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# Oral Health

## CHAPTER 21

**Prevent and control oral and craniofacial diseases, conditions, and injuries and improve access to related services.**

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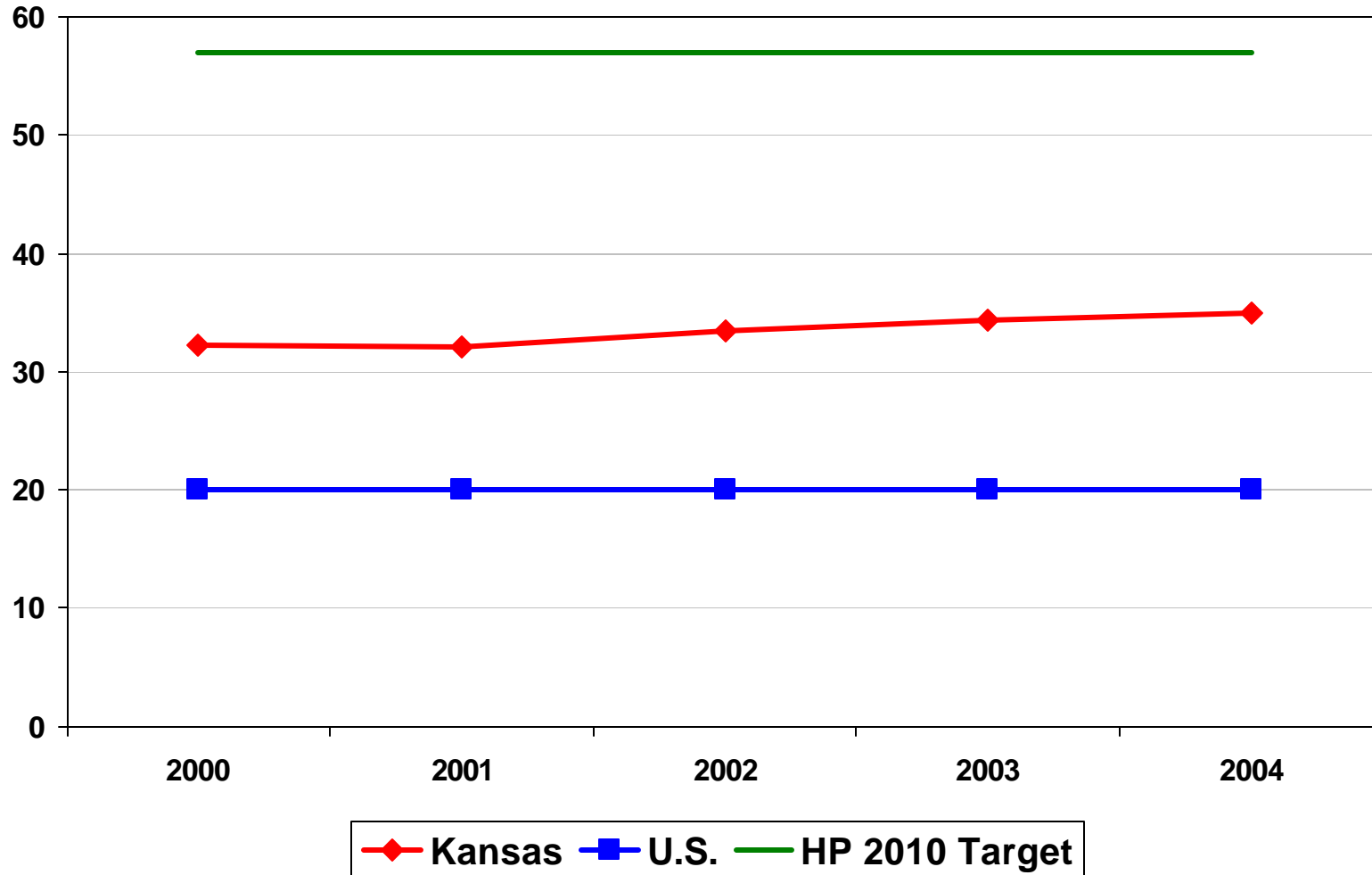
Healthy Kansans 2010

