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## New list of recommended children's oral health books

A list of 22 recommended children's books on oral health has been released by the Maryland Dental Action Coalition (MDAC), a nonprofit organization that aims to improve oral health in Maryland, and the University of Maryland, Baltimore's Health Sciences and Human Services Library (HS/HSL). The recommendations are the result of a project conducted by an interprofessional team of reviewers.

The book list will support increased access to oral health information for children, families and health professionals and will provide guidance to those who purchase and utilize children's books to promote oral health.

## Low-cost Tobacco Cessation training for providers in July

### TRAINING AGENDA:

- Current Trends and Thoughts Regarding Smoking Cessation Intervention and Treatment
- Tobacco Cessation during Pregnancy: Opportunities and Challenges presented
- Motivational Interviewing: What to Say When They Answer "Yes, I Smoke"
- Overview of the Kansas Tobacco Quitline

### WHERE:

Garden City - July 20

Hays - July 21

Salina - July 22

Pittsburg - July 23

Overland Park - July 24

### 3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

online, mail, fax

### COST:

\$10 if registered by July 15, 2015

\$20 after July 15

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

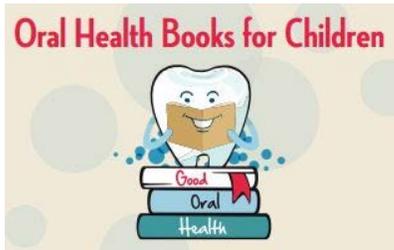
physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, respiratory therapists, social workers, dentists and other health care professionals

Child-serving organizations, health care professionals, educators and families can [access the list online](#).

Print the Book List:

[Book List](#) (8.5 x 11 single-sided sheet)

[Book List](#) (2 double-sided book marks)



**Save the Date!**

**The 2015  
Oral Health Kansas  
Conference  
will be  
November 12-14 at  
Kansas State  
University in Olathe.**

Please plan to attend. Details coming soon!



**Join In: 2015 Kansas  
Conference on  
Poverty**

CONTINUING EDUCATION:  
CEU's available for physicians, APRNs, nurses, social workers and respiratory therapists

SPONSORED BY:

- Kansas Department of Health and Environment Community Health Promotion Section
- University of Kansas Medical Center Office of Continuing Medical Education
- KU Medical Center Area Health Education Center

STIPEND AVAILABLE:

\$300 stipend is available to organizations that complete the following: 1) bring a minimum of one organization representative to this training, and 2) submit a brief report regarding the implementation of one systems change which resulted in patients being screened for tobacco use status and being advised to quit.

[Learn more about the training opportunity and register here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Schrock, Cessation Coordinator at (316) 337-6056; [mschrock@kdheks.gov](mailto:mschrock@kdheks.gov)



**Delta Dental offers two  
new grant opportunities**

Delta Dental of Kansas (DDKS) released its 2015 Community Dental Health grant and Toothbrush Kit program applications last month.

Both funding opportunities have been hallmark programs for more than ten years. Interested organizations may view the grant guidelines,

July 15-17, 2015  
Ramada Topeka Downtown Hotel  
and Convention Center

Hosted by the Kansas Association of Community Action Programs, the Kansas Conference on Poverty will explore the consequences of continuing poverty and - more importantly - will focus on its solutions. [Click here for more information!](#)



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## Sugary Drink Display Available this Summer

The Oral Health Kansas sugary drink display has been traveling around the state, making stops across Kansas.

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 us](#) if you are interested in hosting the display!



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complete applications and [find additional information here](#).

The 2015 grant cycle announcement comes from DDKS' Communications department, which oversees community-focused activities, including coordinating the annual grant cycle, oral health education events, and corporate donations and sponsorships.



## ACA decision paves the way for Medicaid expansion

By now, it is no secret that 70,000 Kansans will keep their health insurance as a result of a long-awaited US Supreme Court decision. The Court handed down a 6-3 ruling in the King v Burwell case last Thursday, which asked whether the Affordable Care Act was intended to offer subsidies to people who qualify, but live in states that have a federal exchange.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) provides subsidies for low-income people to purchase health insurance policies in an exchange. The law assumed most states would have their own exchanges, but 34 states, including Kansas, use the federal exchange. The King v Burwell case examined the ACA language and intent about this critical issue. In Kansas, [69,979 people used subsidies to purchase health insurance through the federal exchange](#). This translates to nearly \$15 million dollars invested in our state's economy each month to help cover the cost of Kansans' health insurance. If the law had been overturned, the nearly 70,000 Kansans would have seen monthly premium increases of up to 231% each. The vast majority of these Kansans were uninsured prior to implementation of the ACA and the availability of the premium subsidies.

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Oral Health Kansas joined scores of health advocacy organizations this year in [providing testimony](#) to the Legislature about the need to expand KanCare. Expanding KanCare would ensure low-income Kansans would have access to both health and dental care.

The Supreme Court has made it clear that the ACA remains the law of the land and remains our country's best way to ensure all people have access to affordable health insurance. Please contact [Governor Brownback](#) and [your legislators](#) to let them know you support KanCare Expansion and want to see low-income adults have access to life-saving health and dental care.

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