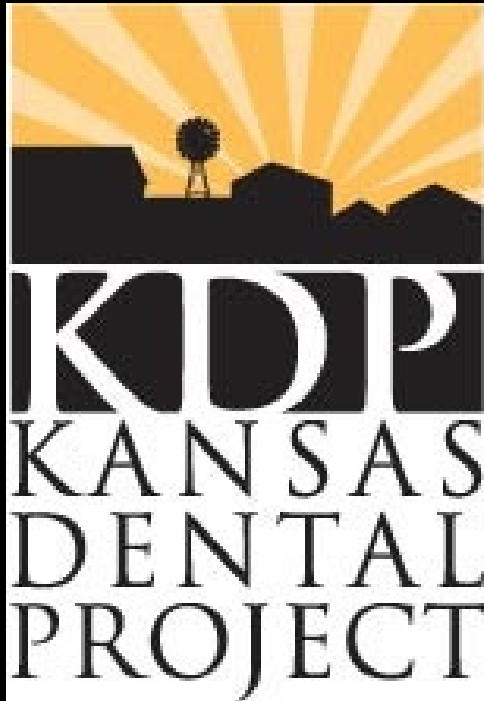


FILLING THE GAP

A statewide plan to address the dental workforce shortage in Kansas



THE PROJECT

OUR PARTNERSHIP

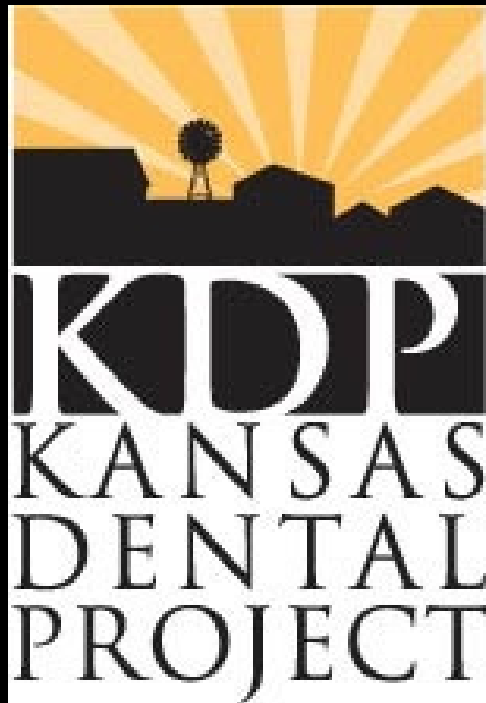
- Building on each of our organizational strengths, KAC, KAMU, and KHCC joined forces to create the Kansas Dental Project.
- The Kansas Dental Project is being supported by the Kansas Health Foundation, United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, REACH Healthcare Foundation, Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City, and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.
- 41 national and statewide associations are partnering with us as members of our coalition.



THE GOALS OF THE KANSAS DENTAL PROJECT

- Begin to address the dental workforce shortage by adding a new mid-level professional to the dental team.
- Provide more Kansans in rural and underserved communities with access to the dental care they need.





