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To improve oral health
in Kansas through
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and education.*

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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:

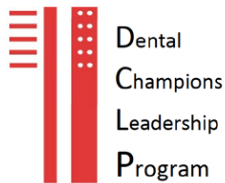
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A new Facebook page about the Extended Care Permit (ECP) for dental hygienists is available. The goal of the new page is to share information about how the permits are being used, as well as to establish community contacts to expand the use of the 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!



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2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference

- Financing models
- Strengthening the dental care delivery system

The colloquium setting has allowed diverse stakeholders to study issues in each of these focus areas and develop key messages. The summaries of the first four colloquia are available in the links above. The financing models colloquium summary will be available soon, and the dental care delivery colloquium occurred just this week.

The USNOHA model is a ground-breaking approach to improving oral health in our nation. Oral Health Kansas is a proud member of USNOHA and looks forward to convening similar groups of stakeholders to improve oral health in our state.

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

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been for people to visit the dentist twice per year, but new research is showing that people who have a high risk of dental disease are better served with more frequent visits. Similarly, people who are at lower risk may not need to visit the dentist as often. Read more from the [New York Times](#). If you have any thoughts about this issue, please share them on [our Facebook page](#).



Dental CEs to be Offered

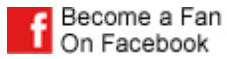
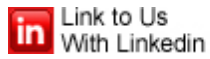
Oral Health Kansas will offer a special continuing education session for Extended Care Permit dental hygienists and other dental professionals as a post-conference session on November 8, 2013. The Oral Health Kansas Conference on November 7-8 will present a variety of continuing education opportunities, 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.

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



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