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*A New
Decade for
Oral Health:
THINK BIG*

**2010
Oral Health Kansas**

Kansas Oral Health Planning Summit

June 11, 2010
9:30am-4:00pm
Kansas Museum of History, Topeka, Kansas

The *Kansas Oral Health Plan for 2008-2010 expires at the end of this year. As a result of this first statewide oral health plan, Kansas has improved its infrastructure to provide dental services in safety net clinics, expanded the use of ECP Hygienists and developed a school oral health screening program.

In 2010 Oral Health Kansas and KDHE's Bureau of Oral Health will bring stakeholders together again to create a Kansas Oral Health Plan for 2011-2013. You are invited to be a part of this planning process on June 11.

Please RSVP to Oral Health Kansas by June 1 to be a part of the state's plan for oral health for all Kansans.

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* [Oral Health Plan Progress Report](#)

Dodge City Dental Clinic

A year ago members of the Rotary Club of Dodge City asked Oral Health Kansas to work with them to start an oral health coalition and

Conference

*December
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2010*

Capital Plaza Hotel

Topeka, Kansas

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work toward a safety-net dental clinic in their community. Since then OHK has worked with Rotary leaders Bill Hammond, Dr. Richard Stein, former State Representative Ethel Peterson, and many others to form an oral health coalition. New coalition members collaborated to identify the people and resources that would be needed to meet the dental needs of people who cannot afford care in the Dodge City area.

The Rotary Club planted the seed that has now grown into both the Dodge City Oral Health Coalition and the Oral Health Safety Net Clinic. In June a low-income safety-net dental clinic for families will open, with the help of a \$75,000 grant from United Methodist Health Ministry Fund (UMHMF) to cover expenses for the first two years of operation.

The Oral Health Safety Net Clinic, "will function as an aid to those southwest Kansans who are not able to access dental services they desperately need," said Ethel Peterson, a member of the Dodge City Oral Health Coalition that has worked toward the facility's opening.

One of the big hurdles to opening a safety-net clinic was finding a place to house the clinic. Plans are to use a former dentist's office in the basement of the Kansas Farmers Service Association office.

Many people and organizations are helping to make the Oral Health Safety Net Clinic in Dodge City a reality. Such supporters include: United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, United Methodist Mexican American Ministry, and dentists who have agreed to donate a day a month to provide services. Organizers are in the process of negotiation to get oral surgeons from Hays to come work at the clinic as well.

Oral Health Kansas congratulates the Rotary Club of Dodge City, Dodge City Oral Health Coalition, and everyone else involved in this unique project on their success.

To read more, following these links:

[Low-Income Dental Clinic To Open Soon In Dodge City](#)

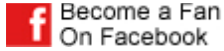
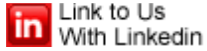
[Local partnership announces plans for dental clinic](#)

[Low-income dental clinic to open soon in Dodge City in southwest Kansas](#)

[Dental clinic nears the finish line](#)

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