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Oral Health Kansas annual conference

OHK is continuing to make plans for our [2016 conference](#) in November! This year's theme "Igniting Collective Impact: Inspiring Communities", will provide a conversation about what we can do to tackle social changes and work collectively to achieve impact.

The conference dates are **November 3-5** at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park.

Stay tuned for more details!

Excellence in Oral Health Awards nominations now 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.

The categories for nominations are:

- Outstanding Organization
- Outstanding Dental Hygiene Clinician
- Outstanding Dentist Clinician
- Outstanding Community Leader



Dental Fear: What, Why and How

Colgate is offering a free webinar "[Dental Fear: What, Why and How](#)." The lecture will describe the characteristics and causes of dental fear and anxiety, as well as how to identify and manage patients with dental fear.

The webinar will be on Wednesday, August 10. Please note the timezone is not in the United States but the webinar will be archived.

Another opportunity: For those of you who are providing dental services for marginalized populations, dental anxiety can be a real issue. **On Saturday, November 5th**, as part of the OHK annual session, we will be offering a highly energetic and relevant workshop on providing dental services with trauma informed care. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details!



State Loan Repayment Program

The [State Loan Repayment Program \(SLRP\)](#) is available to

- Bob Bethel Outstanding Policy Maker
- Outstanding Oral Health Volunteer
- Outstanding Dental Champion



If you have any questions, call us at 785 235-6039 or info@oralhealthkinansas.org

Shawnee County legislative candidate forum

Oral Health Kansas is among eleven local organizations co-hosting a candidate forum on Tuesday, July 26 at 7pm. The event will be held at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library. All Shawnee County legislative candidates with a primary election opponent have been invited. Share this event with your friends, family and coworkers!

In the interest of time we have limited the topics to three:

- State Budget/Tax Policy
- Judicial Selection Process,
- KanCare/Medicaid Expansion

primary care, dental and mental health care providers to obtain partial or full repayment of their student loans in exchange for a minimum of two-year service commitment, or one year service commitment for a continuing contract.

Application Period Opens:
June 13, 2016

Application Priority Date:
July 29, 2016

Applications received on or before the priority date will receive a courtesy review for completeness.

Application Period Closes:
August 13, 2016

Visit their [website](#) to find out more!



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!



Thank you to the organizations co-hosting this important event:

- Community Action, Inc.
- Community Resource Council
- ERC Resource and Referral, Inc.
- Fast Forward
- Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce
- Heartland Visioning
- Interhab
- League of Women Voters of Topeka and Shawnee County
- Oral Health Kansas
- Topeka Bar Association
- United Way of Greater Topeka
- YWCA of Northeast Kansas

If you want to know more about this exciting event in Topeka, or if you want to consider a similar event in your hometown, contact Doug Bowman at dbowman@oralhealthkansas.org.



Two Kansas school districts join Thirsty for Health project

Oral Health Kansas is excited to announce [Galena](#) and [Fort Scott](#) school districts have committed to participate in the Thirsty for Health pilot project. The districts are excited about bringing the initiative to their students



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and communities that will improve healthy behaviors by increasing access to and consumption of water. If you would like to know more about the Thirsty for Health school water project, and how it can benefit your school or district please contact Kelly Rippel, Water Access Manager at krippel@ohks.org!



Kids who drink sugary sports drinks, risk cavities and obesity

In a [recent study](#), researchers surveyed 160 children from four different schools. They found that while half of the children reported drinking sports drinks socially, 90 percent of them said taste was a factor in their beverage choice and only 18 percent drank them because they believed it would improve their performance. Dr. Paul D. Jackson says "Sports drinks are intended for athletes taking part in endurance and intense sporting events, they are also connected with tooth decay. High sugar sports

drinks are unnecessary for children and most adults."

If your child is going to drink a sugary beverage, monitor how much he/she drinks. Sugary beverages should be consumed in moderation, while sipping water with [fluoride](#).

Reserve our [sugary drink display](#) to learn how much sugar is in popular beverages your kids like to drink!

