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2011-2012 Dental Champions Leadership Program

In 2005 Oral Health Kansas found a new way to have a meaningful impact on oral health policy and awareness through the Dental Champions Leadership Program. The purpose of the program is to create a broad, skilled, statewide network of people committed to improving oral health in the state. Class participants are given extensive training opportunities in personal and leadership skill development, and together they form a cadre of professionals whose skills benefit the coalition in various ways.

The Champions program is designed to build upon individual's extraordinary capacity for leadership. All class members are brought together with a diverse group of people to explore and enhance their ability to exercise leadership. The program is designed to provide class members with the vision-expanding and educational experiences that will inspire and equip them to be an even more effective catalyst for the improvement of oral health in Kansas.

There are multiple sessions as part of the Dental Champion Leadership Program, including a weeklong leadership class at the Kansas Leadership Center and participation in the Kansas Mission of Mercy. The fifth class began its yearlong leadership journey on April 22, 2011. The twenty-one members of the fifth class join the 69 Dental Champions who have gone before them.

The Dental Champions Leadership Program Coordinator is Mr. Ron Alexander, and the program is provided in cooperation with the Kansas Leadership Center. (www.kansasleadershipcenter.org)

The Dental Champions program is guided by the Dental Champions Advisory Board, which oversees program design and encourages alumni engagement after the program concludes. Each graduating class has elected representatives who will help to keep classmates engaged with Oral Health Kansas and the oral health issues going on within the state of Kansas.

For more information [**CLICK HERE**](#)

Oral Health Kansas is excited to announce our participation in The Champions Project - a mini-grant contest presented by Delta Dental of Kansas and the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation. We have been 'championed' by a team of DDKS employees who are promoting our cause, but we need your help too! In early May, the DDKS Foundation will award four \$2,500 grants to the organizations that receive the most votes. You can help us win one of these grants by [CLICKING HERE](#) where you can find out what we will do with the grant dollars if we win and vote for Oral Health Kansas! Remember, you can vote as many times

Help Oral Health Kansas Congratulate the 2011-2012 Class!

- Debbie Allen
- Sonja Armbruster
- Chip Blaser
- Julie Branstrom
- Linda Broyles
- Doreen Eyler
- Krista Hahn
- Francis Haik
- Dr. Glenn Hemberger
- Susan Hemberger
- Angie Holladay
- Daniel Lassley
- Shelley Matthews
- Lynette Murphy
- Jill Quigley
- Dr. Nicole Rogers
- Matthew Schrock
- Jon Stewart
- Dr. Ashley Swisher
- Kim Walker
- Elizabeth Wehlage

Dental Champions Leadership Program Class 5



2011 Conference Topics

Oral Health Kansas would like to hear from you, our supporters as to which topics you would be interested in seeing and attending at this year's joint conference with KAMU. Below are some topics that our conference planning committee has suggested, **please look over the list and simply reply to this email stating which of the topics below interest you and why.**

1. Local coalition activity
2. Promoting oral health in the community
3. Oral health for people who are aging
4. Oral health for people with autism

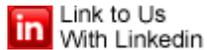
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vote is April
29th, voting
closes at 5pm!

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5. Oral health for people with disabilities
6. Link between periodontal disease and overall health
7. Dental outreach services
8. How to write/apply for a grant
9. State Health Exchange
(Affordable Care Act)
10. Advocacy and lobbying
11. Dental workforce

**If there is a topic you are interested in that is not on
this list, please let us know.**

If you have an idea, story or suggestion for a Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday
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