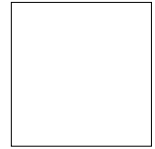


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Healthy Kids Healthy Kansas

Access to comprehensive healthcare is fundamental to child well-being. When children do not receive the necessary preventative services, their overall health suffers and so does their ability to learn. *Three issues have emerged that present a clear opportunity to strengthen the foundation of preventative services for Kansas children.*



ORAL HEALTH

OBESITY PREVENTION

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE

Oral health is a critical but often overlooked component of overall health and well-being among children and adults. Tooth decay is the most common preventable chronic childhood disease. Pain from untreated dental disease can lead to eating, sleeping, speaking, and learning problems in children and adolescents, which affect a child's social interactions, school achievement, general health, and quality of life. In fact, approximately 51 million school hours per year are lost because of dental-related illness.

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