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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](#)



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**Parents....promote good oral health!**

## 2015 OHK Annual Conference November 12-14



Our theme this year, is "Oral Health For All: It's Within Reach". Speakers will be discussing the differences between equality and equity. We hope participants can walk away understanding that not everyone has equal access to oral health care, what barriers may be the cause and

We know kiddos don't enjoy eating "healthy" but natural foods have less sugar than processed foods. [Here](#) are a few ways to promote oral health and healthy eating in the home.

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## And the Winner Is.....

Oral Health America held a contest offered to Little League baseball and softball players to create a slogan for their National Spit Tobacco Education Project. The winning slogan is "Run bases, catch balls" by 12 year old Brexton Cubb. Read the [press release](#) and find out his amazing prize! Way to go Brexton!



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## 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](#).

what each of us can do.

This year the conference will be in the Johnson County area at the new and beautiful K-State Olathe University Campus building, 22201 W. Innovation Drive, Olathe.

Registration for the conference will begin **September 8!** We will keep you posted!

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## Count Your Kid In

On August 14th, the Butler County Child and Family Development Task Force held its first oral health screening in conjunction with their usual "Count Your Kid In" screenings in Andover. About a dozen youngsters aged birth to five years took advantage of the free screenings done by Grace Med's own Doreen Eyler, RDH.



Doreen Eyler, RDH,  
with parent and child  
during screening

We expect the number of children to climb as word gets circulated. The next screenings will take place this Friday in El Dorado. If you would like more information on the Butler County initiative, or if you wish to explore a community coalition on oral health in your backyard, contact Doug Bowman, Community Coalition Coordinator at



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## ER Dental Visits Increase

Dental visits in the emergency rooms have increased and continues to be a great concern.

A recent research brief by the American Dental Association, examines the urgency of emergency visits for dental conditions in the United States. Two thirds of dental visits occur after normal business hours. Results showed if dental care services were more accessible, emergency room visits could be diverted.



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