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and education.*

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DentaQuest FOUNDATION

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

Legislative Alerts

"Like" the ECP Facebook Page

A new Facebook page about the Extended Care Permit (ECP) for dental hygienists is available. The page was created by ECP hygienist and Dental Champion Patty Martinette in order to connect ECP Hygienists in Kansas and Missouri. The goal of the new page is to share information about how the permits are being used, as well as to establish community contacts to expand the use of the permits.

Join the [Facebook page](#) and spread the word about this valuable forum to promote the ECP model.

Dental Champions Corner:

Dental Champion Appointed to Dental Board

On May 2, Governor Brownback announced the appointment of [Dr. Jarrod Jones](#), Class 1, to the Kansas Dental Board. Dr. Jones is a dentist and co-owner

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.

The Oral Health 2014 initiative is designed to build a national groundswell of activity on behalf of oral health for all. Oral Health Kansas joins organizations in six other states in embarking on the Oral Health 2014 planning process this year: Delaware, Illinois, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Hawaii, and Kentucky. Learn more about the DentaQuest Foundation at their [Oral Health 2014 website](#).

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-Salina County Health Department.



of [Cedar Lodge Dental Group](#) in Hays. He was a member of the first Dental Champions class in 2005, and he continues to serve as an advocate for oral health in northwest Kansas.

Congratulations, Dr. Jones!

2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference

Join us in November as we celebrate Oral Health Kansas' 10th anniversary with continuing education and networking opportunities!

Brush with



Johnson County
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November 7-8

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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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In the middle ages, people believed that dogs' teeth boiled in wine made an excellent mouth rinse for tooth decay prevention.



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