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To improve oral health
in Kansas through
advocacy,
public awareness
and education.*

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**Nominate an
Oral Health**

Celebrating Give Kids a Smile Day



The Wichita-Sedgwick County Oral Health Coalition (WSCOHC) hosted their annual Give Kids a Smile Day Saturday, March 10th. The local coalition provided free dental services to children in Sedgwick County. Give Kids a Smile Day provided exams, teeth cleaning, fluoride varnish, sealants, fillings, tooth removal and other recommended dental procedures for children aged 10 and under who did not have dental insurance. Children were able to receive quality dental care from a variety of local dentist and dental professionals, thus improving their oral health. This year 163 appointments were made, 141 children actually attended the event, and 969 treatment services were performed. Give Kids a Smile Day 2012 provided \$57,330 worth of free dental work to children in Sedgwick County in less than eight hours.

The WSCOHC would like to thank all the agencies, organizations, community volunteers and dental professional volunteers involved with giving kids in Sedgwick County a healthier smile! The WSCOHC would like to personally thank all dentist's who participated. THANK YOU: Dr. Adam Lukens, Dr. Antoine Wakim, Dr. Arthur Jimenez, Dr. Chris

Champion today!

Oral Health Kansas is accepting nominations for our annual awards.

Nominations in the following category are encouraged:

Organization
Dental Hygienist
Dentist
Community Leader
Policy Maker
Volunteer
Dental Champion

Nominations will be accepted from June 1st through July 30th.

Review a list of past award winners on the [OHK website](#).

Community-Based Dental Program Grants

The Bureau of Oral Health is soliciting proposals from dental professionals and other entities interested in receiving funding grants to provide preventive oral health services in Kansas community based settings using dental hygienists that have Extended Care Permits.

These grants are funded through the Bureau's DHHS Health Resources and Services Administration Grant to the States to Support

Mar, Dr. Crystal Walker, Dr. David Brown, Dr. John Fales, Dr. Jose Lopez, Dr. Mariah Frazier, Dr. Matthew Healy, Dr. Robert Colt, Dr. Sam Amirani, Dr. Stephen Fetzik, Dr. Stephen Moore, Dr. Steven Baxter, and Dr. William Baker.

WSCOHC celebrated the success of their Give Kids a Smile Day on Friday, June 1. Coalition members, community partners and some very special guests attended, including Mayor Carl Brewer. Data about the 2012 Give Kids a Smile Day 2012 was presented, and the Kansas Health Foundation's Steve Coen and Chris Power gave a special presentation about their oral health focused public education campaign.

Dental Champions Corner



a program of Oral Health Kansas, Inc.

In response to requests from Dental Champions, this week we begin a new feature called "Dental Champions Corner." Each week we will showcase a story about the Dental Champions Leadership Program or program graduates. If you are a Dental Champion and have a story you would like to share, please contact Julie Parnell at jparnell@oralhealthkansas.org.

Last month the fifth Dental Champions class graduated from the program. As a part of the graduation event, class members elected a class representative and new members of the Dental Champions Advisory Board. The new class representative is Shelley Mathews. Shelley is a dental hygienist and is attending graduate school in Kansas City. Along with the other four class representatives, Shelley is responsible for staying in touch with class members, helping them stay in touch with each other and with Oral Health Kansas, and encouraging class members to attend the annual Oral Health Kansas Conference.

Three members of class five were elected to the Dental Champions Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is responsible for recruiting new Dental Champions class members, overseeing the Dental Champions program, and keeping alumni engaged. Newly elected Advisory Board members are Sonja Armbruster of the Sedgwick County

Oral Health Workforce Activities (CFDA No. 93.236). The maximum amount for any one award is \$10,000, and applications for smaller amounts will be welcomed. Funding will be awarded through a competitive grant application process administered through the Dental Workforce Cabinet, a work group of Oral Health Kansas and the Bureau of Oral Health.

For more information, please contact Dr. Kathy Weno at 785-296-5116 or kweno@kdheks.gov. Grant applications are due June 29.

Did You Know???

One in five Americans has untreated dental cavities.

Research shows water fluoridation is one of the most effective and practical methods for reducing disparities in the rates of decay.

www.wichitansforhealthyteeth.org

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Health Department, Jon Stewart of Lawrence-based Heartland Community Health Center, and Dr. Ashley Swisher who has a private dental practice in Minneapolis, Kansas.

Congratulations to Shelley, Sonja, Jon and Ashley! We are excited to work with you in your new roles.

Water Fluoridation Endorsement

The *Wichita Eagle's* editorial board endorsed community water fluoridation on May 31. Saying water fluoridation is overdue in our state's largest community, the editorial endorsement proclaimed that "Wichita's families and children still are on the sidelines of that public health advance." Read more in the the [editorial](#).

Register for the next Motivational Interviewing Skill Building Workshop

Oral Health Kansas and the Kansas Head Start Association held a Motivational Interviewing workshop on June 9 in Salina. The next free workshop will be again in Salina on June 29. It will focus on a proven communication strategy - Motivational Interviewing - to encourage and support families of children birth to five to keep them cavity free.

The session will not be an introduction to Motivational Interviewing.

The entire workshop will be devoted to skill-building - demonstrations and coaching from the trainers, as well as practice sessions by participants.

Space is Limited. [Register online today](#).

SAVE THE DATE

Make plans to attend the 2012 Oral Health Kansas Annual Conference September 13-14, 2012 at the [Hotel at Old Town](#) in Wichita, KS.

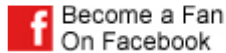
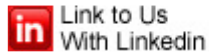
The Conference will feature a special reception with the new Big Mouth exhibit at [Exploration Place](#) sponsored by [Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation](#).

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