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2013 Public Policy Priorities

Oral Health Kansas has set our public policy priorities for 2013. The priorities include addressing access to dental providers and to funding sources for dental services. We also plan to continue to raise awareness of the importance of oral health and address critical public oral health issues such as water fluoridation and tobacco use. A full list of the Oral Health Kansas priorities for 2013 is available [HERE](#), a report on the public policy success we achieved in 2012 is available [HERE](#).

KanCare Legislative Oversight to be Introduced

On Monday incoming House and Senate health committee chairs Rep. David Crum and Sen. Mary Pilcher-Cook announced they will introduce legislation in 2013 to create a KanCare legislative oversight committee. Similar legislation passed the Senate in 2012, but failed to pass in the House. KanCare has been approved by the federal government, and legislators meeting throughout the interim have agreed legislative oversight of the privatized Medicaid managed care program will be an important way to maintain the new program's success. KanCare legislative oversight is one of Oral Health Kansas' public policy priorities for 2013. Read more about the proposed legislation in this article from the [Kansas Health Institute](#).

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2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference will be held in Johnson County November 7th & 8th, 2013

Did You Know???

200,000 athletes avoid dental tragedy each year by covering their pearly whites with mouth guards

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Consider a year-end Donation

As the year draws to a close, please consider making a donation to Oral Health Kansas. Your support helps make the advocacy and public awareness activities we employ throughout the year possible. Donations to Oral Health Kansas are entirely tax deductible. Click [here](#) to donate today or call our office to use a credit card!

Dental Champions Corner

Now taking applications for Class 6!

Over the past eight years five Dental Champions Leadership Program classes have graduated.

89 Kansans have joined the diverse network of state-level Dental Champions with a progressive vision for oral health in Kansas.

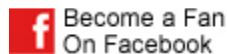
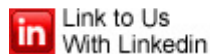
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