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Dental Champions Corner

Meet Dental Champions Class Seven! We are proud to work with such a diverse and inspiring class on improving community water fluoridation in Kansas. Check out their stories and photos [on our website](#).



Thank you volunteers!

This week is National Volunteer Week! We would like to thank our board, the growing group of Dental Champions, and all of those who

U.S. Senate Votes to Extend CHIP

Last night, the U.S. Senate passed a bipartisan bill extending the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and also fixed how physicians are paid in Medicare. President Obama is set to sign the bill soon.

This two year extension is an important statement by Congress that kids' health coverage should be affordable and stable for families. This is one step in the right direction, but many believe that two years is not long enough to address many of the complex issues concerning affordable dental care for children who may ultimately move into Marketplace coverage. Read more about this in the most recent [blog post](#) from the Children's Dental Health Project.

Email [Senator Moran](#) and [Senator Roberts](#) to thank them for helping extend CHIP coverage!

we work with across the state of Kansas. Your help is vital to our organization, we could not do this without all of you!



Special Enrollment Period Still Open

Happy Tax Day! The special enrollment period for tax season ends April 30th.

Kansans who want to find a Navigator or other assister in their area can visit www.insureks.org. These Cover Kansas Navigators have completed training with CMS, passed background checks and are available at trusted community organizations around our state.

Check out [this flyer from Cover Kansas](#) for more information and to see who is eligible for this enrollment period.

Join In: WSU Dental Day

Wichita State University Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program is hosting a Dental Day



This Month: Oral Cancer Awareness Month

This month is Oral Cancer Awareness Month. While smoking and tobacco use are still major risk factors for oral cancer, the fastest growing segment of oral cancer patients is young, healthy, nonsmoking individuals due to the connection to the HPV virus.

Oral Health Kansas has teamed up with the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care (KFMC) to promote HPV vaccination in the preteen population. KFMC has developed many important tools to teach parents and preteens about the HPV virus and its vital vaccination.

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for students interested in a career in dentistry. Dental Day is a great opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience in the field of dentistry and dental hygiene. This camp is geared toward high school students interested in the field of dentistry, including dental hygiene and dental assisting.

This program will be held Friday, June 26, and registration closes June 1st or until all spots are filled. Find out more about this opportunity at the [Dental Day website!](#)



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Traveling Sugary Drink Display

Reserve our traveling sugary drink display for your event! Our display shows how much sugar is in a variety of your favorite drinks, emphasizing which drinks are good and bad for you. A few recent display locations include Reno County Head Start, All Smiles Dental Care in Minneapolis, Harper Public Library, and Southeast Kansas Multi-County Health Departments.



This display is completely free, and return shipping costs are reimbursed by Oral Health Kansas. Learn more [on our website](#) and [email Sarah](#) if you are interested in hosting the display!

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