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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 Shannon Cotsoradis (Class 1) on her feature in the new Kansas Leadership Center

## Make an Award Nomination Today!

Oral Health Kansas is seeking nominations for the 2013 Excellence in Oral Health Awards. The awards recognize Kansans who have made significant contributions to the oral health community. Awards are given in several categories:

- Outstanding Organization
- Outstanding Dental Hygienist
- Outstanding Dentist
- Outstanding Community Leader
- Bob Bethell Outstanding Policy Maker
- Outstanding Oral Health Volunteer
- Outstanding Dental Champion



Details about the awards categories, a list of previous award winners, and the on-line nomination forms are available on the Oral Health Kansas website. **Nominations will be accepted through September 27.**

Awards will be presented at a luncheon during the Oral

Journal. Shannon and her team at Kansas Action for Children are working on changing the conversation about children in poverty.

Read the article beginning on page fifteen of the [KLC Journal](#).



## Exhibits and Sponsorships available for the 2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference

Contact [Oral Health Kansas](#) to learn how to join in November the celebration of Oral Health Kansas' 10th anniversary with continuing education and networking opportunities!

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Health Kansas Conference at Johnson County Community College on November 8.

## The 2010-2013 Kansas School Sealant Program Concludes

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Bureau of Oral Health announced the current version of the Kansas School Sealant Program will come to an end this month. Over the past three years the program has made significant progress in providing preventive oral health services to under-served children. During that time, the program has grown from 12 sites to 17 sites and has provided thousands of children with prophylaxis, fluoride varnish applications, and sealants.



In June 2013, the Bureau of Oral Health hosted the annual meeting of the sealant sites that provide preventive oral health services through the Kansas School Sealant Program. At this meeting, staff from the sites were able to see how many children they had served and were given the chance to offer feedback to the Bureau of Oral Health on how the program can be improved if it continues in coming years. In a project wrap-up meeting this summer, Bureau of Oral Health staff offered their thanks to the participating schools and volunteer screeners.

## Continuing Education Opportunity!

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

Johnson County  
Community College  
November 7-8

## Did You Know...

Regular dental  
cleanings can help  
prevent heart attacks.



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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!**

## Traveling Sugary Beverage Display

In August, the Oral Health Kansas traveling sugary drink displays will be on display at the Greenwood County Health Department, Haskell Township Library, and Dodge City Public Library.



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, October, November and December!

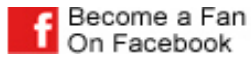
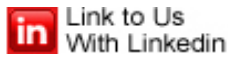
## Safety-Net and Public Health Conferences scheduled next month

The Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU) and Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) have announced the schedules for their September conferences.

KAMU will host a conference for safety-net clinics September 25-27 in Lawrence. The conference agenda and registration details can be found on the [KAMU website](#).

On September 17-19 KPHA members will gather in Wichita for their annual conference. Details about the program and registration are available on the [KPHA website](#).

If you have an idea, story or suggestion for a Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday Update please contact us at [info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org).



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