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**ORAL HEALTH KANSAS**  
*Weekly Wednesday Update*

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To improve oral health  
in Kansas through  
advocacy,  
public awareness  
and education.*

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## February is Children's Dental Health Month

February is Children's Dental Health Month and Oral Health Kansas wants to help spread the word about the importance of oral health in children. Developing good habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits helps children get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums. Whether you're a member of the dental team, a teacher or a parent, The [American Dental Association](#) has a packet of games, puzzles, coloring sheets and a smile calendar. [CLICK HERE](#) to print out the collection and grab your markers! You'll be on the road to a healthy smile in no time.

**To learn more and to find exciting activities for Children's Dental Health Month visit the following links from Oral Health Kansas [HERE](#) or [HERE](#).**

## Kansans Support Medicaid Expansion

This week the Kansas Hospital Association released a new statewide poll that shows two-thirds of Kansans support Medicaid expansion. States have the option of expanding the Medicaid program next year under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The ACA allows states to expand Medicaid eligibility to low-income adults without children. Medicaid currently does

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And be sure to share with your friends.

## Dental Champions Corner

### Class 6 Application Deadline Extended!

Oral Health Kansas has extended the deadline to apply for the 6th Dental Champions Leadership Program class to February 28.

Applicants will be notified by March 15 of their acceptance in the class. The session schedule remains the same.

To learn more about Dental Champions Class

not cover this population, but would be covered under Medicaid expansion. The federal government would pay for 90% of the cost of services for this expansion population.

The Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) poll showed that Kansans support Medicaid expansion for the following reasons: 1) covering individuals with an income up to 138% of the federal poverty level, 2) bringing additional federal funds to Kansas, or 3) preventing Kansas tax dollars from going to other states.

"Most people know someone who is uninsured in our state, so we're not surprised that people are supportive of expanding health coverage," said Tom Bell, president and chief executive officer of the KHA. "Community hospitals feel Kansas should thoughtfully consider using Medicaid expansion as an opportunity to build upon and improve our current Medicaid program, KanCare." Details about the KHA poll are available in this [press release](#).

In recent days, Florida, Michigan, Arizona, Ohio and Virginia have decided to expand their Medicaid programs. They join a rising number of states that have already made the decision to expand their Medicaid programs. Kansas Governor Sam Brownback has not yet made a decision on whether to expand our state's Medicaid program. If he decides to expand, up to 75,000 low-income Kansas adults would become eligible for Medicaid. Most, if not all, of them are currently uninsured. Medicaid expansion would mean the newly eligible adults would gain access to the preventive dental benefit now available in Medicaid in Kansas.

Also this week, the House Appropriations Committee sent a resolution to the full House for consideration that indicates the Legislature's intent is to not expand Medicaid in Kansas.

## Dentist Hired for UMMAM Dental Clinic in Dodge City

United Methodist Mexican American Ministries (UMMAM) has hired David Andersen, DDS, to staff their Dodge City Dental Clinic, located at 2011 Central Avenue.

Dr. Andersen is a 2001 graduate of the University of Northern Colorado and he graduated from the University Of Colorado School Of Dentistry in 2005. He began his dental career in Greeley, Colorado.

Dr. Andersen is married and has three children. As a family, they enjoy camping, being outside, arts and crafts and church activities "My favorite part of dentistry is helping people get rid

6 and apply, please visit the Oral Health Kansas [website](#).

We are pleased to announce that the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation has joined the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund as a funder for Class 6.

Without the support of these two funding partners, the Dental Champions Leadership Program would not be possible. Thank you to our generous sponsors!



## Weekly Wednesday Update Survey

Oral Health Kansas has been sharing regular updates through our Weekly Wednesday Updates. We hope you have found these to be valuable.

We would like to have your input as we plan our update topics for 2013.

Please take just a few moments to respond to a brief survey at [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com)

If you encounter any trouble with the survey,

of pain and discomfort." Dr. Andersen says, "We are looking forward to being a part of the community and I'm really looking forward to meeting my new patients!"



With the addition of Dr. Andersen to the UMMAM team, new hours for the Dodge City Dental Clinic began February 19, 2013. The dental clinic will be open Tuesday - Friday, 7am - 6pm.

UMMAM's Dodge City Dental Clinic will offer typical dental services such as cleanings, extractions, fillings, sealants, dentures and other services. The clinic accepts all patients, including those that are uninsured. All insurances, as well as Medicare and KanCare (formerly Medicaid and HealthWave) are also accepted. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call (620)227-9797.

The public is invited to a ribbon cutting and grand re-opening of the clinic, to be held March 6, 2013 at 10am at the clinic. For more information about the ribbon cutting, contact Diana Kirk at (620)275-1766 or email [dkirk@ummam.org](mailto:dkirk@ummam.org)

United Methodist Mexican American Ministries is a faith based, non-profit 501(c)(3) that provides medical, dental, and social services and education to everyone.

## KMOM 2013

The Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation's Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM) free dental project will take place this Friday and Saturday, March 1-2 at the Kansas Coliseum Pavilion II. This will also mark the 10-year anniversary of the project, which seeks to make a difference one smile at a time.

Since its inception, 6,546 Kansas Mission of Mercy volunteers have helped to provide 21,317 patients with more than \$11 million in dental care they could not otherwise afford. This care includes urgent dental needs such as extractions, fillings, oral surgery and dental hygiene for both children and adults.

please let us know.

## Traveling Drink Display

Currently the OHK traveling library drink displays are on display at the [West Wyandotte Library](#) and the [Corinth Branch Library](#) in Johnson County.

If you are interested in having the drink display on display in your area, send an email to [Julie](#).



## Did You Know???

Finding and treating dental problems at an early stage can save time, money and unnecessary discomfort. If you have a hidden tumor, x-rays may even help save your life.

[Delta Dental](#)

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## Job Opening

Turner House Children's Clinic is seeking a registered dental hygienist with a Kansas license and an Extended Care Permit I or II to provide school-based and in-clinic dental hygiene services. Turner House is a nonprofit pediatric primary care clinic dedicated to providing high quality health care as a Patient-Centered Medical Home to underserved and uninsured children in Kansas City, Kansas.

For more information [CLICK HERE](#)

## SAVE THE DATE!

Join us in November to celebrate Oral Health Kansas' 10th anniversary at the:

**2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference**  
Johnson County Community College  
November 7-8, 2013

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