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Dental Champions Corner

Thank you to the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation and to the Kansas Bureau of Oral Health for underwriting the expenses for Dental Champions Class VII. Without the support of these two great organizations, we would not have been able to assemble and carry out such a successful class.

Kansas Bureau of Oral Health support of the class was made possible by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Twenty percent (\$25,000) of the cost of the class (\$125,000) was funded by federal money.



Award Nominations

OHK Joins National Advocacy Effort

This week Oral Health Kansas joined over ninety national, state and local organizations and advocates in asking the American Public Health Association to remove Ed Begley, Jr. from their fall conference agenda. Begley is a TV personality who is known as an environmentalist. He also is one of the most visible national spokespeople against community water fluoridation. He is scheduled to speak on a panel with the US Surgeon General, and Oral Health Kansas and several other Kansas organizations are part of an advocacy effort to take him off the panel.

Learn more about the advocacy effort by reading the [APHA Sign-On Letter](#).

Kansas 2015 Legislative Session

We all remember the intense and

Don't forget to submit your award nominations! The deadline to submit your award nominations is Monday, **September 28** by 5 pm. This is your chance to nominate someone for their hard work in oral health!

[Oral Health Award Nomination form](#)

[Dental Champion Award nomination form](#)



New Look!

The Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City (HCF) has recently launched their new website. It continues to provide you with the same great information, all with a new, sharp look! [Take a look!](#)



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.

strenuous 2015 legislative session which lasted 113 days. This year, legislators passed the largest state tax increase (raising sales tax from 6.15 percent to 6.5 percent). Although many topics were discussed, of interest to many was KanCare, Medicaid Expansion and Alcohol/Tobacco. As advocates we understand that our work doesn't stop, in spite of legislators not in session. It is important to continue to educate ourselves and others, most importantly with 2016 being election year for legislators.

The Kansas Health Institute (KHI) published an [issue brief](#) highlighting health policy bills. Read the information as a recap.

Clay County Outreach

Wednesday, September 2nd was Community Health Ministry's (CHM) very first Dental Outreach Clinic at Clay County Health Department. The target population in Clay County is pregnant moms, children unable to access a dentist, and/or those who are uninsured with limited resources.

Thirteen people were scheduled and the clinic day was a huge success! CHM Dental Team Member, Whitney Snavelly will be the hygienist serving Clay and Cloud County communities. She works in the office of Ashley Swisher, DDS.



Registration for the conference will begin **September 15**. Mark your calendars now to take part in this event focused on health and oral health equity.



Drink Display

Our sugary drink display is making its way around the state! We just shipped a drink display to Southeast Kansas for the Eat, Play, Grow Fair!

Our slots for the fall are filling up fast! 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.



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"Whitney Snavelly lives in Concordia with her husband Keaton and their three daughters. She is a registered dental hygienist whom is eager to reach out and provide extended care to North Central Kansas nursing homes, schools, health departments, and many other facilities in need of preventative dental services. Whitney has found a passion in dental hygiene and want to do her part in not only providing dental services but providing educational tools to help provide awareness to those in her community. In doing so she hopes to help prevent dental disease such as tooth decay and gum disease."

"Community Health Ministry, Inc. is a non-profit safety net clinic located in Wamego, KS. It's dental outreach program serves 11 counties in NE & NC Kansas."

The Dental Outreach Program is funded in part by Konza United Way - Manhattan, KS



Kansas Advocacy Retreat



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On September 3-4, our staff took part in the 2015 Kansas Advocacy Retreat located at the Kansas Leadership Center where they joined 120 cross-sector advocates from around the state to build relationships, networks and a more engaged Kansas. Breakout session presenters included speakers from Community Catalyst, Kansas Health Foundation and Future Boston.



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Thank you to the Kansas Health Foundation, Wichita State University and Kansas Leadership Center for putting the event together! It was a great success!

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