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

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Job Opening!

The Bureau of Oral Health is currently accepting applications

SAVE THE DATE

Make plans to attend the 2012 Oral Health Kansas Annual Conference September 13-14, 2012 at the [Hotel at Old Town](#) in Wichita, KS.

The Conference will feature a special reception with the new Big Mouth exhibit at [Exploration Place](#) sponsored by [Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation](#).



Dental Benefits as "Value-Added" Services in Medicaid

In February five managed care companies submitted bids to provide Medicaid services through the new KanCare program. Through KanCare, the Kansas Medicaid program is scheduled to move all of its services to a managed care environment in 2013. Later this year three of the five bidding companies will be awarded contracts to provide Medicaid services. As a part of the bidding

for a full time Program Consultant II located in Topeka. This position will provide support to the Children's Oral Health Initiative (School Screening, School Sealants and Dental Camp) and help us promote community water fluoridation.

Minimum job requirements are one year of program planning, implementation and monitoring experience or one year of clinical dental professional work (DDS, RDH or assisting). College degree is preferred.

For more information about this job opening [CLICK HERE](#) Req number: 171328 to view the job posting and complete the online application process.

If you have any questions please call the Bureau at (785) 296-5116.

Did You Know???

Over 3 million reports of child abuse are documented each year, but less than one percent of reports are filed by dental professionals.

[\(Delta Dental of Kansas PANDA Program\)](#)

process, the managed care companies were allowed to include "value-added" benefits. Such "value-added" services can offer Medicaid enrollees services outside the current Medicaid benefits in order to help maintain their overall health.

During the bidding process Oral Health Kansas spoke with some of the companies interested in providing Medicaid services in Kansas, urging them to include dental benefits for adults as a way to help them maintain their overall health and save money on their health care costs. Earlier this month a [letter](#) was sent to the administration urging them to consider selecting managed care companies that included dental benefits for adults. A core principle of the KanCare program is to promote overall or whole-person health, and we believe oral health is integral to that principle.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and create strong communities to support children and families. Child abuse is any mistreatment or neglect of a child that results in harm or injury. Neglect can be just as harmful as abuse. Neglect is defined as the failure of a parent or guardian or other caregiver to provide for a child's basic needs.



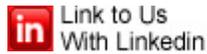
If you suspect Child Abuse and or Neglect contact the Kansas Protection Report Center at 800.922.5330

For a FREE poster created by Oral Health Kansas to raise awareness of child abuse and neglect [CLICK HERE](#)

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