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Congratulations to Kelly Rippel, our Water Access Manager and [Dental Champions Class 8](#) for completing Leadership Greater Topeka. A graduation luncheon was held on May 9 with alumni and supporters.

Congratulations Kelly!

Kansans Seek Solutions for Unmet Oral Health Needs

Nearly 3 weeks ago, Mary Otto was in Kansas to share insight from her book [Teeth: The Story of Beauty Inequality and the Struggle for Oral Health in America](#) and also spoke of the current state of oral health policy in Kansas and the nation. [Oral Health America's 2018 State of Decay report](#) ranked Kansas 19th in the nation with an overall state composite score of 54% or an F.





Webinar: Opioid Use for Pain Management PA Overview

Sunflower is hosting a webinar for providers on May 22nd to share information about the new Kansas Department of Health and Environment State policy regarding opioid prescribing and prior authorizations.

For more information click [here](#).

Sugary Drink Display

What is a Sugary Drink Display? It's our drink display that has 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. We also include some of our [Tips and Tricks](#) fact sheets and brush your teeth mirror clings! The **display is free** to use for up to a month, and we reimburse postage!



Jim McLean (KHI) and Mary Otto

Panelists from Oral Health Kansas, Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, and KDHE Bureau of Oral Health all spoke to the oral health problems we see in Kansas, such as a lack of restorative care for adults on KanCare and a shrinking list of dental providers for this population. Thank you [Kansas Health Institute](#) for the release of the event recap that can be found [here](#).

Oral Health Coalition Driving Change for Shawnee County

The Shawnee County Oral Health Coalition held it's monthly meeting today. They discussed plans for a legislative candidate forum, set for July 17th at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library at 6:30 pm. The coalition is joining over twenty other organizations in co-hosting the event designed to educate both voters and candidates alike. For more information on the candidate forum contact [Doug](#) or call 785-235-6039.



The Coalition is very pleased with another successful year of the Brush,

Child drink display



Adult drink display

Send your reservation request ahead of time to ensure you will have one on hold! [Fill out this form](#) and we'll get back with you!



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Book, Bed (BBB) program. The program was delivered to families with young children across Topeka. If you are interested in implementing a BBB program or to become involved in the Shawnee County Oral Health Coalition, contact [Doug!](#)

Hear From the American Fluoridation Society at the Kansas School Sealant Meeting

KDHE Bureau of Oral Health and Kansas Oral Health Connections are hosting this year's Kansas School Sealant Meeting. Event speaker is Johnny Johnson, Jr, DMD, MS Pediatric Dentist CEO of the [American Fluoridation Society](#). The event will be Friday, August 10 at the Embassy Suites and Conference Center in Olathe.

You must RSVP by August 1 to Michelle.Mieses@ks.gov.

Kansas School Sealant Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2018

Embassy Suites and Conference Center
10401 S. Ridgeview Rd.
Olathe, KS

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

EVENT SPEAKER

Johnny Johnson, Jr., DMD, MS
Pediatric Dentist
Diplomate American Board of
Pediatric Dentistry
CEO American Fluoridation Society



Fluoridation—Less Cavities... why are we putting ourselves out of business?

CLINICAL PARTNERS PRESENTING:

Vibrant
Grace Med Health Clinic
Open Wide
Heartland Community Health Center
Douglas County Clinic
Health Partnership Clinic
Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas
Rawlins County Dental Clinic
E.C. Tyree Clinic

A room block is available at the Embassy Suites Kansas City/Olathe, reservation can be made at www.kansascityolathe.embassysuites.com, through Hilton Reservations at 800-EM-BASSY (362-2779) or the hotel directly at 913-353-9280. The three-letter code is KDH.



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