Submit Your Nominations For Excellence In Oral Health Awards

The deadline to submit nominations for the Excellence In Oral Health Awards is **Friday, September 6 by 5pm**. Is there someone in the oral health field or community who inspires you? Do you work alongside an individual who demonstrates the importance of improving oral health? Choose a category...
and nominate someone! The individuals will be recognized on Friday, November 8, unless otherwise noted.

- Outstanding Organization Award
- Outstanding Dental Hygienist Award
- Outstanding Dentist Award
- Outstanding Community Leader Award
- Bob Bethell Outstanding Policy Maker Award
- Outstanding Oral Health Volunteer Award
- Ron Alexander Outstanding Dental Champion Award-award will be given on the evening of Thursday, November 7

Â For more details and previous award winners, click here.

Kansas Governor Designates Community Care Clinic Week

National Health Center Week (August 4th-10th) is an annual celebration with the goal of raising awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America’s health centers over the past five decades. Last week, Governor Laura Kelly signed and made official Community Care Clinic Week for August 4-10.

For many Kansans, Community Care Clinics are the only means they can find access to primary and dental care. Community Care Network of Kansas is comprised of community care clinics with a common goal of providing high-quality health care that is accessible to all Kansans. Click here to find a clinic in Kansas.

Now Is The Time To Contact Your Congressmembers!

Congressmembers will be back in their home communities during the August recess. Now is the perfect time to share your concerns about the state of oral health in your community and what they can do to help improve access to dental care!

Families USA created a toolkit to make it easy to express your concerns and the importance of oral health for all. The toolkit includes talking points, background information, questions for policy makers, and suggested social media posts. Join Families USA and Children’s Dental
Health Project on August 20th at 3pm EST for a Twitter Chat where you can put these tools to use. More details will be provided.

Back To School Oral Health Routines

We hope your kids have been brushing their teeth throughout the summer. Now it’s time to get them back into the routine of brushing before they jump on the bus and before they hit the bed! Start off by getting a new toothbrush. New school supplies, new clothes and a new toothbrush add to a great start to the school year! Use a brushing calendar to mark off each time your child brushes his teeth and flosses. Provide stickers for rewards and avoid using sugar snacks as rewards. If your child begins to get impatient brushing, start a video before brushing. This will teach them how to brush their teeth and keep it fun!

Don’t forget to make a dentist appointment! Planning ahead to make the appointment before school starts is important but if you forgot, that’s ok! Make it as soon as you can so the dentist can see if your child is experiencing any problems.

Events:

Community Care At The Crossroads 2019 Annual Conference: September 11-13, 2019, Manhattan, Kansas. To register click here.

Kansas Public Health Association Conference, Be The Bridge, Connecting The Healthiest System: September 24-25, 2019 in Topeka, Kansas. For more information and to register, click here.


Where Is OHK?

We exhibit at health fairs, conferences and other events all around the state providing resources and education. This month find us at the Will To Succeed Foundation Health Fair on August 24, at the Stormont Vail Events Center, 1 Expocentre Drive in Topeka.
Oral Health Kansas Board Member and Chief Operating Officer for Sunflower Health Plan, Jonalan Smith, PharmD, will be presenting at the 2019 Conference on Oral Health. He will be addressing how interprofessional collaborations, such as that between pharmacy and dentistry, can improve oral health.

Register for the conference on Friday, November 8. The conference will be held at the Kansas State Olathe Campus, 22201 W. Innovation Dr., Olathe, KS 66061. CE's will be available.

Have You Reserved The Sugary Drink Display?

August is tomorrow! The Sugary Drink Display has been out visiting different parts of Kansas and staying busy. Reserve yours now for the upcoming school year and events! Slots fill up quickly.

What is a Sugary Drink Display? It's our drink display that has 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. You can reserve a child drink display or an adult drink display for a month.

Spots fill up quickly! We will do our best to fulfill requests of less than 30 days but there is no guarantee.

There is no charge to use the Sugary Drink Display; postage is reimbursed if you send in your receipt. All we ask is for you to fill out our survey included in the display materials and provide us with feedback about the display. Click here to make a reservation!

Interested in purchasing a Sugary Drink Display? Click here to download our brochure.
Donate Supplies For Our Sugary Drink Display

We love sending out the Sugary Drink Display as an educational resource! However, due to bumps and bruises from shipping, there are times our beverages need replacing. Sometimes there are great BOGO deals and we'd appreciate you thinking of us. If you are interested in donating a bottle or two, contact us for a list of items that may be needed at 785-235-6039 or info@oralhealthkansas.org.

Don't want to buy anything but still would like to make a donation? Click here to donate to the Sugary Drink Display!

- Just $25 will ship a Sugary Drink Display
- $1.88 will buy one 20 ounce bottle of Mountain Dew
- $0.99 will buy one 16 ounce 2% Kroger brand milk

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