



ORAL HEALTH KANSAS

ADVOCACY • PUBLIC AWARENESS • EDUCATION

Volume 9, Issue 12

March 14, 2018

In This Issue

[Faces of OHK](#)

[Sugary Drink Display](#)

[We want to hear from you about our WWU](#)

[Where does your county rank?](#)

[More than half of U.S. Latinos](#)



Senator Vicki Schmidt (R - Topeka) continues to be a champion for oral health in Kansas. In 2012, Senator Schmidt received the Bob Bethell Award for Outstanding Policy Maker from Oral Health Kansas and today her dental therapist compromise bill, SB 312, had a hearing in the House Health and Human Services Committee.

Thank you to Senator Schmidt

We Want To Hear From You About The WWU

Our Weekly Wednesday Update, or as we know it, "WWU", has been emailed to supporters, advocates and partners like you for almost 8 years!

We want to know if we are providing you with the information you want to read and learn! Please take a few minutes to answer our [short survey](#) and let us know what you think about the WWU. Your answers are anonymous!



for drafting and championing this bill and for her consistent support to increase access to oral health care for Kansas.



Sugary Drink Display

What is a Sugary Drink Display? It's our drink display that has 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. We 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! Need it for just a one day event? That's ok too! We have people reserve the drink display for health fairs and even parent teacher conferences.

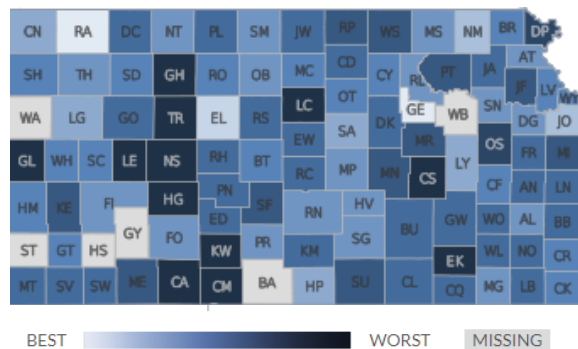


Send your reservation request ahead of time to ensure you will have one on hold! [Fill out this form](#) and we'll get back with you!

Where Does Your County Rank?

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute (UWPHI) released the ninth annual [County Health Rankings](#). The five healthiest counties in Kansas, starting with most healthy, are Johnson County, followed by Wabaunsee County, Riley County, Nemaha County, and Pottawatomie County.

Below is a [map](#) showing ratio of population to dentists. Dentists are measured as the ratio of the county population to total dentists in the county.



Health factors and outcomes can differ by age, gender, race, ethnicity, ability, and sexual orientation among many other characteristics. Differences in counties can also vary. The health rankings is a way for communities to begin to explore how to make their populations healthier.

On March 27, 3:00 PM EDT, there will be a webinar explaining how to use the data from the report. [Register here!](#)



ORAL HEALTH KANSAS

800 SW Jackson, Suite 1120
Topeka, Kansas 66612
785-235-6039

info@oralhealthkansas.org

[Donate Now](#)

[Like us on Facebook](#)

[Follow us on twitter](#)

[FOLLOW US ON *Pinterest*](#)

[View our videos on YouTube](#)

[View on Instagram](#)

More Than Half Of U.S. Latinos Have Experienced Poor Oral Health-Related Quality Of Life

A [recent study](#) included about 13,000 survey respondents with varying backgrounds. More than half of respondents experienced poor oral health-related quality of life in one form or another. About half reported orofacial pain within the past year, and another 38% had moderate to severe periodontal disease. The study might not be representative of migrant workers.

It's important for professionals to educate themselves on cultural competency and be mindful of the uniqueness of Hispanic families and their culture. Learning and understanding the obstacles of the families will help reach families.



Oral Health Kansas, 800 SW Jackson, Suite 1120, Topeka, KS 66612
info@oralhealthkansas.org