



Speakers Bureau



MAHAK KALRA

Mahak Kalra graduated from the University of Louisville with a bachelor's degree in health and human performance along with a biology minor and re-ceived her Master's in Public Health from the University of Louisville School of Public Health. Mahak is a policy director at Kentucky Youth

Advocates. There, she manages the statewide, Kentucky Oral Health Coalition, develops and publishes oral health policy fact sheets/issue briefs, manages several oral health grants, serves as communications co-ordinator, and works closely with key officials to create policy change. Mahak has worked on multiple health issues at Kentucky Youth Advocates, including childhood obesity, expanding children's health coverage, and smoke free policies.



DR. NIKKI STONE

Dr. Nikki Stone is a 1995 graduate of the University of Kentucky and her current position is dental director for the UK North Fork Valley Community Health Center in Hazard, Perry County. She holds a joint appointment with UK's Colleges of Dentistry and Medicine as an Associate Professor, and is best known for her work pioneering the dental outreach component of UKCD's first regional dental program, a model that was chosen as one of 25

promising and innovative preventive dental programs nationwide by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The model has spread state-wide, and Dr. Stone takes no credit for the creation of the model.

Through 19 years of practicing dentistry, Dr. Stone has established her interest and expertise in the area of children's dentistry and dental outreach, focusing on advocating for underserved children and promoting the prevention and treatment of early childhood caries as well as educating families and children about good nutrition to promote optimal oral health and overall wellness. She believes whole-heartedly in out-of-the-box and innovative delivery models, and her favorite quote is from Winnie the Pooh, "You can't stay in your corner of the woods waiting for others to come to you... you have to go to them sometimes." She also holds the copyright to the Drink Pyramid (www.drinkpyramid.com).



DR. LAURA HANCOCK JONES

Dr. Laura Hancock Jones is a general dentist working with the UK College of Dentistry Public Health Division's Western Kentucky Dental Outreach Program based in Madisonville. She lives in Waverly with her husband, Rowan, and three children, Abby (6), Sarah (4), and Lukas (2). Following graduation from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in 2003, she returned to

Western Kentucky working both in private practice and public health settings prior to her appointment to the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry faculty in 2009. Please contact Dr. Hancock if you want to learn more about "The New Drink Pyramid" campaign from the Western Kentucky Regional Dental Coalition!



A. Steven Wrightson, M.D.

A. Steven Wrightson, M.D. hails from Louisville and received his undergraduate degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University. He attended the University of Kentucky College of Medicine where he also completed his Family Medicine Residency. He has worked in Olive Hill and Morehead, KY, and for the last 20 years in Lexington. During his time in Lexington, he has held a

faculty appointment in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Kentucky, has been Residency Director of that program, and has been in private practice. Since August 2010, he has been Medical Director of the Bluegrass Community Health Center in Lexington. He maintains a part-time faculty status at the University of Kentucky, specifically working with Family Medicine residents during their Community Medicine experience. Dr. Wrightson has been a founding steering committee member of Smiles for Life, the award winning national curriculum designed to assist primary care providers in integrating oral health care in their day to day practices. Dr. Wrightson is part of a 2 doctor family. His wife, Michelle, is an internist in Lexington. They have 4 children.

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