Steering Committee Meeting

April 1, 2005

# ACCESS TO CARE

Data Source: SRS, MEPS, AHRQ



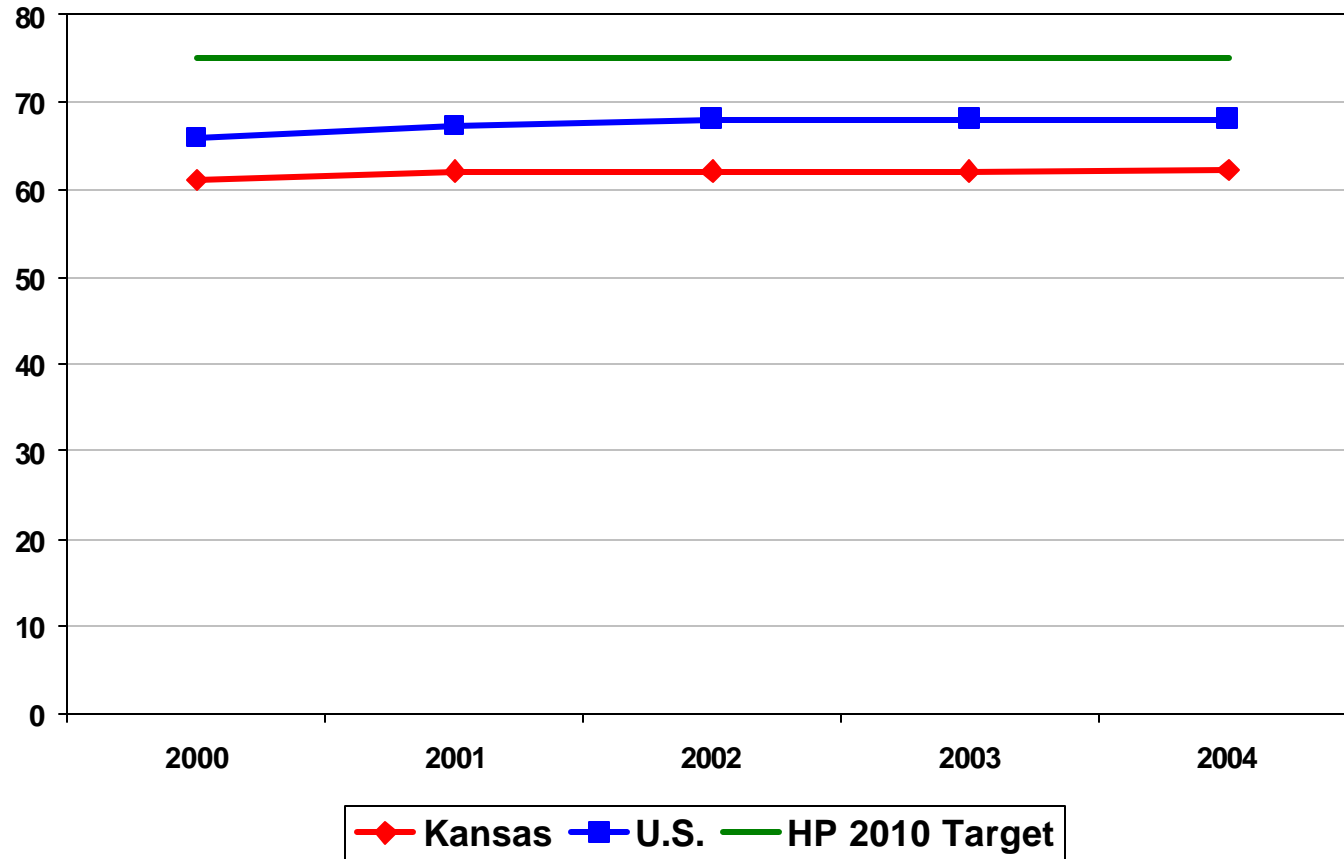
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- **INCREASE # OF DENTAL MEDICAID PROVIDERS**
- **WORKFORCE STRATEGIES**
- **SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES**



# Water Fluoridation

Data Source: CDC, KDHE



# How Could We Address This Now?

- Safety-Net Clinics and Local Health Depts. with Dental Facilities
- School Based Dental Services
- Mobile/Portable Dental Equipment
- Direct Reimbursement to Registered Dental Hygienists
- Fluoride
  - 🦷 Varnish
  - 🦷 Community Water Supply – Wichita
  - 🦷 Mouthrinse Program
  - 🦷 Supplements

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# How Are We Addressing These Issues Now?

- **School-Based Sealant Program - Emporia**
- **Field Surveillance/Data collection**
- **Media Campaign**
- **Medical/Dental Interface**
  - ✍ Fluoride Varnish
  - ✍ DIAGNOdent Screening Project
- **Early Childhood Education Programs**
  - ✍ Curriculum to Train the Trainer
  - ✍ EHS Project
- **Office of Oral Health Website**
- **Statewide Oral Health Curriculum**

# What Are Kansas' Assets for Improving This Health Issue?

- **Establishment of an Office of Oral Health**
- **Oral Health Kansas coalition**
- **Private Foundations**



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# What Are Barriers That Limit Progress in Kansas?

- **No Adult Dental Medicaid**
- **Medicaid Issues**
- **Shortage of Dentists**
- **No Direct Reimbursement for RDHs**





# Recommendations

- **Create Adult Dental Medicaid**
- **Allow a Mid-Level Practitioner**
- **Improve Dental Workforce Issues**

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