US National Oral Health Alliance Hosts final Colloquium

This week the US National Oral Health Alliance hosted the sixth in a series of Colloquia in Washington, D.C. Oral Health Kansas staff participated in this unique opportunity for oral health advocates from across the country to work together to make a collective impact.

The US National Oral Health Alliance (USNOHA) was formed in 2010 as a platform for a diverse network of stakeholders to forge common ground in order to harness opportunities and create viable solutions for improved oral health through prevention and treatment for vulnerable populations across our country.

Since 2010, USNOHA has brought stakeholders together in a colloquium setting to address their six focus areas:

- Prevention and public health infrastructure
- Medical and dental collaboration
- Oral health literacy
- Metrics for improving oral health
A new Facebook page about the Extended Care Permit (ECP) for dental hygienists is available. 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:

Thanks to Krista Hahn, RDH, ECP II (Class 5) for offering to host the Oral Health Kansas sugary drink display at Fiesta K.C. this weekend. She's a true Dental Champion!

Traveling Sugary Beverage Display

Currently the Oral Health Kansas traveling library drink displays are on display at the GraceMed, Manhattan Area Technical College, and the United Methodist Mexican-American Ministries' Garden City Dental Clinic.

If you are interested in having the drink display on display in your area, send an email to Tanya.

One drink display is available for a host in July! Contact us now to make plans to host the display this fall too.

NY Times: Rethinking the Twice-Yearly Dental Visit

Today the New York Times published a story about new research regarding the frequency of dental visits. The norm for many years has
Join us in November as we celebrate Oral Health Kansas' 10th anniversary with continuing education and networking opportunities!

Dental CEs to be Offered

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!

ECP Dental Hygienist Sought in Hutchinson

PrairieStarHealth Center in Hutchinson is seeking a full-time Extended Care Permit dental hygienist. To learn more about the opportunity, contact Deedra Woodbury at PrairieStar: woodburyd@prairiestarhealth.org.

Did You Know?

The electric toothbrush first appeared in 1939.

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If you have an idea, story or suggestion for a Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday Update please contact us at info@oralhealthkansas.org.