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DANIEL LASSLEY JOINS THE BUREAU OF ORAL HEALTH

Daniel Lassley has joined the Bureau of Oral Health as the Dental Recruitment Program Manager. Daniel was hired under the HRSA workforce grant, which aims to increase the number of dental professionals working in underserved communities.

Daniel came to the Bureau from the Kansas Health Policy Authority, where he served as an Employment Consultant with Working Healthy, the Kansas Medicaid Buy-In program. Since his start in November, Daniel has worked with the Dental Workforce Cabinet, a diverse group of oral health stakeholders, to address workforce issues such as loan repayment programs, ways to increase the use and impact of Extended Care Permit hygienists, and dental education. He has also spent time visiting dental and hygiene schools as well as dental safety net

clinics. A key to the success of the workforce project, Daniel has worked to strengthen relationships with partners such as KAMU, Rural Health Education and Services, the Bureau of Local and Rural Health, and the SEARCH program.



“Kansas is losing ground in the effort to bring talented, committed clinicians to underserved areas of the state,” Daniel said. “I’m excited to have the opportunity to work with so many dedicated people and organizations that care about making access to quality oral healthcare a priority.”

For more information about the workforce project, contact Daniel at dlassley@kdheks.gov or by phone at (785) 296-1314. You can also “friend” him on Facebook – just go to www.facebook.com/dlassleykdwc.

SCHOOL SCREENING REPORTS AVAILABLE



The Bureau of Oral Health is pleased to announce the School Screening Reports for school year 2008-2009 are now accessible online at http://www.kdheks.gov/ohi/screening_program.htm. In that school year, over 55,000 children were screened in Kansas schools by volunteer dentists, dental hygienists and safety net clinics.

The screening reports are available in two formats; 1.) A Full Report, where the entire dataset may be downloaded on an Excel Spreadsheet and 2.) A Parameterized (PDF) format where the data has been sorted by county, school, or school district as well as



screening criteria (condition).

The information included in these reports may be used by researchers, schools, safety net clinics, policymakers and anyone interested in a snapshot picture of the oral health status of children in Kansas. All screening data was collected through a convenience sample (not randomized) and may

or may not be representative of the overall population. We are collecting data in the current school year and to date over 75,000 children have been screened. This data will be added to the website in the fall of 2010.



In addition to the Reports section on the website, the BOH has developed an online data submission system for school nurses and screeners that allows them to directly submit their screening data to the state.

The Bureau of Oral Health wishes to thank all the valuable Dentists and Dental Hygienists, Parent Volunteers, School Nurses and others that contributed to this initiative. The School Screening Initiative serves as a platform for developing and planning school oral health programs and policies in the future. Schools and school nurses have been very supportive and appreciative of this program and many children with dental disease have been referred to dental professionals for clinical care.



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VOLUNTEER TO BE A PART OF DENTAL CLUB!

Have you ever wanted to be a mentor to young people that are interested in dentistry? The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Bureau of Oral Health is looking for dentists and dental hygienists who are willing to spend a little time with local high school students to be a part of the KDHE Dental Club program. Dental Club is one piece of a comprehensive Dental Recruitment Program that is being developed at the Bureau of Oral Health. The Dental Recruitment Program's objective is to strengthen the Kansas Dental Workforce with programs that were recommended by last year's Oral Health Workforce Assessment. The KDHE Dental Recruitment Program includes dentist and hygienist recruitment assistance, more funds for student loan re-payment, free continuing dental education and Dental Club - the promotion of dental careers to middle and high school students.

Last year's dental workforce survey indicated that Kansas dentists and hygienists tend to be Kansas natives and those who grew up in rural areas are more likely to return to non-urban communities to start their dental careers. To insure that Kansans living in rural and underserved communities have access to dental professionals, the state needs to encourage more Kansas middle and high school students to look at dentistry as a possible career. That is the purpose of the Kansas Dental Club. The club will target students who are interested in health professions and give them information and hands on experiences about dental careers. Dental camp activities will include presentations from local dentists and hygienists, job shadowing, internships at dental offices, tours of dental and dental hygiene schools, and student coaching and pre-admission counseling. If you would like to participate in any of these activities, please contact Ashley Streeter at 785-296-5116 or astreeter@kdheks.gov.

The highlight of the Dental Club will be its summer program, Dental Camp. This multi-day educational experience will allow a high school student to come to a dental educational program and work with the dental professional students, residents and faculty. Both clinical and educational programs are being planned for the summer of 2011. More information about Dental Club is available on the KDHE website, http://www.kdheks.gov/ohi/dental_club.htm, or become a fan of Dental Club on Facebook, [Dental Club Facebook](#).

In the first months of this project Dental Club staff has contacted 68 schools in 12 counties. In the 2010-11 school year the Bureau is starting with pilot sites in Wichita, Topeka and Kansas City, but the project will be expanded in the 2011-12 school year to include more counties around the state. Pilot schools are: Wichita North, Wichita South, Highland Park, Wyandotte, F.L. Schlagle, and Washington High School. If there are specific schools or areas that you feel would benefit from Dental Club please contact us and let us know.

With the summer months fast approaching the Clubs will be on hiatus, but students are encouraged to continue pursuing their desire to become a dental professional. Club member Jimmy Huynh has taken the initiative and is scheduled to shadow 3 dentists in the Wichita area during the month of June. Way to be proactive during your summer vacation Jimmy!



SAVE THE DATE

June 11, 2010

**Kansas Oral Health
Planning Summit**
KS Museum of History
Topeka, KS
Register: 785-235-6039

June 18, 2010

**Dental Workforce
Cabinet Meeting**
KU Public Management
Center
Topeka, KS

June 24—26, 2010

**Heart of America Dental
Symposium**
Chateau on the Lake Resort
Branson, MO
www.modental.org

June 25, 2010

**Treating Patients with
Special Needs**
Delta Dental
Wichita, KS
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September 22—24, 2010

**KAMU Annual
Conference**
Hotel at Old Town
Wichita, Ks
www.kspca.org

September 29—30, 2010

**Kansas Public Health
Conference**
Topeka Capitol Plaza
Topeka, KS
www.kpha.ks.gov

December 2—3, 2010

**Oral Health Kansas
Conference**
Capitol Plaza
Topeka, KS

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DENTAL CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

FREE CONTINUING EDUCATION PRESENTATION!



Dental Care for Patients with Special Needs

Presented by

Dr. Ray Lyons, D.D.S

JUNE 25, 2010

DELTA DENTAL
1619 WATERFRONT PARKWAY
WICHITA, KANSAS

8:30 - 12:00

THE COURSE HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR
3 HOURS OF CE

REGISTRATION IS FREE AND LIMITED TO 100 PERSONS

Ray A. Lyons, DDS, FADPD, DABSCD

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Dr. Lyons has led the dental team at the NM Special Needs Dental Clinic for almost 30 years. His practice is limited to children and adults with disabilities and it serves as a training site for NM practitioners desiring to gain clinical experience in providing special care. He is a past president of the 'Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities' and the 'Special Care Dentistry Association.' He was the lead instructor for the Arizona Dental Association/Robert Wood Johnson

clinical training initiative on special needs care. He is an adjunct professor at the University of New Mexico Health Science Center and serves on the Board of Directors for CSNWT, a non-profit group charged with developing comprehensive access to medical, dental, behavioral, and rehabilitative services for persons with severe to profound disabilities living in the community. He serves as an editorial reviewer for several professional publications and has lectured nationally and internationally on special needs care.

For more information or to register for this conference, call 785-296-5116 or email astreeter@kdheks.gov.