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The Shawnee County Coalition coordinated a parent socialization session with the Parent As Teachers (PAT) program in the Seaman USD 345 district. The PAT is part of the Brush, Book, Bed project. Coalition co-chair Carolyn Weinhold, along with OHK staffers Marcia Manter and Doug Bowman provided information and oral health activities. There were over a dozen caregivers (parents and

Dental Therapist bill receives a hearing

On Tuesday, February 14, the House Health and Human Services Committee heard testimony on [House Bill 2139](#) that addresses the establishment of a new class of dental professionals called the dental therapist. This hearing allowed people and organizations that support and oppose this legislation to share their views. Those giving verbal testimony on both sides of the issue included Oral Health Kansas Dental Champions, board members, and Excellence in Oral Health Awards winners.

One of Oral Health Kansas' public policy priorities is to support initiatives that increase access to oral healthcare providers, and we submitted [written testimony](#). The next legislative step is for the House Health and Human Services Committee to determine if they will work the bill within their committee and/or send it on to the house floor for debate.

grandparents) in attendance and about 20 children. A dental hygienist from Community Health Ministry in Wamego provided exams, education, and fluoride varnish. A character called "MagiDragon" was even on hand to show the kids how to brush their teeth!



**Reserve a sugary
drink display now!**

Our sugary drink display is so popular, all of our February slots are booked! Don't wait to reserve yours for the upcoming months. We have a limited amount of drink displays therefore reserving yours ahead of time is crucial for a guaranteed slot. [Sign up now!](#)

Our sugary drink display contains 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. The display is free to

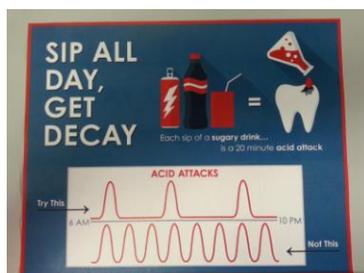


Community Health Center promotes National Children's Dental Health Month

This month is [National Children's Dental Health Month](#), when professionals remind families the importance of keeping up with their children's oral health and their own!

Flint Hills Community Health Center in Emporia, provided tips on how to keep children's teeth healthy! They also shared their outreach programs for children. With dental integrated into medical visits, children can receive a screening and fluoride treatment during medical appointments at no cost to them. The

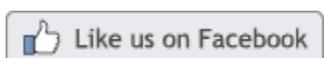
use, up to a month and we reimburse postage.



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Future Smiles outreach program provides free oral healthcare to children in school programs in Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris and Osage counties. Read their story in [The Emporia Gazette](#).



Delta Dental of Kansas announces grant cycle

Delta Dental of Kansas announced today their Community Dental Health Grants Program is now open for applications. The deadline is April 14, 2017. [Find out](#) more information to see if it fits your needs.

Also available through Delta Dental of Kansas is the [Smile Kit Program](#). A Smile Kit includes:

- One toothbrush - adult, youth (ages 8-12) or child (ages 4-7)
- One travel-sized toothpaste
- One floss
- One bag to hold contents

Although this particular grant is open year-round, you must submit your request four weeks before you need the

kits. [Find out](#) if you qualify!



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