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Join In: Men's Health Month

To observe Men's Health Month, here are some facts that every man should keep in mind concerning their oral health.

1. **Periodontal disease** has a higher prevalence in men
2. Men are **less likely** than women to report having an annual dentist visit
3. Men are two times more likely **to develop oral cancer** than women
4. Less than 50 percent of men **brush twice a day** and are less likely to seek preventative care until the problem is too painful

A new partnership for Oral Health Kansas and Butler County

Oral Health Kansas is partnering with communities to create local oral health coalitions. The goal is to improve the oral health of all Kansans by encouraging ideas, involvement and resources from each community. An early successful effort is in Butler County. The Butler County Child and Family Development Task Force will be adding an oral health component to all the developmental screenings that occur for children aged birth through five years of age. The screenings will be held at all the various locations throughout the county. It is expected that 150 children will participate during the next school year. Data will be collected to assess the impact of the initiative. Future plans may include enhancing the services to older persons with disabilities, educating them to the importance of oral health, and assuring that their oral health routines are given proper attention.

More information about our other community coalitions will be featured in future editions of the Wednesday Weekly Update. Funding for this initiative comes from a DentaQuest Foundation grant. Michigan and Wisconsin Oral Health Coalitions are also establishing local oral health coalitions. If you would like more information about the grant, or about what may be happening in your local



Resource Center focused on early childhood caries

Elsevier's Early Childhood Caries (ECC) Resource Center serves as a centralized source of information regarding ECC. This resource center can be shared among stakeholders and ignite collaborative strategies to help eradicate ECC and its accompanying co-morbidities. **[Check it out here!](#)**

Reserve our Sugary Drink Display

The Oral Health Kansas sugary drink display has been traveling around the state, making stops this month in six communities, including the Neosho County Health Fair and the State Capitol.

Reserve our traveling sugary drink display for your event! This display is completely free, and return shipping costs are reimbursed by Oral Health Kansas. Learn more **[on our website](#)** and **[email Sarah](#)** if you are interested in hosting the display!



community - then contact Doug Bowman at **DBowman@ohks.org**.

Provider Spotlight: Health Partnership Dental Team

The Health Partnership dental team in Olathe has been serving the Evergreen Community of Johnson County for three years. This Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) performs exams, cleanings, restorations, and extractions for the residents of this retirement community. Oral Health Kansas values the work of these providers and recognizes the growing needs of this population.



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