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

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Dental Champions Corner:

Congratulations to

Fourteen Safety-net Clinics to Help with Exchange Enrollment

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has announced that fourteen Kansas community health centers will receive a total of \$1.6 million to help Kansans enroll in health insurance through the Exchange.

According to the Kansas Health Institute News Service, federal officials said the money would be used to hire up to 32 new outreach workers who are expected to help more than 25,000 Kansans enroll in health coverage plans. The health insurance exchange, or marketplace, is scheduled to be operational Oct. 1 with coverage for enrollees effective Jan. 1, 2014. The community health centers were selected to help with enrollment because of their significant experience working with under-served people who are likely to be uninsured.

The selected Kansas health centers collectively offer services at 49 sites in the following communities:

Wichita

Center for Health and Wellness

GraceMed Health Clinic

Hunter Health Clinic

Topeka

Shawnee County

Daniel Lassley
(Class 5) on starring as
Jean Valjean at Topeka
Civic Theatre and
Academy's
sold-out summer
production of
Les Miserables!



Dental Champions are
multi-talented!



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Kansas Dental Board Debuts New Site

Last week the Kansas
Dental Board debuted a
new website with an
updated look and a
new address.



Visit the new site
at www.dental.ks.gov to
see all the latest Dental
Board news and
licensing requirements.

Pittsburg
Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas

Hays
First Care Clinic

Emporia
Flint Hills Community Health Center

Newton
Health Ministries Harvey County

Overland Park
Health Partnership Clinic of Johnson County

Lawrence
Heartland Medical Clinic

Junction City
Konza Prairie Community Mental Health Center

Hutchinson
Prairiestar Health Center

Salina
Salina Health Education Foundation

Garden City
United Methodist Western Kansas Mexican-American
Ministries

Read more at the [Kansas Health Institute](http://www.kansashealthinstitute.org).

Delta Dental CEO to Retire

Last week Delta Dental of Kansas (DDKS) President and CEO Linda Brantner announced her retirement from the organization. Her retirement, effective September 30, 2013, marks the end of a 25-year career with the company.

"I will always treasure my time at DDKS, and I am very proud of



what we've been able to accomplish over the years," Brantner said. "In the past year we've positioned the company to succeed with the upcoming health care reform market challenges, and now is the right time to turn those opportunities over to the next CEO, who can bring a fresh perspective in this new business to consumer environment."

"Linda's impact on our organization is

"Like" the 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.

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

immeasurable," said Jerry Goforth, chairman of DDKS' Board of Directors. "Thanks to Linda's leadership Delta Dental of Kansas has strengthened its position as the state's dental benefits leader, and we've been able to donate millions of dollars to provide oral health care to underserved Kansans. Linda has championed our brand through evolving markets, economic swings, and regulatory reforms, making Delta Dental of Kansas a household name. She will be greatly missed."

Up to 9 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 with the Kansas Head Start Association 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.

Hutchinson, July 19
Dodge City, July 23
Garden City, July 24
Lawrence, July 26
Holton, July 29

Traveling Sugary Beverage Display

November 7-8

Did You Know?

According to a "Time Magazine Survey", 59% of Americans would rather sit in a Dentist's chair than sit next to someone on a cell phone.



[StarSmilez](#)

Join Our Mailing List!

Currently the Oral Health Kansas traveling sugary drink displays are on display at the Salina YMCA, ECKAN in Anderson County, and Dodge 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!

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