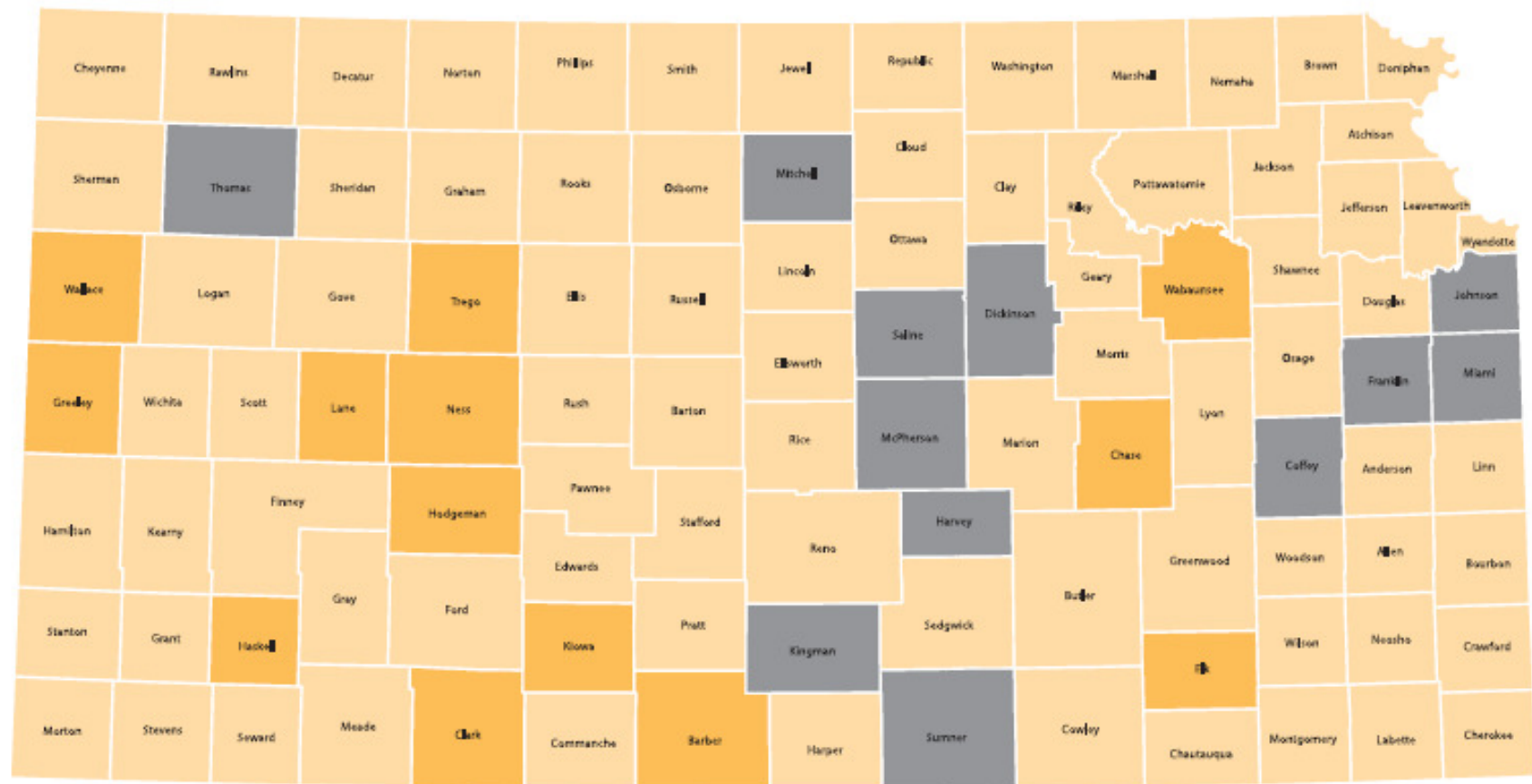
THE PROBLEM

When it comes to dentists, we have a workforce shortage in Kansas.

- 93 of the 105 counties in Kansas are federally designated Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas.
- 28 are whole county designations, including **13 Kansas counties** that have no dentist at all.
- The average dentist in Kansas is approaching retirement age with no plans for another dentist to replace them in their practice.

93 Kansas counties don't have enough dentists.

SOME HAVE NO DENTIST AT ALL.



■ Kansas counties that do not have a dentist

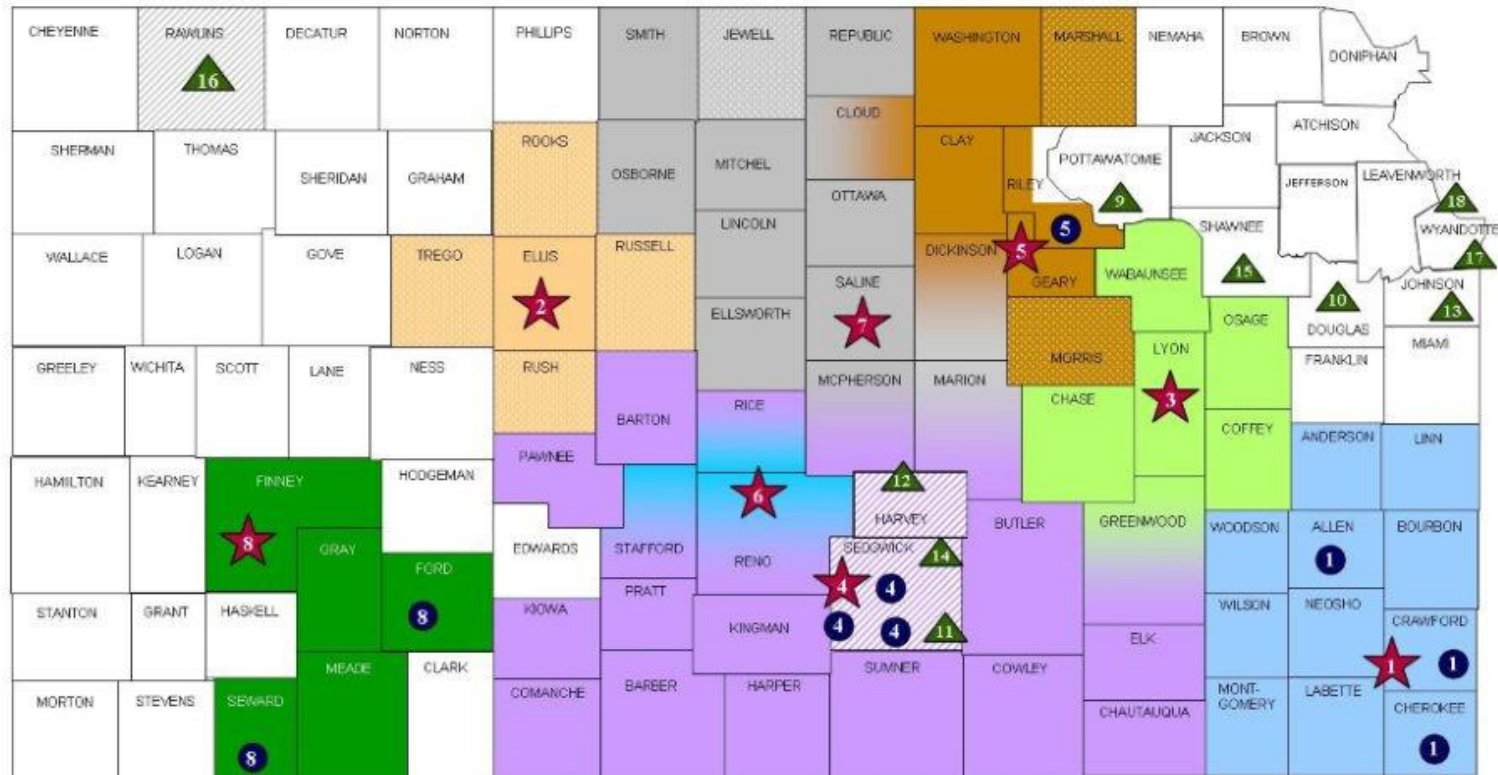
Counties that do not have enough dentists to serve their population

