



# ORAL HEALTH KANSAS

ADVOCACY • PUBLIC AWARENESS • EDUCATION

Volume 7, Issue 29

July 20, 2016

## In This Issue

[Oral Health Kansas award nominations](#)  
[Shawnee County Legislative Candidate forum coming up](#)  
[KanCare expansion forums continue](#)  
[Sugary Drink Display](#)  
[Staff attends Nepali Church Health Fair](#)

## Oral Health Kansas award nominations open

Each year, we honor outstanding individuals and organizations who are dedicated to improving oral health in Kansas. We are currently accepting nominations for [2016 Excellence in Oral Health Awards](#) and [2016 Outstanding Dental Champions](#). This is a chance to honor someone who has made a difference! The deadline for nominations is **Monday, September 26 by 5 pm**. Award winners will be honored at the Excellence in Oral Health Award Reception on Thursday, November 3 in Johnson County.

## Staff attends Bhutanese Nepali Church Health Fair in Kansas City

OHK staff Marcia and Doug attended the Bhutanese Nepali Church Health Fair in Kansas City, Kansas. Adolescents and young adults served as translators for their older church members. Several participants stopped by our table to look at the sugary drink display and listened as we explained how much sugar was in each drink, and how to determine the amount of sugar. One gentleman who required an interpreter, listened intently as she explained the sugary drink display to him. A little while later, we saw the same gentleman come back along with a woman, while he spoke in his native language, what we presume sharing with her what he had learned! Children also eagerly returned with siblings, parents and grandparents, to show them the sugary drink display. We were delighted to see the impact it had on everyone, children and adults.



---

**Shawnee County  
Legislative Candidate  
forum coming up  
next week**

OHK is among eleven local organizations co-hosting a candidate forum on **Tuesday, July 26 at 7pm**. The forum will be at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 Sw 10th Ave., in Topeka. All Shawnee County legislative candidates with a primary election opponent have been invited.

If you want to know more about this exciting event, contact [Doug Bowman](#).



---

**KanCare expansion  
forums continue**

The [Alliance for a Healthy Kansas](#) continues to host community events across Kansas to learn about what KanCare expansion would mean to Kansans. Attend one in your area! This is your chance to share your story!

Independence  
July 20, 6:30 pm



Families visit our exhibit



Child explores mouth model

Plans are underway to offer families and youth classes on oral health and nutrition in conjunction with KSU Extension Services. The classes will provide OHK with many opportunities to serve people new to our county and build bridges for many future Wyandotte's County initiatives.

---

Memorial Hall and Civic Center  
410 N. Penn Ave.

Lawrence  
July 25, 6:30 pm  
Plymouth Congregational  
Church  
925 Vermont St.

Prairie Village  
July 27, 6:30 pm  
Colonial Church in Prairie  
Village  
7029 Mission Rd.  
Prairie Village, KS



---

## Sugary Drink Display

Get your drink display reserved for the upcoming school year! We already have requests!

Our drink display has 10 beverages that will show you how much sugar is in each! The drink display is free, and shipping costs are reimbursed when you return it to us. [Email us](#) to reserve a spot!



ORAL HEALTH KANSAS

800 SW Jackson, Suite 1120  
Topeka, Kansas 66612  
785-235-6039

[info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org)

---

## A Community Conversation about KanCare with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services

The KanCare Advocates Network will host a meeting with representatives from the Regional Office of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) from 1:00pm-4:pm, July 26 at the Salina Bicentennial Center, Room 201-203; 800 The Midway, Salina, Kansas.

This is an opportunity for KanCare consumers and providers of KanCare health care and support services to offer improvements to the program. At this meeting, CMS representatives will hear testimony from a variety of individuals and organizations about their experiences with KanCare. There will be an "open mic" session for audience comments after the scheduled speakers have spoken.

During the "open mic" session share your story about why comprehensive dental services are necessary in KanCare. Oral Health Kansas created [KanCare Dental Talking points](#) you can use at the forum and when talking to elected officials.

If you would like more information about this event, please contact Barb Conant at [ksadvocatesnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:ksadvocatesnetwork@gmail.com) or 785 383-4272

The KanCare Advocates Network (KAN) is a coalition of advocates whose collective interests include issues impacting children and adults who are

Like us on **Facebook** 

Follow us on **twitter**

FOLLOW US ON **Pinterest**

View our videos on **YouTube**

 View on **Instagram**

served by the Kansas Medicaid program, KanCare."



An independent voice for  
those served by KanCare.

Oral Health Kansas, 800 SW Jackson, Ste. 1120, Topeka, KS 66612  
Sent by [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org)