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OHK Staff Present at Pew Meeting

On May 15, Oral Health Kansas' Executive Director, Tanya Dorf Brunner, gave a presentation about water fluoridation at a Pew Campaign for Dental Health meeting in Washington, D.C. The meeting, *Investing in Prevention: Strategies for Advancing Oral Health*, was designed to share strategies to promote and protect water fluoridation across the country. Tanya shared the story of Kansas' success in preserving water fluoridation during the 2014 legislative session by defeating HB 2372. The bill would have required water departments to tell Kansans that water fluoridation lowers the IQ of children.



Dozens of advocates from across the country took part in the meeting, learning about successful campaign strategies and the latest in water fluoridation research. Learn more about water fluoridation in Kansas and the campaign to defeat HB 2372 on [the Fluoride in Kansas website](#).

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Dental Champions Corner

The Dental Champions Leadership Program enjoys a partnership with the [Kansas Leadership Center](#).

The KLC sees leadership as an activity rather than a position and teaches about the four core competencies of leadership: Diagnose Situation, Energize Others, Manage Self and Intervene Skillfully.

From time to time, we will discuss the KLC core competencies in the Dental Champions Corner.



See You May 30!

ADA Encourages Members to Support Student Loan Legislation

The American Dental Association has introduced a new legislative action page titled "Engage," which will serve as the



organization's main advocacy tool. On the Engage page, [which can be found here](#), the ADA asks that its members support the 2013 Student Loan Interest Deduction Act of 2013, which would "help ease the burden of student loan debt by significantly increasing the deduction allowed for student loan interest and making the deduction available to all regardless of income." Supporters can submit geographical information and send a pre-written letter to their member of Congress to help new dentists with the average \$215,000 debt incurred in dental school. To learn more, [click here](#).

Representative Crum to Retire



Representative David Crum, R, Augusta, announced that he is retiring from the state legislature and will not seek re-election. He served as the chair of the House Health and Human Services Committee. He worked with Oral Health Kansas on several issues during the 2014 session. We thank him for his service and wish him the best!

OHK Participates in Health Fair



The Bureau of Oral Health and Oral Health Kansas participated in the KDHE Health and Wellness Fair on the State Capitol grounds on Wednesday, May 21. Oral Health Kansas showcased their traveling sugary drink display at the booth. The display shows the amount of sugar in popular bottled

The Oral Health Planning Summit will take place at the Kansas Museum of History on May 30 from 9:00am - 3:00pm. If you haven't RSVPd yet, please [e-mail us here](#).

Save the Date...

The 2014 Oral Health Kansas Conference will be November 6-8 at Wichita State University. Please plan to attend. Details coming soon!

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drinks, such as soda, sports drinks, milk and juice.

The Health and Wellness Fair is an annual event. Mark your calendars early for the next one: May 13, 2015, 10 am to 1 pm.



Traveling Sugary Drink Display



Reserve our traveling Sugary Drink Display, like that seen in the story above, for your business or event! Displays are available from June onward and reservations are made for one month at a time. Return postage is covered by Oral Health

Kansas. [E-mail Caroline here](#) if you would like to make a reservation.

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