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Last week Dental Champions Class 8 held their last session and graduation! During the program, members worked together to create strategies on how to improve fluoridation in Kansas. They presented their plan to the OHK Board Members at their quarterly meeting, followed by a graduation.

Congratulations Class 8!

Joint committee hears concerns from Kansans

This week the Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight met at the Capitol. The joint committee heard testimony from members of the Kansas advocacy community regarding their concerns or comments on KanCare. Oral Health Kansas was represented at the meeting through [testimony](#) provided by Tanya Dorf Brunner voicing the importance of preventive dental benefits, as well as, the addition of comprehensive adult dental benefits in the request for proposals (RFP) for KanCare2.0, which will be released in the fall. The testimony also directed the committee to Oral Health Kansas' [letter to Governor Brownback](#) with the same appeal to comprehensive adult dental benefits in the RFP on which managed care organizations will bid. An [article](#) in The Topeka Capital-Journal points to the concerns shared by Kansas residents regarding KanCare.

If you are interested in further information regarding the KanCare Renewal process,



Members not pictured: Bill Blasing and Denise Cyzman

Click [here](#) to see a list of the class as well as other previous classes.



Open slots still available for exhibitors

OHK still has open slots for exhibitors for our annual conference in November. This year the conference will be held November 2-3 at the KState Olathe Campus in Olathe. Your exhibitor registration will provide the following benefits:

- An 8 foot table with tablecloth and skirting
- Two chairs
- Electricity, upon request
- Complimentary internet access
- Complimentary access to all conference meal functions and speakers

If you have any questions, email us at info@oralhealthkansas.org

To fill out an exhibitor form, click [here](#).



please visit the [KanCare website](#). Public comments regarding KanCare renewal are being accepted until October 15, 2017. Written comments about KanCare renewal may be sent to this email address: kdhe.kancarer renewal@ks.gov

Sign on to the [KanCare Adult Dental Coalition](#) and join other Kansans to support the efforts to create a comprehensive dental benefit for adults.



Find the Kansas Basic Screening Survey Results in Head Start Sand Box publication

Last month, we were excited to share the results of the Basic Screening Survey and the [Kansas Head Start Smiles for Life report](#).



Our Dental Program Director, Kathy Hunt, wrote a [summary](#) of the results, for the Head Start Sand Box. This publication by Region VII Head Start Association provides stories and early childhood topics for Head Start professionals, legislators and the community. Check out the [Summer 2017 edition of the Sand Box](#) and look for

Intersections of Faith and Health Conference

United Methodist Health Ministry Fund has organized an exciting conference with several workshops covering topics from health advocacy to faith-based community workers. There will be a pre-conference October 18 and the conference will be held on October 19, both in Salina.

Click [here](#) for more info!



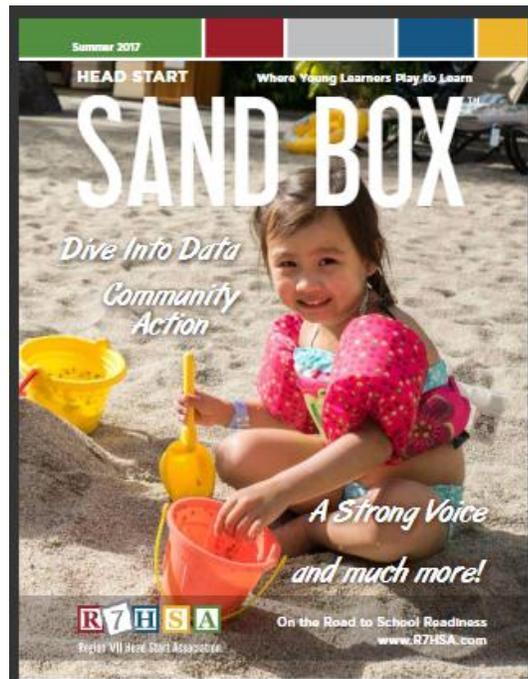
Sugary Drink Display

Yep! Our reservations are starting to come in quickly! People use our drink display at schools, for classroom education, health fairs and at the office! Sign up before the months fill up!

Our sugary drink display has 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. We also include some of our [Tips and Tricks](#) fact sheets and brush your teeth mirror clings! The display is free to use for up to a month, and we reimburse postage!

Reserving yours ahead of time ensures you can get the date(s) you need. [Email us](#) and let us know when you would like to reserve a drink display.

Kathy's write up!



How much sugar are children consuming?



(Photo: KIND)

If you wanted to see something visually appalling this week, it was definitely the 45,485 pounds of sugar that was dumped in Times Square Tuesday to spark conversation about how much added sugar children consume.

The 45,485 pounds of sugar in New York City's Times Square is meant to



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represent how much added sugar American children are eating every 5 minutes. The snack company KIND thought it would provide a good visual for parents and children to make better food choices.

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), between 2001 and 2010, consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages among children and adolescents decreased, but still accounts for 10% of total caloric intake. Empty calories from added sugars and solid fats contribute to 40% of daily calories for children and adolescents age 2-18 years-affecting the overall quality of their diets.

What's another visual that would make an impact on healthy beverage choices? Our [Sugary Drink Display!](#) Read more information about it on the left side of this newsletter and how you can sign up to reserve one!



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