Awards Grant to Oral Health Kansas

The DentaQuest Foundation has awarded an "Oral Health 2014" planning grant to Oral Health Kansas. Over the next year, Oral Health Kansas and our partners will develop a stakeholder planning process to strengthen the state's dental care delivery system and address financing models for dental care in Kansas. A diverse, state-level steering committee will select three communities in which to set up pilot projects to increase community-based dental care delivery. Rural/frontier communities will be selected, and the target communities will engage new and creative partners in facilitated community conversations to explore new service delivery approaches, including possibly building on the existing hub and spoke model. Each community will set up and begin a pilot project to accomplish one or more of the following: (1) set up dental clinics in hospitals or nursing homes; (2) purchase portable equipment and develop a series of clinics in the hospital, nursing home, schools, etc.; or (3) recruit Extended Care Permit (ECP) dental hygienists.

At the state level, the project steering committee will identify current barriers to full implementation of the current Kansas dental practice act and explore potential new models of
reimbursement. Such models may include a residence-based dental insurance policy for adults, insurance policies targeted at older adults who continue to live in the community, and allowing hospitals and nursing facilities to bill Medicaid for dental services. The project steering committee also will explore ways to streamline the ECP system to make it less cumbersome for dental hygienists to be able to provide ECP services.


ECP Continuing Education to be offered in November

Oral Health Kansas will offer a special continuing education session for Extended Care Permit dental hygienists and other dental professionals as a post-conference session on November 8, 2013. The Oral Health Kansas Conference on November 7-8 will present a variety of continuing education opportunities, and this year a special, in-depth session for ECP hygienists will be added to the agenda. ECP hygienists will have the chance to learn more about how to effectively serve people with disabilities during this session featuring Dr. Ray Lyons.

Save the date and watch for more details.

Traveling Sugary Beverage Display

Currently the Oral Health Kansas traveling library drink displays are on display at the Garden City Dental Clinic, GraceMed and the Salina-Saline County Health Department.
If you are interested in having the drink display on display in your area, send an email to Tanya.

**WSU Dental Day: June 15**

Come and spend a day in the dental/dental hygiene field. Dental Day is a great opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience in the field of dentistry and dental hygiene. We have many exciting events planned for the day including hands-on interactive experience in our state of the art dental clinic, and academic knowledge of dental terminology and the different fields of dentistry. This camp is geared towards High School Juniors and Seniors interested in pursuing an education in the field of dentistry. Lunch will be included for participants of the day.

- Program instruction by distinguished WSU faculty.
- Students will experience what it is like to drill on teeth.
- Create a mold of your teeth.
- Get to use the latest dental tools.
- Learn what it takes to have a career in the dental field.
- Tours of the AEGD Building.

**Sign up today, space is limited!**

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Johnson County Community College
November 7-8

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