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Award Nominations

Don't forget to nominate an individual or organization dedicated to improving oral health in Kansas. The deadline for nominations is **Monday, September 28 at 5pm.**

[2015 Excellence in Oral Health Awards Nomination Form](#)

[2015 Outstanding Dental Champion Award Nomination Form](#)



Grant Opportunities

The Kansas Health Foundation (KHF) is accepting requests for proposals (RFPs) to fund

Oral Health Importance for Job Seekers

With the lack of proper oral health care, some young adults struggle to find employment, because of fear of how their teeth look to prospective employers. They are worried to find a job working in the public view and therefore, may hold back from applying for jobs. USA Today published a story today about this issue.

Michelle Turner, 27, an attendee at the Mission of Mercy in Virginia, needed to get 10-15 teeth pulled but could only bear to get five. She is hoping to get a job in retail soon after giving up a 70-mile round trip newspaper delivery job recently because it was costing her almost as much as she was earning.

Young adults are seeking to get dentures to fix the problem but cannot afford to do so. The overwhelming need for dentures, has inspired the creation of Benchmark Dental

organizations that will improve health outcomes by improving Kansans' access to clean, safe drinking water. [Find out more information!](#)

Delta Dental of Kansas is accepting applications for the Community Dental Health Grants and Toothbrush Kit Program. Proposal deadline is August 31, 2015. [Here is the information for applications and guidelines.](#)

Annual KAMU Conference

Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved 2015 Annual Conference is to be held at the Oread Hotel in Lawrence, KS, September 24-25, 2015. [Register here!](#)



Save the Date!

The 2015 Oral Health Kansas Conference will be November 12-14 in the Johnson County area:

Olathe
K-State University campus

Please plan to attend. Details coming soon!

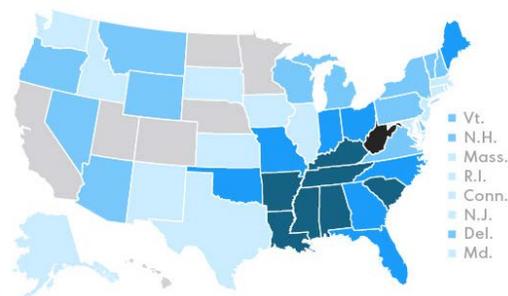
Manufacturing Co., a Virginia firm that makes durable, customizable dentures in about an hour. Unfortunately, this is only a quick fix. They are not as permanent as dentures or as comfortable.

According to [USA Today](#), nationally, more than a third of working-age adults have no dental insurance, and rates are higher in rural and impoverished areas. The Affordable Care Act doesn't require health plans to cover dental services for adults, and the Health Affairs study showed 20% or fewer dentists in some states take Medicaid, which is far more likely to cover tooth extractions than restorative dental work anyway.

Oral Health Kansas continues to lead advocacy efforts to support comprehensive dental coverage for all KanCare beneficiaries.

WORKING-AGE AMERICANS MISSING TEETH

Percent of adults ages 18-64 who have lost six or more teeth because of tooth decay, infection or gum disease in 2012:



SOURCE: The Commonwealth Fund: Health System Data Center
Janet Loehrke, USA TODAY



Well, now what do we do?
Preventative measures start early.
Oral health issues in childhood, are



Reserve your drink display!

With school just around the corner, reserve your drink display for your next event! The display has been seen at school events, doctors and dental offices all around the state.

The display is a great resource to show kids and parents how much sugar is in their favorite drink! This display is completely free, and return shipping costs are reimbursed by Oral Health Kansas.

Slots are filling up fast! To reserve your drink display, [email us](#).



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key in identifying what issues one will have in adulthood. The focus is start primary preventative measures at a young age. This will also be more cost effective in the long run.

National Health Center Week August 9-15

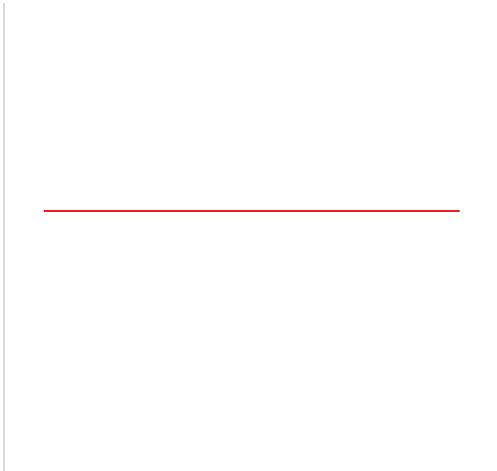
National Health Center Week has been celebrated for more than 30 years to recognize the services and contributions of Community, Migrant, Homeless and Public Housing Health Centers. While there are countless reasons to celebrate America's Health Centers, among the most important and unique is their long success in providing access to affordable, high quality, cost effective health care to medically vulnerable and underserved people throughout the United States.

Lots of community health centers are celebrating around the state! Here are a few:

[Flint Hills Community Health Center](#)

[Heartland Community Health Center](#)

[Swope Health Services](#)



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