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

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

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**2011 Oral  
Health**

## KU Med School Researcher Receives an NIH Grant

Judy Johnston, member of the Wichita Sedgwick County Oral Health Coalition and a research instructor at the University Of Kansas School Of Medicine in Wichita was awarded a two year grant in the amount of \$398,500. The grant comes from the National Institutes of Health. This grant will be used for Johnston and the WSCOHC to track the children who received care at the annual Give Kids A Smile event to see what children get follow up care, and if they don't get care, what is stopping them continuing to get the care needed.

The annual Give Kids A Smile event is held in Wichita by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Oral Health Coalition. The event is a free clinic for kids between 3 and 10 years old whose parents are un-employed or have no access to insurance who live in the Wichita and Sedgwick County area. This year the clinic provided 175 children with much-needed dental care worth \$80,053. They had approximately 100 volunteers, including coalition members, dentists, hygienists, dental assistants, dental students, and community volunteers.

To read more on the event [CLICK HERE](#)

**Thank You for Joining Us in Overland**

## Workforce Assessment

The 2011 Oral Health Workforce Assessment is now available.

To view the report [CLICK HERE](#)

## 2011 Conference Handouts and Continuing Education Certificates

OHK and KAMU conference materials will be available online for a limited time. The handouts provided to us by workshop presenters and keynote speakers are available on our website.

To view and print the materials for the sessions [CLICK HERE](#)

Continuing Education Certificates are still available for anyone who did not pick them up at the conference. Just send an email to [Julie](#) stating which session you attend for the Dental CE's

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## Park!

Thank you for attending the Oral Health Kansas and Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved Joint Conference. Great conferences aren't created by staff and planning committees-they're created by the active participation of the people who attend. This was a great conference!

At the opening session, W. Mitchell challenged us to think with a "oh yes we can" attitude and showed us what it takes to make change. We closed by paying tribute to the people, organizations, and funders working hard every day to improve oral health in Kansas.

In between, we created many conversations that will clearly continue beyond our time together in Overland Park. We hope that you were able to learn many new things, meet with old colleagues, make new ones and we hope to see you at next year's conference!

Please take a few moments to fill out our survey by [CLICKING HERE](#)



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