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

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**Thank You for
Joining Us in
Wichita!**

Teaming up with Exploration Place

October marks Dental Hygiene Awareness Month, and in celebration of the month, Oral Health Kansas is partnering with [Exploration Place](#) in Wichita to promote oral health awareness. Exploration Place is Wichita's children's science museum and debuts a new exhibit on oral health this week called "Big Mouth." Big Mouth is a 7-foot-tall mouth that will help kids understand the mouth with 40 different interactive touch points on the teeth, gums and tongue. The exhibit debuts this Friday and is sponsored by the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation.

A series of Oral Health Kansas' "Tips and Tricks" will accompany the exhibit in order to provide a take-home message for kids visiting Big Mouth. We also will partner with Exploration Place throughout the month on oral health messages posted on the [Exploration Place](#) and [Oral Health Kansas](#) Facebook pages. Be sure to "like" both of our pages to follow the updates throughout the month.

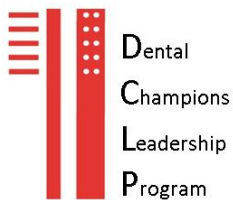
To see all of the "Tips and Tricks in our series, please visit our [website](#).

Thank you for attending the Oral Health Kansas 2012 Conference.

Great conferences aren't just created by staff and planning committees, they're created by the active participation of the people who attend.

This was a great conference!

Please take a few moments to fill out our [conference evaluation survey](#).



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DCLP Corner

Thanks to Amber Sellers (Class 4) for promoting the 2012 Oral Health Kansas Conference to her fellow [Dental Champions](#) on Facebook. She did a great job of



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This week Oral Health Kansas launched a new website to provide educational information about water fluoridation. Tooth decay is the most prevalent childhood disease in our country, and it is completely preventable. Fluoridated community water is a key factor in reducing tooth decay for children and adults. The site provides information about how fluoridated water is harmless, inexpensive and effective. It also features several frequently asked questions about water fluoridation.

Visit www.fluoride4ks.org to learn more.

Fall for Smiles

Fall is a good time to take time to learn more about oral health. Oral Health America has launched a campaign to encourage more conversations and awareness of oral health. Oral Health Kansas' national network, the American Network of Oral Health Coalitions, is a co-sponsor of the campaign. The campaign includes many resources to encourage families to include oral health in their back-to-school routines and learn to have healthy mouths and healthy bodies. The resources available through Fall for Smiles include an activity booklet, tip

advertising the conference, and she posted pictures of some of our sillier moments!

Did You Know??

Fluoride's main effect occurs after the tooth has erupted above the gum. This topical effect happens when small amounts of fluoride are maintained in the mouth in saliva and dental plaque.

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sheets, coloring pages, and even a quiz to distribute in dental offices or schools. Join the [Fall for Smiles](#) campaign by taking advantage of the resources from Oral Health America.



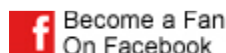
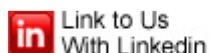
KanCare Meetings

Another round of KanCare provider and consumer meetings was held across the state during the last week of September. Transcripts of meetings held on September 27 are available on the KanCare website [website](#). For the consumer meeting transcript, click on Consumers and then on Events. Similarly, click on Providers and then on Events for the provider meeting transcript. Materials from the August consumer and provider meetings also are available on the respective web pages.

Consumer KanCare pre-enrollment meetings will be convened October 22-25. As details about those meetings become available, we will share them.

Please refer to the Oral Health Kansas [website](#) for additional KanCare resources.

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