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Grant Writing Workshop

There is a [grant writing workshop](#) September 9 and 16, provided by the Mid-America Regional Council. This two-part workshop will cover the basics of grant writing and give you the opportunity to write a proposal and have it reviewed and discussed during the second session. [Sign up now!](#)



Community Service Stories needed

With National Dental Hygiene month in October, the American Dental Hygienists Association

Dental Champions Class VII Graduate!

Congratulations again to the members of Dental Champions Class VII who graduated on August 21 at the Kansas Leadership Center. Class VII graduates are listed below:

Rep. Susan Concannon
Megan Foreman
Allison Lesko, DDS
Heather Robinson, RDH
Niki Sadler
Amy Seery, MD
Jane Shirley, MSE, BSN
Pamela Smith, RDH
Chris Steege
Cathleen Taylor-Osborne, DDS, MA
Lisa Thurlow, DDS



(ADHA) is seeking stories about dental hygienists and the services they are providing in their community. ADHA members are encouraged to submit stories about their dental hygienists! Stories can be submitted

to: communications@adha.net



Save the Date!

The 2015 Oral Health Kansas Conference will be November 12-14 in the Johnson County area at the Olathe K-State University campus.



Registration for the conference will begin soon! Mark your calendars now to take part in this event focused on health and oral health equity.



Make plans to attend the November 12-14 Oral Health Kansas Conference to learn more about the statewide fluoridation support infrastructure Class VII is developing and how you can get involved!



KAMU Awarded Navigator Grant

Today the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU) was awarded a Navigator grant for the third year in a row. KAMU has served as the lead agency and Navigator grantee since 2013 for the Cover Kansas Navigator Project. The project supports a statewide network of Navigators that conduct outreach, education, and assistance for Kansans, especially those uninsured or underinsured, to help them understand and access affordable health insurance options available through the Federally Facilitated Marketplace.

Navigators are trained specialists who provide consumers with in-person help, answering their questions about their health insurance and financial assistance options and assisting them as they

Drink Display

Our sugary drink display is making its way around the state! Our friends at Advocacy First, LLC in Bonner Springs have the display this week to demonstrate healthy drinking habits.

If you want to reserve the drink display for your organization or event, [email us](#). Remember the display is free to use and return shipping costs are reimbursed by Oral Health Kansas.

Slots are filling up fast!



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complete their application. Navigators are knowledgeable about the range of health plans available on HealthCare.gov as well as other public health insurance programs offered in their state, including Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The navigator awards announced today will allow organizations to work with consumers for the next three years.



URGENT: Fluoridation Advocacy Opportunity

Ed Begley, Jr. is slated to be on the [opening panel](#) at the fall conference of the American Public Health Association (APHA). He is a television personality who is known for his environmentalism and for being an outspoken anti-fluoridationist. While he is on the agenda to talk about environmental issues, there is a danger in giving someone the podium who is a critic of the sound science behind community water fluoridation. He was one of the lead national spokespeople in the 2013 campaign to prevent Portland, OR, from being fluoridated.

The American Network of Oral Health Coalitions (ANOHC) is national sign-on letter asking the APHA to remove Mr. Begley from their conference agenda. To learn more about the sign-on letter and to add your organization's name to it, please contact Tanya Dorf Brunner at tdorf@oralhealthkansas.org. The deadline to sign onto the letter is Friday, September 4 at 5 pm.

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