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## 16th Kansas Mission of Mercy location announced

The [Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation](#) has announced the 2017 location for the Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM). The location has been set for Manhattan, Kansas, at the National Guard Armory on January 27-28, 2017. As more information is available, we will continue to update you.



## Oral Health America release new State of Decay report

Yesterday, [Oral Health America](#) (OHA) released the [State of Decay, Volume III](#). OHA ranked each of the 50 states based on the overall status of their older adult population as measured by an overall state score. The final evaluations for all 50 states revealed that 76% or 38 states earned a Composite Score of Fair (22%) or Poor (54%). Ten states received a Composite Score of Good. Only two states, Minnesota and North Dakota, earned a Composite Score of Excellent, with a 100% and 96% rating respectively.

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## Does a toothbrush tell a story?

[Dollar Street](#) is an online gallery of photos with every day objects. The project manager, Anna Rosling-Rönnlund, uses these photos from over 200 households, to understand every day living. In this [article](#), you see images such as a woman's finger. She uses her finger as her toothbrush and the mud from her hut, as her toothpaste. Another family, explains that the one toothbrush in their house, is the household toothbrush in which every member uses it. These and other stories show the story behind the toothbrush.



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## What do you want to know?

We're improving as we go! If you have any suggestions for our newsletter or if there is a topic you are interested in, [email us](#) with your thoughts!

## Infographic: Older Adults Face Barriers to Care



Click [here](#) to view this infographic

As more and more people turn 65, the urgency to address their oral health needs is crucial. By 2030, more than 19% of the U.S. population will turn 65. This population is on a limited income and goes with their dental needs unmet, limited access to dental insurance and the availability of affordable dental services, these older Americans are more prone to periodontal disease, oral cancer and other infections. We need to keep these people as well as others, out of the emergency rooms for their dental needs.

Visit the [Wisdom Tooth Project](#) to find out more information on how to help older adults.





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### **New Resource: Oral Health Integration Toolkit**

The Virginia Oral Health Coalition (VaOHC) has put together a new resource for health providers who are interested in oral health integration: the [Integration Toolkit](#). The toolkit is hosted on VaOHC website and is [accessible from their homepage](#).

The Integration Toolkit is an online resource that walks you through key steps of integration, from identifying your patients' major health care needs to analyzing financial models, and more. The toolkit includes:

- Sample oral health integration models;
- Prompt questions to consider with your team;
- An integration checklist; and,
- Many resources you can download and use today.

VaOHC developed the Integration Toolkit with grant

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### **Save the date!**

Great news! Oral Health Kansas' annual conference will be held on **November 3, 4 and 5, 2016**. The conference will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas. Save these dates and stay tuned for more information!



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### **Medicaid expansion participants seek health care**

According to the [Kansas Health Institute](#), (KHI) a recent [study](#) showed people who enrolled in Medicaid were more likely to seek health care and were more likely to visit their physician and detect chronic illnesses in time. Using data from a large, national survey of more than 40,000 low-income adults,

funding from the Richmond Memorial Health Foundation, in partnership with The Daily Planet and Community Health Solutions. For questions and feedback about the toolkit, or to submit additional resources, please contact Sarah Bedard Holland at 804.269.8721 or [sholland@vaoralhealth.org](mailto:sholland@vaoralhealth.org).

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## Sugary Drink Display

School is almost out. But that doesn't mean teaching comes to an end! Reserve a sugary drink display for your home, event or work place. This is a great time to remind kids that while they're home for the summer, they should watch what they drink!

Shipping costs are reimbursed when you return it to us. [Email us](#) to reserve a spot!



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researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles, and the University of Michigan examined what they said were a broader array of outcomes than were included in previous Medicaid expansion studies.

Researchers were unable to detect if there was an increase in a healthier population because of Medicaid expansion. It is too early to know if this was the case. Most people did not use their coverage as soon as they enrolled, having had only about eight months experience with the coverage and they also did not perceive themselves as being healthier.

Among the study's findings:

- The share of respondents who said they saw or talked to a doctor increased from 58 percent before expansion to nearly 68 percent after expansion. There was virtually no change in states that did not expand.
- Those who said they were diagnosed with diabetes rose from 8.3 percent before expansion to nearly 13 percent after expansion. In non-expansion states, the diabetes diagnosis dropped slightly.
- Those who said they had no usual source of care due to costs fell from 13.3 percent pre-expansion to 6.6 percent after expansion. This number dropped only marginally in non-expansion states

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Their study sample, drawn from the U.S. National Health Interview Study, included adults ages 19 to 64 in low-income families.



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## **Webinar: The View is Worth the Climb: Health-Sector Leadership Strategies to Address Social Determinants**

[Dialogue 4 Health](#) is having a free webinar. This is a Community Prevention and Multi-Sector Stakeholder Web Forum Series. The conversation will focus on specific ways healthcare organizations are joining communities where health inequities are concentrated to address the social determinants of health.

When: Wednesday, May 11  
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM Pacific  
2:30 PM to 4:00 PM Eastern

Click [here](#) to register!

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