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## Kansas Health Foundation grant opportunity

The Kansas Health Foundation (KHF) is accepting requests for proposals (RFPs) to fund organizations that will improve health outcomes by improving Kansans' access to clean, safe drinking water. [Find out more information!](#)



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## Volunteers Needed!

The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department is looking for community members to lead "Tools for Better Health" workshops. The workshops help Douglas County

## Nominations Now Open!

Each year, we honor outstanding individuals and organizations who are dedicated to improving oral health in Kansas. This is an opportunity to show someone how much their work is appreciated! Award winners will be honored at the Excellence in Oral Health Award Reception on Thursday, November 12 in Johnson County.

Categories are:

- *Outstanding Community Leader*
- *Outstanding Dentist*
- *Outstanding Organization*
- *Bob Bethell Award for Outstanding Policy Maker*
- *Lifetime Achievement Award*
- *Outstanding Hygienist*
- *Outstanding Volunteer*
- *Outstanding Dental Champion*

Nominations are due by **Monday, September 28 by 5pm.** When you

residents who have one or more chronic diseases such as heart disease, asthma or diabetes live a healthier life. [Learn more!](#)



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## Save the Date!

The 2015  
Oral Health Kansas Conference  
will be  
November 12-14 in the Johnson  
County area:

Olathe  
K-State University campus

Please plan to attend. Details  
coming soon!



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## Reserve your drink display now!

Now that school is starting soon, make sure you get your reservation in! 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.

Learn more [on our](#)

have completed a nomination form, you may submit it to:  
[info@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:info@oralhealthkansas.org)

[Oral Health Award Nomination Form](#)

[Dental Champion Award Form](#)



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## The Isman-Fine Oral Health Leadership Fellows Program

The Center for Oral Health in California has announced The Isman-Fine Oral Health Leadership Fellows Program.

The program is named after two exceptional oral health leaders:



Dr. Bob Isman, former Director of the Oral Health Program in the State of California.

Dr. Jared Fine, former Director of the Oral Health Program in the County of Alameda, CA, both retired from public service.



**website** and **email us** if you are interested in hosting the display!



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The program is a one-year interdisciplinary, mentored fellowship focused on health-related community service and leadership development.

The main objective of the Isman-Fine Oral Health Leadership Fellows Program is to foster and mentor a new network of emerging leaders who will take responsibility for growing and sustaining the field. This program will generate and engage younger public health professionals and oral health advocates, and prepare them to deepen their knowledge on public policy, and take on leadership roles more effectively. Please read more information about the program [here](#).

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## Cigarette Tax Increased July 1

On July 1, the cigarette tax took effect in Kansas, raising the 50-cent-a-pack cigarette tax, to \$1.29. This produced \$11.45 million in revenues, down \$25,000 from projections, but \$4.48 million or 64% more than last July.

In February, Oral Health Kansas testified in support of the cigarette tax increase, noting that when cigarette prices increased, we would see a revenue increase but would reduce the amount of people who smoke, making Kansans healthier.



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