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**ORAL HEALTH KANSAS**  
*Weekly Wednesday Update*

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To improve oral health  
in Kansas through  
advocacy,  
public awareness  
and education.*

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**2013 OHK**

**2012 Elder Smiles Report**

Kansas Bureau of Oral Health in cooperation with Oral Health Kansas has released the first Kansas oral health surveillance report of older adults residing in nursing facilities. The study conducted visual screening of a total of 540 residents at 20 long-term care facilities across the state.

**A team of three dental hygienists who conducted the screenings identified four key findings:**

- 1) One-third of nursing facilities residents screened have lost all their teeth.
- 2) Nursing facility residents have had significant dental care in the past but now over one-third who participated in the screening have untreated dental disease.
- 3) Of those nursing facility residents screened, more than 25% had signs of poor oral hygiene.
- 4) Nursing facility residents have limited financial resources to pay for dental care since Medicare does not cover professional dental services.

The report concludes with three recommendations: Ensure that nursing facility residents receive daily preventive care; improve access to oral care by creating more mobile programs in nursing facilities; and ensure sustainability of these programs through a reliable payment source for dental care.

## Officers- CORRECTION

**In December, Oral Health Kansas held its annual meeting. Officers were elected for 2013:**

Karen Finstad, **President**  
Delta Dental of Kansas  
Foundation

Jill Quigley, RN,  
**Vice President**

Marlou Wegener,  
**Secretary**  
Blue Cross and Blue  
Shield of Kansas

Bill Hammond,  
**Treasurer**  
USD 443 Business Office

## Dental Champions Corner

Last week Dental Champion and Oral Health Kansas Board Member Schaunta James-Boyd's clinic, the E.C. Tyree Clinic held a grand re-opening following significant upgrades to their health and dental clinics. Congratulations to Schaunta and E.C. Tyree!

Read more in this article from the [Wichita Eagle](#).



To read the complete report [CLICK HERE](#).



## 2013 KMOM Registration

Volunteer registration for the 2013 Kansas Mission of Mercy has begun. To learn more and to volunteer to help, please visit the [Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation](#).

## SAVE THE DATE!

Join us in November to celebrate Oral Health Kansas' 10th anniversary at the:

**2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference**  
Johnson County Community College  
November 7-8, 2013



a program of Oral Health Kansas, Inc.


## Did You Know???


In 1945, Grand Rapids Michigan became the first city in the world to fluoridate its drinking water.

[The Story of Fluoridation](#)

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