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Thank you to our newest conference sponsors, [Comfort Dental](#) and [Aetna](#)! Thank you for supporting our mission and making our 2017 conference possible!



If you have a nomination you would like to [submit](#) for the Excellence in Oral Health Awards, you have until **5pm on Monday, October 2**. This is the year to let someone know how much their accomplishments and hard work are appreciated! Not sure who to nominate? No problem, we have several categories to pick from. Submit more than one!

- Outstanding Organization
- Outstanding Dental Hygiene Clinician
- Outstanding Dentist Award
- Outstanding Community Leader
- Bob Bethel Outstanding Policy Maker
- Outstanding Oral Health Volunteer
- Outstanding Dental Champion



### Help us celebrate kids health

Join us on Monday, October 2 to celebrate National Child Health Day! Every child deserves to grow healthy and strong.

What can you do?

- Raise awareness
- Provide resources
- Take a walk with a child
- Talk about healthy foods and beverages
- Brush your teeth together!
- Use #ChildHealthDay and #ForKidsHealth



### Sugary Drink Display

Our sugary drink display reservations have been keeping us busy! The displays are venturing out visiting mental health centers, clinics and schools!

Our sugary drink display has 10

### I can't talk about water fluoridation!

If you have found yourself thinking this or wondering how to respond to questions about recent news stories about water fluoridation, there is a solution. Water fluoridation is a divisive issue, but anyone can share the message about its safety and effectiveness.

Kansas ranks low in the number of residents who have access to fluoridated water. In order to expand the number of people in the U.S. who receive the benefits of fluoridated water, it is not only necessary to initiate new fluoridation programs, but also maintain current programs.

Kansas is fortunate to have the opportunity to learn from Jane McGinley, the American Dental Association's manager of fluoridation and preventive activities in November. Jane will present two workshops entitled, "Fluoridation Strategies: A National Perspective." Workshop participants will learn about various campaign strategies and how to involve the community in fluoridation efforts. Jane also will discuss effective communication strategies and techniques to get positive messages to decision-makers and the public.

Make plans to join us on November 1 in Wichita or November 2 in Olathe to learn from one of the nation's foremost experts on community water fluoridation. Register for this workshop and the other sessions at the Oral Health Kansas Conference by visiting our [website](#).

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!

Send your reservation request ahead of time to ensure you will have one on hold! [Email us!](#)



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## Repeal bill stopped/CHIP deadline looms

Thank you to everyone who joined Oral Health Kansas in reaching out to our Congressional delegation to urge them to stop the latest repeal and replace bill. The Graham-Cassidy bill, as it was known, would have repealed the Affordable Care Act and stripped funding from Medicaid. Yesterday Senators Bill Cassidy and Lindsey Graham announced they do not have the votes to pass their repeal bill. Through our Twitter storms, emails, calls, and a formal statement to the Senate Finance Committee, our voices were heard. Thank you for making your voice heard on the Graham-Cassidy healthcare bill!

Although Medicaid coverage remains untouched for now, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is still at risk. Funding for CHIP expires on September 30 - THIS SATURDAY. Our U.S. Senators need to know the importance of CHIP to children everywhere. If CHIP is not reauthorized for five years, almost nine million children will lose their health and dental coverage. Use the image below to contact your senators and representatives **TOMORROW, September 28th**, to tell them to extend



View on Instagram

CHIP! More information can be found [here](#).

**THANK YOU, AGAIN, FOR YOUR  
AMAZING WORK!**



**3 DAYS  
LEFT TO  
PROTECT  
OUR KIDS.**

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