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Kelly Rippel represented Oral Health Kansas at the 2017 Kansas Tribal Health Summit where presenters spoke on topics including the importance of water to everyday life, gardening and exercise activities, healthy cooking and how people used to eat generations ago before modern, processed food. Individuals and organizations were interested in the programs and trainings Oral Health Kansas provides, in addition to the educational

It's open! Register for the annual Oral Health Kansas Conference

This year the OHK conference will be November 2-3, at the beautiful KState Olathe campus, 22201 W. Innovation Dr. Olathe, KS 66061.

Our theme, "Meeting the Challenge of Change" fits today’s environment of rapid change. Speakers will present on how to adapt to challenges, how we can be successful in our unique environments and learn new techniques to continue our work in improving oral health for Kansans.
materials like Tips & Tricks and the Fast Facts library.

If you are interested in learning more about our materials email us or check out our website.

Open slots still available for exhibitors

OHK still has open slots for exhibitors for our annual conference in November. This year the conference will be held November 2-3 at the KState Olathe Campus in Olathe. Your exhibitor registration will provide the following benefits:

- An 8 foot table with tablecloth and skirt ing
- Two chairs
- Electricity, upon request
- Complimentary internet access
- Complimentary access to all conference meal functions and speakers

If you have any questions, email us at info@oralhealthkansas.org

To fill out an exhibitor form, click here.

Sugary Drink Display

"Wow, I didn't know that's how much sugar was in my drink!" A quote we often hear from people who reserve our sugary drink display. People use our drink display at schools, for classroom education, health

Conference Schedule-at-a-Glance

Thursday, November 2: Pre-Conference

- 8:30-12:30 Dental Champions Leadership Program Alumni Session: Fluoridation Strategies: A National Perspective (4.0 CEs)
- 8:30-12:30 Networking Opportunity: Community Oral Health Coalitions (by invitation)

Thursday, November 2: Annual Conference (3.5 CEs)

- 12:00-1:00 Exhibits and Registration Open
- 1:00-1:30 Opportunities in Oral Health Public Policy
- 1:30-2:15 Meeting the Oral Health Challenges in Kansas Communities
- 2:15-3:15 Assessing the Oral Health Status of Low-Income Seniors
- 3:15-3:45 Break with the Exhibitors
- 3:45-5:00 The Challenge of Preventing Opioid Abuse
- 5:00-7:00 2017 Excellence in Oral Health Awards Reception (open to all-no charge)

Friday, November 3: Annual Conference (3.5 CEs)

- 7:30-8:15 Continental Breakfast with the Exhibitors
- 8:15-9:30 Adapting Health Communications in a Changing Online Environment (Keynote Speaker)
- 9:30-10:00 Break with the Exhibitors
fairs and at the office! Sign up before the months fill up!

Our sugary drink display has 10 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!

Reserving yours ahead of time ensures you can get the date(s) you need. Email us and let us know when you would like to reserve a drink display.

10:00-11:00 Meeting People with Disabilities Where They Are

11:00-12:15 Even Your Zip Code Affects Your Health: Health Equity at Work in Wyandotte County

12:15-12:30 Wrap-up and Adjourn

**Friday, November 3: Post-Conference (3.0 CEs)**

1:30-4:30 New Advances in Caries Management: Risk Assessment, Silver Diamine Fluoride, and Glass Ionomer Cement

For a full conference schedule with session description, visit our website and click on the conference brochure.

Click here to register! The early bird rates ends October 3!

A special low rate for conference attendees has been arranged with the Holiday Inn Express Olathe. Rates are $129 + tax per night. Reservations must be received by October 3, 2017. To reserve your room call Reservations at 913-397-0100. Ask for the Oral Health Kansas block.

Questions about the conference? Call 785-235-6039 or email us.

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**Thirsty for Health joins grantees for tour of Colby, Kansas**

Thirsty for Health project manager Kelly Rippel attended the Kansas Health Foundation water grantee meeting last
week in Colby, Kansas, where he and the other four organizations working on water projects toured farms and spoke with local water managers. The group had the opportunity to experience the traveling Smithsonian exhibit, "Water Ways." Among other issues, they discussed water usage, conservation efforts and sustainable agriculture best practices. As a participating Thirsty for Health school district, Colby USD 315 is excited to continue promoting healthy hydration this school year for their students and is gearing up for introducing the curriculum and social media campaign. They are even creating their own sugary drink display version with items from the high school's vending machine.