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Grants Provide Services to Children/Youth with Special Health Care Needs in Specialty Clinics

Kathy Trilli is a Registered Dental Hygienist with an Extended Care Permit providing parent education and oral health assessments at the Wichita Cerebral Palsy, Cleft Lip and Spinal Cord Specialty Clinics.

At the Cerebral Palsy clinic Kathy is primarily responsible for ensuring that families and caregivers of the child with cerebral palsy learn how to provide daily oral hygiene services and "teeth healthy" nutrition at home. While taking time to screen the child's teeth and mouth for tooth decay, chipped and broken teeth, gingivitis, dry mouth, sores, and signs of abuse, Kathy shows families how to look in their children's mouths for changes in tooth eruption and conditions that might be a concern. Families that need a dental home are given a list of dentists in their home communities that serve children with disabilities. The work completed at the Cerebral Palsy Specialty Clinic is funded by a grant from the Wrigley Jr Company.

Kansas Public Radio: Registered Dental Practitioner

Kansas Public Radio health reporter Bryan Thompson produced a story today about the proposed Registered Dental Practitioner (RDP). In 2011 bills were introduced in the House and Senate to create RDPs. The RDP bills, HB 2280 and SB 192, received hearings during the 2011 Legislative Session. No further action has been taken on the bills, but they remain alive for consideration in 2012.

The RDPs would be dental hygienists who receive an additional 18 months of training to provide certain dental services, such as fillings, extractions of baby teeth, and extractions of loose permanent teeth. RDPs would work under general or direct supervision of a dentist.

[Click here](#) to listen to the Kansas Public Radio story

Bureau of Oral Health 2012 Dental Professional Loan Re-Payment Program

Applications are now available for the 2012 Bureau of Oral Health Dental Professional Loan Re-payment program.

Eligible dentists and



In addition to serving at the Cerebral Palsy Specialty Clinic, Kathy works at the Spinal Cord Clinic and Cleft Lip Cleft Palate Clinic a few times a month. Kathy's work at these clinics includes focusing on the parents and caregivers, by providing oral hygiene information, instruction, answering questions, providing appropriate toothbrushes, mouth props, parent education materials, and screening. The work completed at the Spinal Cord and Cleft Lip Cleft Palate Clinics is funded by a grant from KDHE.

For more information about Kathy's work and the grant from Wrigley [CLICK HERE](#)

For more information about Kansas Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs program [CLICK HERE](#)

Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation Dental Camp

Dental Camp at Wichita State University's Advanced Education in General Dentistry is a FREE camp funded by Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation. The camp is a 3 day, 2 night summer camp June 13-15, 2012 that offers high school students hands on experience to explore a career in dentistry.

dental hygienists can receive up to \$30,000 to apply to their educational debt. Details of the program are attached to this email and also available [HERE](#).

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE 4/6/2012

Questions should be directed to [Dr. Weno](#) at the Bureau of Oral Health.

KDA and Delta Dental Launch Loan Repayment Program

The Kansas Dental Association and the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation announced the formation of KIND: The Kansas Initiative for New Dentists. Through the generosity of the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation, KIND will provide two \$50,000 grants to dental school graduates who set up practice in the "dental deserts" of the state. Applications for the KIND program will be accepted until May 15.

To learn more [CLICK HERE](#)

Did You Know???

The first toothbrush was used in India in 4000 BC, while the Babylonians in 3500 BC called their toothbrush a chewing stick.

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Activities during Dental Camp Include:

- * Hands-on experience
- * Creating a mold of your teeth
- * Get to use the latest dental tools
- * Shadow a dentist
- * Learn what it takes to enter a career in dentistry

For more information [CLICK HERE](#)

For an application [CLICK HERE](#)

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Make plans to attend the 2012 Oral Health Kansas Annual Conference!

The Conference will feature a special reception with the new Big Mouth exhibit at Exploration Place sponsored by Dental Dental of Kansas Foundation.

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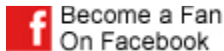
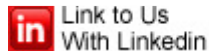
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