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SAFETY-NET CLINICS NEED MORE DENTAL WORKFORCE

- 17 dental clinics across the state continue to see increasing demand.
- Between 2006 and 2010, safety-net clinics have more than doubled the number of patients served.
- Clinics have difficulty retaining dentists for more than a few years.
- An additional member of the workforce team will greatly increase the reach of safety-net clinics to uninsured and underinsured Kansans.

KAMU Kansas Safety Net Dental Clinics, Dental Hubs, and Spokes



Clinics receiving Dental Hub funding from the State and/or Private Foundations

- 1. Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas
- 2. First Care Clinic
- 3. Flint Hills Community Health Center
- 4. GraceMed Dental Clinic & Spokes
- 5. Konza Prairie Community Health Center & Spokes
- 6. PrairieStar Health Center
- 7. Salina Family Health Care Center
- 8. United Methodist Mexican-American Ministries, Inc.

Other Safety Net Dental Clinics

- 9. Community Health Ministry Clinic
- 10. Douglas County Dental Clinic
- 11. E.C. Tyree Health & Dental Clinic
- 12. Health Ministries Clinic
- 13. Health Partnership Clinic
- 14. Hunter Health Clinic
- 15. Marian Dental Clinic
- 16. Rawlins County Dental Clinic
- 17. Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care
- 18. Swope Health Wyandotte and Swope Health West

- ★ Existing Hub
Solid color counties surrounding dental hubs show areas that ECP hygienist are providing screenings and other services through portable outreach programs. Patterned shade indicates planned ECP services.
- Existing Spoke
- ▲ Safety Net Dental Clinic

Registered Dental Practitioner

- A new member of the ***dental team*** designed to extend the reach of a dentist.
- An ***already licensed dental hygienist*** with additional hands-on, intensive training.
- Works under the ***direct supervision of a dentist*** before written protocols are established that allow an RDP to work under the general supervision of a dentist.
- A provider that can practice in ***community settings*** with written protocols from their supervising dentist.

KEY COMPONENTS OF LEGISLATION

- Qualifications
- Supervision
- Practice locations
- Scope of practice

IMPACT ON ACCESS TO CARE

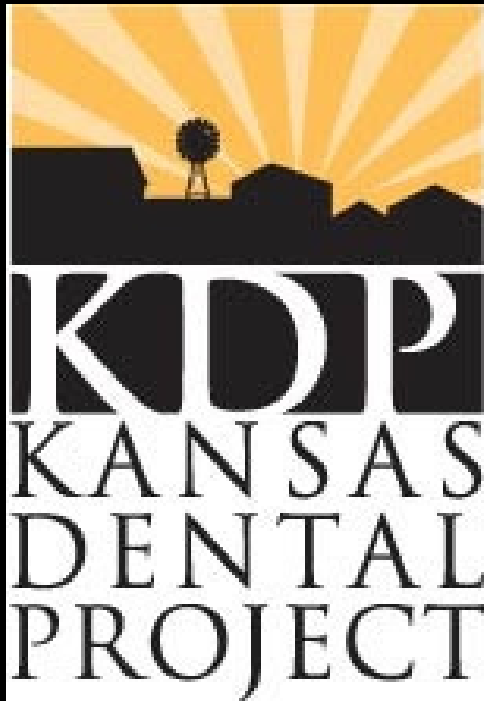
- RDPs will expand the reach of safety-net clinics and private practices.
- RDPs will increase access in rural and underserved areas of the state through the use of general supervision.
- Each RDP is estimated to provide approximately 2,000-3,000 appointments per year.

NATIONAL MOMENTUM

- Kansas is one of 17 states considering or currently using a mid-level dental provider.
- Association of Public Health Dentistry published a journal issue solely dedicated to the education of new dental professionals.
- Kansas is poised to be a leader in access to dental care and education of dental professionals.

STATUS OF LEGISLATION IN KANSAS

- Identical bills, HB 2280 and SB 192, introduced during the 2011 Legislative Session
- Each bill received a hearing and was supported by dentists, KDHA, clinics, and advocacy groups.
- The bills did not receive hearings during the 2012 Legislative Session.
- Committed to staying the course!



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