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Shawnee County Oral Health Coalition leaders have been out speaking to service clubs in Topeka to spread the word about the Brush Book Bed program. This week, the Coalition received its first donation to help buy more books for the families who participate in the program.

Congratulations!

If you are interested in learning

Lets discuss the Opioid Crisis: What's Happening in Kansas?

On Tuesday, August 29th, [Kansas Health Institute](#) hosted a symposium on the opioid crisis on both the national level and in Kansas. Nearly 75 were in attendance from a variety of backgrounds such as law enforcement, insurance agencies, pharmacists, physicians, health advocates, state agencies, and treatment centers. Keynote speaker, [Dr. Andrew Kolodny](#), co-director of the Opioid Policy Research Collaborative at Brandies University, highlighted how drug overdose deaths have surpassed both motor vehicle and gun violence deaths in recent years and the level continues to trend upward.

This year at the OHK conference in November, will have a session, *The Challenge of Preventing Opioid Abuse* by Alan J. Murray, LCSW, LSCSW, Heart of America Professional Network, who will speak about how dental practices can

more about the Brush, Book, Bed program, [email](#) us!



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](#).

MEETING the
CHALLENGE
of **CHANGE**

Read grin!

Delta Dental of Kansas publishes grin!, an issue that contains entertainment, news and notes about oral health.

incorporate best practices to stop opioid abuse before it begins.



Alan J. Murray

Watch for our conference registration opening up soon!

As Congress returns, work on CHIP resumes

Next Tuesday, September 5th, Congress will return to Washington D.C. from their August recess. As Congress returns to the Capitol, the deadline for CHIP, the Children's Health Insurance Program, is quickly approaching. Funding for the current program, which provides medical and dental insurance to nearly 9 million children, will end September 30th. If lawmakers do not extend the funding, states will exhaust their remaining federal funds for the program by the end of fiscal year 2018. In Kansas, this means the 79,319 children that are covered by this insurance program would be left without healthcare coverage.

Find recipes, questions answered, oral health stories and much more! A fun and informative read.

Check out the newest edition [here!](#)



Sugary Drink Display

Now that back to school jitters are calming down, check out your schedule and reserve a drink display! 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.

What CHIP Reauthorization should look like:

- CHIP funding to be extended for five more years
- No funding rollbacks or eligibility changes
- Funding not tied to other health programs, like Medicaid or the ACA

What can you do?

- Contact Senator Pat Roberts
- Senator Roberts will be a key player in CHIP Reauthorization as he sits on the Senate Finance Committee.
- Contact Governor Brownback and Lt. Governor Colyer to put pressure on Congress
- Utilize these resources to contact Governor Brownback and all Congress members:
 - [Children's Dental Health Project Toolkit](#)
 - [Families USA Blog](#)

For more information:

- Attend Children's Dental Health Project [webinar](#) on Renewing CHIP September 7th, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CST
- Review this [presentation](#) on CHIP and its impact on the dental health of children



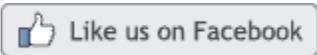


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Comic book gets it wrong on fluoride

This summer, Marvel introduced a new comic book series called Secret Empire. Marvel's stories continue to be all the rage, but in the first issue of Secret Empire, things take a turn. The issue begins with an evil plot when the bad guys add a mind-altering substance to the fluoride in the water. Conspiracy theories like this have been in popular culture since the movie "Dr. Strangelove," premiered in the 1960s. A pop culture website presented the facts this week and set the record straight saying, "The truth of the matter is that fluoride has been added to municipal water supplies for over 70 years, with tremendously positive results."

Get the facts about fluoride:

www.fluoridekansas.org

www.ilikemyteeth.org

ADA.org/fluoride