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**GROUND
BREAKING**



Wichita State
University is

Kansas Cavity Free Kids



A project of Kansas Head Start Association

Kansas Cavity Free Kids (KCFK)

Is committed to improving the oral health of pregnant women and young children. We are creating a network of prenatal and children's oral health services, partnering with Kansas Head Start Association, Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, Parents as Teachers, Health Departments, and other agencies who work with pregnant women and very young children. Services include education, advocacy, and improved access to care.

Prevention

Dental disease is preventable. KCFK has designed a system to connect pregnant women and young children with community sources for preventive oral care. We have recruited community-based dental hygienists and are providing portable dental equipment to offer a full range of prevention services for pregnant women and children that have experienced difficulty accessing oral health care services.

Education

Providing knowledge and self-help skills are powerful tools in combating oral disease. KCFK has invested in evidence-based oral health curriculum to

breaking ground for
the Advanced
Education in
General Dentistry
Facility

July 22, 2010
9 a.m.

Open lot south of the
Eugene M. Hughes
Metropolitan Complex

5015 E. 29th St. N.

**SAVE THE
DATE**



*A New
Decade for
Oral Health:
THINK BIG*

**2010
Oral Health Kansas
Conference**

*December
2nd & 3rd,
2010*

Capital Plaza Hotel
Topeka, Kansas

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educate families and agency staff that serve pregnant women and children. More than fifty people throughout Kansas have been trained to deliver the curriculum. We continue to offer free regional staff training in the following areas:

Early Learning Centers: a comprehensive, extensive curriculum for classroom educators that comes with flexible lesson plans, hands-on, fun activities for children and their families, and ideas for inexpensive teaching materials for stimulating lessons.

Child Care Centers: a shorter version based on the early learning curriculum that offers concise information, fun activities, and ready-to-use newsletters for parents.

Home Visitor Curriculum for Pregnant Women: This material is designed for use at the individual level, to share information and ideas that help pregnant women understand how their own oral health and oral health habits can impact their baby's oral and overall health.

Home Visitor Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers: This material is also designed for use at the individual level, to share information and ideas that help parents make good choices to ensure optimum oral health for their children.

Policy Development and Coalition Building

KCFK has also been instrumental in establishing a statewide Early Childhood Oral Health Advisory Council. Its goal is to effect positive changes in oral health for pregnant women and children birth to five. We envision all Kansas children entering kindergarten cavity free.



28% of young children are entering kindergarten with dental disease.

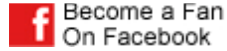
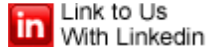
Let's work together to turn 28% to 0%

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