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On Monday, April 24, OHK Community Coalitions Coordinator Doug Bowman presented a round table at the National Oral Health Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Doug shared the story of the Brush Book Bed program implemented by the Shawnee County Oral Health Coalition. For the past year, the coalition has worked with low-income families to learn how to create a bedtime routine for their children that includes

Last week for community forums in April

What an adventure to have been able to visit cities in Kansas and meet all of you! Our [oral health community forums](#) this month have been very informative. They have allowed us to hear about the issues in communities that we were not aware of. We also learned about systems that have been working! With this information, we can continue to work on improving the oral health for Kansans!

Our next two community forums will be:

- **6pm, Thursday, April 27-Garden City**, St. Catherine's Hospital - 401 East Spruce St.
- **1pm, Friday, April 28-EI Dorado** -EI Dorado Chamber of Commerce - 201 E. Central Ave.

It's not too late to RSVP!

To RSVP, contact Doug Bowman at 785-235-6039 or

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brushing their teeth and reading a book. Advocates from across the country learned about we are implementing this model that was developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics.



Oral health to be featured on K-State radio program

This Sunday, April 30, Kansas Public Radio will air the radio program "Perspective" that is hosted by Richard Baker and produced by Kansas State University. April 30th's episode will be about oral health issues, and it will air on KPR 2 at 6:30 am. Listen to KPR 2 by visiting Kansas Public Radio's website and clicking on KPR at the top of the page.

"Perspective" is a weekly public affairs program hosted by K-State Assistant Professor Richard Baker, who teaches agricultural business communications. He also is the News Director for the K-State Radio Network.

KPR link:
www.kansaspublicradio.org

Perspectives link:
<https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/news/radio-network/perspective.html>



Community Forums in April

We would like to hear about the oral health challenges and opportunities you face.

You also will hear about the current oral health policy activity at the state level.

Oral Health Kansas will feature several resources we have to offer, including education and advocacy tools, as well as the work of local oral health coalitions in several communities.

Please join the conversation about the importance of oral health for all Kansans!

Overland Park - Thursday, April 13 at 9am - Central Library - 9875 West 87th St.
Colby - Tuesday, April 18 at 2pm - Colby Community College Student Union, 1255 S. Range
Wichita - Wednesday, April 19 at 1pm - Central Library - 223 South Main St.
Topeka - Thursday, April 20 at 10am - Public Library - 1513 SW 10th Ave.
Garden City - Thursday, April 27 at 6pm - St. Catherine's Hospital - 401 East Spruce St.
El Dorado - Friday, April 28 at 1pm - El Dorado Chamber of Commerce - 201 E. Central Ave.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Doug Bowman at 785-235-6039
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****Southeast Kansas! We are in the process of coordinating a community forum in your area. Stay tuned for more information****

ANOHC Hosts 7th Annual Meeting

Oral Health Kansas staff took part in the seventh annual meeting of the American Network of Oral Health Coalitions (ANOHC) this week at the National Oral Health Conference in New Mexico. State coalition leaders from Hawaii to Maine took part in the meeting and networking opportunity. The ANOHC members were updated on the national policy landscape and advocacy opportunities by the DentaQuest Foundation's Patrick Finnerty, Association of State and Territorial Health Officers' Michael Fraser,

Seeking Policy Director!

OHK is seeking a full-time Policy Director. The position plays a lead role in promoting the Oral Health Kansas public policy priorities to legislators and other policymakers. The Policy Director also is responsible for managing the DentaQuest Foundation-funded "Kansas Oral Health Connections" grant project, including extensive stakeholder engagement activities. Experience with grant-writing and reporting is required. Previous experience working for a nonprofit organization is preferred.

For a [full job description](#), visit our website!

Applications received by April 25 will receive priority consideration.

Reserve a sugary drink display

April is almost over! If you tried reserving a sugary drink display and we were booked, it's important to reserve one before the slots are full! Reserve a sugary drink display even if it's just for a one day event! Reserving yours ahead of time is crucial. [Sign up now!](#)

Our sugary drink display contains 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. We also include some of our [Tips and Tricks handouts](#) and mirror clings! The display is free to use, up to a month and we reimburse postage!

and Families USA's Melissa Burroughs.

ANOHC member and Missouri Coalition for Oral Health's Executive Director Gary Harbison presented a round table about the role state coalitions play in advocating for Medicaid adult dental services. ANOHC members also hosted a popular exhibit sharing how people can get involved in their states' oral health coalitions.

ANOHC is a national network that supports and represents state oral health coalitions. Forty-six states currently have state coalitions. Oral Health Kansas is one of the founding members of the national network.



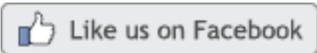


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Share your research ideas with NIH/NIDCR

The [National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research](#) is pleased to launch [NIDCR 2030](#), a strategic visioning initiative designed to advance dental, oral, and craniofacial research over the next 15 years. NIDCR invites you to join them in an online discussion about what it will take to reach a set of key thematic goals. Your ideas and comments will be used to plan future workshops and identify themes for potential funding opportunities. Visit [NIDCR 2030](#) to submit your research ideas and vote and comment on the ideas of others. The idea submission period ends May 19, 2017. All votes must be entered by June 2, 2017.



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