NOTE: Oral Health Kansas is providing the following information as a service to organizations and individuals who are searching for oral health products and materials that best fit their needs. OHK is not endorsing any one of these products over the other, nor is the list intended to be all-encompassing. Some materials are free and some have a cost. It is our experience that companies will send a sample of a product so buyers can make good purchasing decisions based on their personal needs.

ORAL HEALTH KANSAS RESOURCES

Oral Health Kansas: Our coalition produces a wide number of print resources and one video to create awareness, knowledge and skills to improve Kansans’ oral health. Look under “Resources/ Tips & Tricks at www.oralhealthkansas.org

ORAL HEALTH SUPPLIES

Specialized Care Company: Specialized Care Co. markets the “Surround Toothbrush” and “Open Wide” Disposable Mouth Rests as well as other products that improve oral health hygiene and dental office services for people needing specialized care. Their products assist dental professionals, nurses, direct care staff, those who provide at-home care, and individuals. http://www.specializedcare.com/ (800) 722 7275 or e-mail: info@specializedcare.com

Collis-Curve Professional Catalog: This organization makes and sells tooth brushes designed to improve the cleaning process for people needing specialized care. www.colliscurve.com (800) 298 4818 or e-mail: brushteeth@aol.com

Ergonomic Dental Technologies: This corporation manufactures toothbrushes designed by a dentist who saw a need for people with difficulty reaching all quadrants of the teeth. EDT has several models, each responding to a specialized need. http://www.edt-curvex.com (800) 563-6788 e-mail: info@edt-curvex.com

Fresh Dental: Fresh Dental provides the Revolutionary Flossing Toothbrush with a very soft brush with longer bristles that helps to get under the gum line and in between teeth at the bottom. This toothbrush can be helpful to people with tender gums to brush more thoroughly, reducing the risk of periodontal (gum) disease. Warning: it does not take the place of flossing each day. (800) 549 1556 www.freshdental.com

DexTBrush: Preventive Dental Specialties, Inc. produces the “easy grip” brush designed for adolescents and adults who have difficulty gripping a standard brush handle because of limited dexterity. It may also be useful to those who brush other people’s teeth. The bulb-shaped handle allows it to be gripped in a variety of comfortable positions. Available online at several distribution centers. Here’s one: (800) 352 9669 http://www.shop.cheerioothbrushes.com/category_s;jsessionid=81D62D09080380D669297C4AA2653CF0.qscstrfrnt03?categoryid=6

XyliMelts: This product helps people with dry mouth both while awake and asleep. The mint has an adhesive which sticks to the inner cheek. It stimulates saliva flow and releases xylitol, a natural product that inhibits decay. (877) 672 6541 www.oralhealth.com... or search for suppliers on line.

Spry Dental Defense System: These products contain xylitol, a non-fermentable sugar alcohol. It is most readily found in chewing gum. Spry sells other products with xylitol as an ingredient: toothpaste, gel, mouth rinse and mouth spray. http://www.xlear.com/spry.aspx