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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!



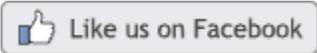


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More Than Half Of U.S. Latinos Have Experienced Poor Oral Health-Related Quality Of Life

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.



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