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To improve oral health  
in Kansas through  
advocacy,  
public awareness  
and education.*

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**Innovative Ideas  
Expo deadline  
is approaching!**

The 2010 Oral Health Kansas  
Conference will feature an  
Innovative Ideas Expo.

## Early Childhood & Oral Health Curriculum

Kansas Cavity Free Kids, an initiative from Kansas Head Start Association, and Oral Health Kansas have joined forces to create an oral health staff development program for Kansas early childhood home visitors.

It includes a notebook of 15 modules on early childhood oral health topics as well as a wide range of handouts for families. Kansas Cavity Free Kids will be offering oral health workshops in regions throughout Kansas in the fall of 2010 and spring 2011.

Home visitation programs are designed to offer education and resources to families during pregnancy and in the first few years of a child's life. The goal is to provide individualized support to families in establishing healthy, nurturing experiences on which their children can grow and develop. Having home visitors introduce oral health knowledge and skills to families early in the child's life is an ideal way to establish health practices throughout life for the entire family.

Kansas has several home visiting programs, each the responsibility of different organizations. To learn more, please go to each program's website.

This new element to the conference will offer participants the chance to learn about some of the exciting projects in oral health across the state through interactive poster displays.

If you have a project you would like to share with your colleagues across the state, please **click here** to learn more and submit your idea for inclusion in the Innovative Ideas Expo **by August 27**.

## KAMU Taking Calls for Free Dental Care

New federal funding is available for dental services through the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved.

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Early Head Start: <http://www.ksheadstart.org/>

Healthy Families: <https://www.kcsl.org/HealthyFamilies.aspx>

Healthy Start: <http://www.kdheks.gov/c-f/healthy.html>

Infant/Toddler Services (tiny-k): <http://www.ksits.org/>

Parents as Teachers: <http://www.kpata.org/>

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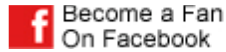
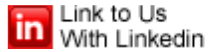
*A New Decade  
for Oral Health:*  
**THINK BIG**

**2010 Oral Health Kansas Conference  
December 2-3, 2010**

**Capitol Plaza Hotel  
Topeka, Kansas**

Featuring: Perspectives on National Healthcare Reform from  
Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger and Children's  
Dental Health Project Executive Director Cathy Dunham

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