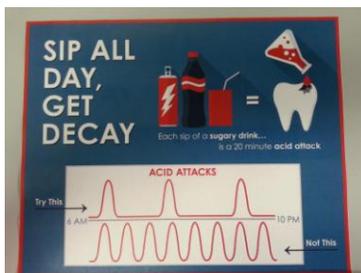


*Significantly different from girls, $p < 0.05$.
 NOTES: The percentage of U.S. youth who consumed one sugar-sweetened beverage or more on a given day was 62.9%. Access data table for Figure 1 at <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/behaviors/2011-2014.pdf>.
 SOURCE: NCHS, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 2011–2014.

Reserve a sugary drink display now!

Our sugary drink display is so popular, all of our February slots are booked! Don't wait to reserve yours for the upcoming months. We have a limited amount of drink displays therefore reserving yours ahead of time is crucial for a guaranteed slot. [Sign up now!](#)

Our sugary drink display contains 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. The display is free to use, up to a month and we reimburse postage.



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OHK featured in Kansas Child magazine

Oral Health Kansas is pleased to collaborate with Child Care Aware of Kansas in producing the winter edition of Kansas Child magazine. The edition of this magazine is focused upon sharing insights and best practices in promoting the optimal oral health of our youngest Kansan and provide resources and information for families.

Highlights included: a feature article on brushing teeth in child care settings, activities from two of our local community coalitions, the value of fluoride, and the benefits of drinking water.

The magazine will now be distributed to thousands of early childhood professionals, hundreds of Kansas libraries, and dozens of institutions of higher education. If you would like a copy of the Kansas Child Magazine, [email us!](#) We have a limited amount of copies.

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