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## Be an exhibitor at our conference

Exhibitor early bird registration ends **September 12**. Sign up!

OHK's [annual conference](#) is November 3-5 in Overland Park. This year's theme is "Igniting Collective Impact: Inspiring Communities. The conference this year will engage oral health advocates and practitioners in conversations about the collective approaches we all can take to inspire communities to make big differences in improving the oral health of their residents.

Exhibitors will participate on November 4 as well as have an opportunity to attend the day's sessions! If interested email

## Eighth Dental Champions Class Gets Started

On August 26, the eighth class of Dental Champions got started on its year-long leadership journey. The class members gathered at the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund (UMHMF) office in Hutchinson.

UMHMF President Kim Moore helped welcome the class by sharing the history of the oral health community in Kansas, as well as the investments UMHMF has made in community water fluoridation over the last 15 plus years. Dr. Amy Seery (Class VII), and Tanya Dorf Brunner (Oral Health Kansas) shared the recent history of water fluoridation battles in Wichita and Salina.

Kathy Hunt (Class I), and Sharon Tidwell (Class I) welcomed the class on behalf of the Dental Champions Advisory Board. They described the history of the Dental Champions program and relayed their experiences in the program. The class will meet next in Wichita in September to

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## Kansas Health Foundation donates to Project Access

This week the Kansas Health Foundation announced that it has donated \$50,000 to [Project Access](#). Project Access coordinates donated medical care for lower-income, uninsured residents of Sedgwick County. Project Access and its community partners serve patients in many locations. Eligible uninsured patients are enrolled for limited periods of time to address immediate medical needs. Once enrolled, patients have access to a variety of specialists, as well as prescription medication, durable medical equipment and diabetic supplies.

Read the press release [here!](#)



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## Attend a KanCare forum in your area

[The Alliance for a Healthy Kansas](#) is busy again making stops in your city. If there's a KanCare forum in your area, make sure to attend. Alliance for a Healthy Kansas wants to hear

begin their Kansas Leadership Center training.

This class joins 117 program alumni. Class VIII is the second class tasked with learning about and devising approaches to preserving water fluoridation in Kansas. Learn more about the Dental Champions program on the [Dental Champions website](#) and see lists of all the alumni since 2005 on the [Oral Health Kansas website](#).



Class members (from left to right): Alex Martinez, Davette McCoy, Bill Blasing, Kelly Rippel, Rachel Alexander, Adrienne Olejnik, Michelle Ponce, Cheryl Helmer, Keyna Chertoff, Dr. Jim Trotter, and Dr. Brett Roufs. (Denise Cyzman is not pictured.)

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## Kansas Neurological Institute dental clinic provides services despite cuts

The [Kansas Neurological Institute](#) (KNI)

from consumers like you!

**Wednesday, August 31,  
6:30pm**

Pittsburg, Kansas  
Homer Cole Community Center  
3003 N. Joplin St.

**Thursday, September 1,  
6:30pm**

Leavenworth, Kansas  
Leavenworth Front Community  
Center  
123 Esplanade St.

**Tuesday, September 6,  
6:30pm**

Holton, Kansas  
Holton First Baptist Church  
404 Juniper Dr.

**Thursday, September 8,  
6:30pm**

Kansas City, Kansas  
Donnelly College  
608 N. 18th St.

**Wednesday, October 5,  
6:30pm**

Atchison, Kansas  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
603 N. 8th St.



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**Replace your drink  
with water**

Replacing even just one of your sugary beverages [with water](#), [benefits your health](#). [Studies show the effects](#) of replacing a single 8-ounce sugar-sweetened drink with an 8-ounce serving of water is enough to achieve the shift toward better health.

"We found that among U.S.

has a dental clinic which provides services to 147 residents, as well as non-residents with disabilities. According to a [KHI News Service](#) report this week, KNI and Parsons State Hospital and Training Center - the state's other residential facility for Kansans with intellectual and developmental disabilities - both contract with local dentists to provide on-site care one day per week. KNI employed a full-time dentist until about two years ago. The clinic's staff was cut following an audit of state hospitals by an external consulting agency called the Buckley Group that recommended a host of cost reductions. Now that the reductions are in place, the clinic is not sure how many more non-residents it can provide services to.

"I'd hate to get to the point where we'd have to start saying no. But again, we can only do what we can do that doesn't cost the state more."

- *Brent Widick, superintendent of the Kansas Neurological Institute in Topeka* -  
Read more on this story on [KHI's](#) website.



adults who consume one serving of sugar-sweetened beverages per day, replacing that drink with water lowered the percent of calories coming from drinks from 17 to 11 percent," Kiyah Duffey, an adjunct faculty member at Virginia Tech University, said in a press release.

When in doubt, choose water!



## Sugary Drink Display

There is a lot of talk going on about our drink displays. So much talk, that folks are already starting to book into 2017! You don't want to miss your chance. Reserve your drink display now!

Our drink display has 10 beverages that will show you how much sugar is in each! It has children asking lots of questions!



The drink display is free, and shipping costs are reimbursed when you return it to us. [Email us](#) to reserve a spot! Spots are filling up fast!

## Kansas Health Institute releases annual insurance update 2016 report

This week the Kansas Health Institute released its [Annual Insurance Update report](#).



The data reflect insurance coverage in 2014, which was the first full year of implementation of the major health insurance expansion provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Information about insurance coverage in this report is based on data from the American Community Survey (ACS), gathered by the U.S. Census Bureau in 2014. The 2014 ACS sample of non-institutionalized individuals included 28,724 Kansas residents who completed interviews. Some of the key findings were:

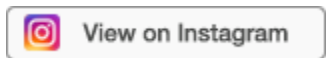
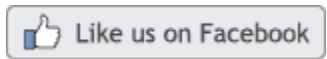
- There are 301,926 (10.5 percent) uninsured Kansans, which is a decrease of nearly 48,000 from 2013 (12.3 percent)
- The majority of Kansans are covered by private insurance (61.5 percent), and most are covered through an employer (51.9 percent)



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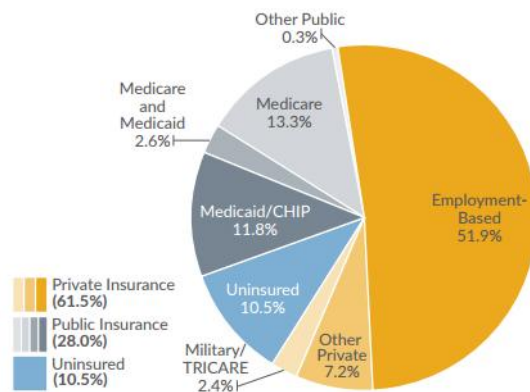
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- 59.3% of uninsured Kansans are adults age 19-44
- Two out of three (67.5 percent) uninsured Kansans have incomes above 100 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL)
- In 2014, there were 56,700 young adult Kansans (age 19-25) who did not have health insurance

Figure 2. All Kansans: Source of Health Insurance, 2014



Note: All Kansans (not in institutions such as correctional facilities or state hospitals) = 2,862,478. Percentages may not sum to 100 percent because of rounding. "Other Private" is coverage directly purchased by individuals, and includes those covered by insurance purchased on the Kansas marketplace established by the ACA. "Military/TRICARE" coverage is considered private insurance.

Source: KHI analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2014 Public Use Microdata Sample.

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