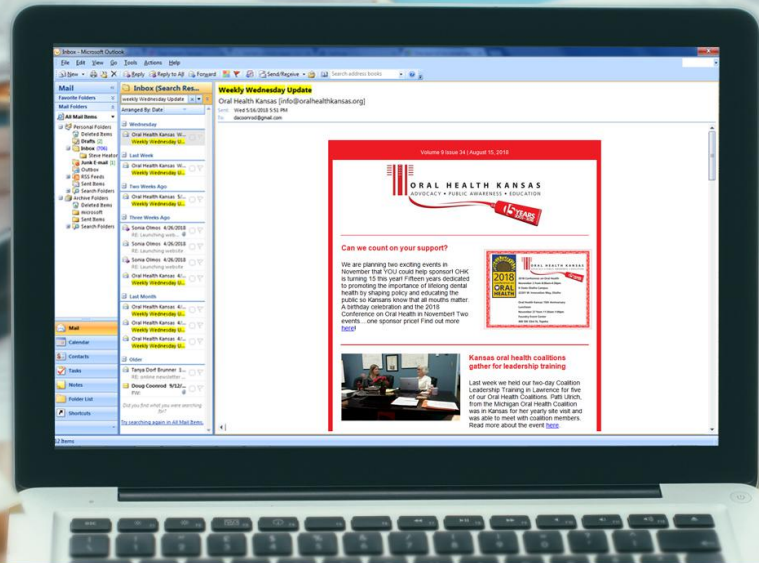




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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

The Weekly Wednesday Update is our newsletter which we email every Wednesday with oral health, health and policy updates from around the state and nationally.

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Special Conference On Advocacy Session

Oral Health Kansas frequently asks you to help us advocate for policy change. Does it ever feel overwhelming, or are you unsure if you can do it? We are excited to share a new resource and a special conference guest speaker to make advocacy easier for you.

During the Conference on Oral Health on Friday, November 5, we will present a special pre-conference session to introduce our new Advocacy Toolkit! OHK Board member and Master's of Public Health candidate Whitney Zamora, Registered Dental Hygienist, and our own Policy Director, Christi Wells, will share the new toolkit that covers topics from how to find your legislator to how a bill becomes a law. The toolkit includes a series of fun and engaging videos, and pre-conference attendees will get a sneak peek!

A special guest speaker will be Representative (Rep.) Susan Concannon (R-Beloit). Rep. Concannon is a champion for health policy, chairs the House Committee on Children and Seniors, and was a member of the seventh Dental Champions class. She will share insight about how to talk with legislators.

Registration for the November 4-5 Conference on Oral Health opens soon! We look forward to you joining us for the virtual event this year.



Resources for Healthy Aging Month

September is Healthy Aging Month, a nationwide observance dedicated to empowering older adults by promoting the positive features of aging. Older adults can experience with a variety of health conditions, including mobility changes. When people fall or have a stroke, for example, the way they brush their teeth can be impacted. Oral Health Kansas designed a guide to adaptive toothbrushing aides that may help older adults maintain their oral health. Click [here](#) to view the brochure.



NOHC Calls for Abstracts

The National Oral Health Conference (NOHC) will be held April 11-13, 2022, in Fort Worth, Texas. This is the nation's most important dental public health conference and this will mark the 23rd joint meeting of the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) and the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD). At this time, the NOHC Program Committee invites abstract submissions for the following:

Roundtable Abstracts

[Click here for the Submission Guidelines for Roundtable Abstracts](#)

[Click here to begin your submission.](#)

Abstracts must be submitted online by 11:45pm EST, November 10, 2021.
No manual submissions will be accepted.

General Poster and Oral Presentation Abstracts

[Click here for the Submission Guidelines for General Poster/Oral Presentation Abstracts](#)

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60 and 90 Minute Sessions

[Call for Seminars - 60 or 90 minute](#)

[Click here to begin your submission](#)

Submission Deadline is 11:45 p.m. EST, September 30, 2021.
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Weekend Workshops (by invitation only)

Contact Christine Wood at cwood@astdd.org or Frances Kim at fkim@aaphd.org to request an invitation.

Submission Deadline is 11:45 p.m. EST, September 30, 2021.
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Questions???

Please contact the NOHC office at abstracts@nationaloralhealthconference.com



Upcoming Events

- 2021 Conference on Oral Health, presented by Oral Health Kansas, November 4 and 5. More information will be provided [here](#).
- Webinar series: Integrating Race Conversations into Healthy Patient-Provider Interactions, 3rd Friday of every month at 12:00pm CST. Find more information [here](#).
- Families Together, Together We Can Learn Virtual Conference, September 11 beginning at 9:00am CST. Click [here](#) to learn more information.
- Health Action Network, What's at Stake in Congress: Our Health Advocacy Moment webinar, September 15 at 2:00pm CST. Register [here](#)
- Alliance for Health Policy Virtual Health Equity Summit, September 15-16, 2021, 7:00 am CST.
- Community Care Network of Kansas Virtual Conference, September 20 - 23, 2021. Register [here](#).

- Kansas Public Health Association Virtual Conference, September 21 - 23, 2021. Register [here](#).



We are profoundly sad to share the news that Oral Health Kansas Board member Dr. Jim Trotter passed away on Sunday, September 5. Dr. Trotter joined our eighth Dental Champions class and shared his passion for community water fluoridation

through his participation in the class. He was a speaker at our Conference on Oral Health, and he was a dedicated member of our board. He previously was in private practice in Overland park and was a clinical instructor at the UMKC School of Dentistry. But mostly he was a good friend, a fierce advocate, and a truly kind person. He left an indelible mark in our hearts and our organization, and we all will miss him very much. Details about Dr. Trotter's life and a Celebration of Life service planned for this weekend are available [here](#).



Dr. Jim Trotter presenting at the 2018 Conference on Oral Health



Sugary Drink Display Sanitation

Out of an abundance of caution, we are suspending use of the Sugary Drink Display until further notice.

During this time, hand washing and social distancing is on everyone's mind. We want everyone to have the comfort of knowing we sanitize our sugary drink displays. They are wiped down and cleaned off after they have been returned.



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