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## Harvey County Oral Health Coalition makes a splash in the local news

This month the Harvey County Oral Health Coalition drew attention to untreated dental decay among the county's children in an article in [The Newton Kansan](#). The article highlighted the findings from recent school oral health screenings conducted in conjunction with the state's Bureau of Oral Health. According to the data from the school screenings, approximately 16% of the children in Harvey County have untreated dental decay. In the article, Harvey County Oral Health Coalition member Maggie Smet, RDH, noted, "The numbers are better than they used to be."



Follow the [Harvey County Oral Health Coalition](#) on Facebook, and read their recent newsletters on the [Oral Health Kansas](#) website. The coalition also has been successful in publishing a series of editorials in the local newspaper.

"Like" the

Traveling Sugary Beverage Display

## ECP Facebook Page

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:

Drs. Lisa Metzen (Class 6) and Ashley Swisher (Class 5) were featured in the Kansas Dental Association's new book, "140 Years, 140 Stories." Metzen and Swisher were dental school classmates and now practice together in the north central community of Minneapolis.

Currently the Oral Health Kansas traveling sugary 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](#).

Drink displays are available for hosting in September!

## New Pew Report on Access to Dental Services

Also this week, the [Pew Charitable Trusts](#) published a new report about the dentist shortages and in several parts of the country. A reference to Kansas is made in the report noting, "In 2010, 53 of 105 counties had two or fewer dentists. All but one of those counties had dentist shortages, and 13 had no dentists at all."

The report also discusses challenges many states face in attracting dentists to become Medicaid providers.



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## 2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference

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



Johnson County Community College  
November 7-8

## Did You

## 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!**

## Oral Health Kansas Partners on Oral Health and Pregnancy Workshops

A healthy pregnancy is essential for a healthy baby. When the mother has a healthy mouth, the newborn baby starts out on a path to be free of cavities. Teeth for Two workshops provide current, evidence-based information that home visitors, health care providers, social workers and others can use with confidence. [Click here](#) to see times, contact information and registration dates.

Johnson County, July 10  
Pittsburg, July 15  
Wyandotte County, July 16  
Hutchinson, July 19  
Dodge City, July 23  
Garden City, July 24

## Know?

Egyptians used a form of toothpaste over 5000 years ago.



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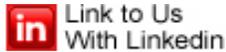
Lawrence, July 26  
Holton, July 29

## American Network of Oral Health Coalitions Featured

This month the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors published a story about the American Network of Oral Health Coalitions (ANOHC). ANOHC is the national network of state oral health advocacy organizations, and Oral Health Kansas is a founding member of the organization.

The article provides details about ANOHC and shares how ANOHC exists to serve as a resource to advocates across the country. Read more about [ANOHC on page six of the newsletter](#).

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



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