

**Oral Health Coalition**  
of Wichita/Sedgwick County

**VISION**

**All individuals in Sedgwick County, regardless of age or resources, will have total and ready access to appropriate, quality, preventive and restorative oral health care.**

**MISSION**

To improve oral health in Sedgwick County through public awareness, education and advocacy.

**VALUES AND BELIEFS**

To realize our mission, we follow these values and beliefs:

- The coalition has concern for the oral health of all Kansans.
- We work to educate that good oral health is an integral part of good overall health.
- We support fair access to oral health prevention and treatment services, with a special emphasis on the needs of underserved populations.
- We evaluate and consider a range of preventative services, including such public health strategies as sealants, fluoride varnishes, education, home health visits, community water fluoridation, and a host of other effective interventions.
- We research literature and data to inform the coalition so that community efforts are data-driven.
- We collaborate with local partners to influence and impact systems to improve oral health in Sedgwick County.
- We collaborate with Oral Health Kansas and other state-wide partners to improve oral health in Kansas by leveraging national, state and community resources and dedicating them to the improvement of oral health.

**Active Partners:** Oral Health Kansas, Childstart, GraceMed Health & Dental Clinic, Goddard Schools, United Way, University of Kansas School of Medicine – Wichita, Wichita State University’s Dental Hygiene Department, E. C. Tyree Health & Dental Clinic, Sedgwick County Health Department, Wichita Public Schools, Guadalupe Clinic, Hunter Health Clinic, Children’s Mercy Family Health Partners, Wichita District Dental Society, Institute of Minority Health Education & Research, Center for Health & Wellness, Unicare, Heartspring, Rainbows, and the list is growing.

**Current Projects**

**Give a Kid a Smile Day, March 1, 2008**

Give Kids a Smile is meant to accomplish two things, help children get the dental care they so desperately need AND raise awareness that our children deserve a better health care system that addresses their dental health needs.