

# focus facts on community living

CENTER FOR LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP  
OKLAHOMA'S FEDERALLY DESIGNATED  
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## April 2014

### "Your Power Within"

### 2014 Governor's Conference on Developmental Disabilities

This year's Governor's Conference on Developmental Disabilities is **May 28-29** at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Norman. The conference is open to people with disabilities, their families, providers, professionals, and advocates.



#### Keynote Speakers

##### Jonathon Mooney

##### "Learning Outside the Lines: Strategies for Parents, Teachers, and Students"

Jonathon is a writer and learning activist who has spent his professional career as a social entrepreneur developing organizations, programs, and initiatives to improve the lives of marginalized groups. He co-founded a non-profit advocacy organization for students with learning differences.

##### Leigh Ann Creaney Kingsbury

##### "Balancing the Scales of Your Power:

##### The Intersections of Person Centered Practices and Healthcare Practices"

Leigh Ann has worked with people with developmental disabilities, people with psychiatric disabilities, and seniors for over 30 years. She has worked in direct care, case management, and executive leadership in 14 states, the United Kingdom, and Canada. She has helped more than 200 people move from institutional settings to the community. Her expertise involves using person centered practices within long-term care.

#### Registration

Registration is due by **May 14th**. The \$50 fee includes both days of the conference and lunch on the first day. Go to [okgovconfdd.com](http://okgovconfdd.com), e-mail [Gail.Russell@okdhs.org](mailto:Gail.Russell@okdhs.org) or call 405-521-6254 to register.

#### Registration Fee Scholarships for People with Disabilities

There are a limited number of registration fee scholarships for people with disabilities. If you have limited financial means, are unemployed, or have to take unpaid leave from work to attend the conference, you may request a scholarship on your registration form. You must register by **May 7th** to be eligible.

#### Reimbursements for Family Members

There are a limited number of \$40 per day reimbursements for family members of individuals with disabilities. The registration fee must be paid in advance and the reimbursement will be mailed to you after the conference. Recipients must sign in both days and provide their contact information. You must register by **May 7th** to be eligible.

For the full agenda and conference details, go to [okgovconfdd.com](http://okgovconfdd.com).

Learn & Lead

#### Vision

All people with disabilities and their families are valued participants in community life.

#### Mission

Partners making a positive difference in the lives of people with disabilities and their families through learning and leadership.

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## Easter Seals Oklahoma Offers Summer Social Skills Program

Easter Seals Oklahoma is offering an eight-week social skills program starting in June. The program is for children ages four to nine who struggle with social skills and can communicate verbally. It focuses on skills such as problem solving, dealing with anger, taking turns, and sharing. The program runs twice a week, with morning and afternoon options available. For more information, contact Samantha Pascoe at [spascoe@eastersealsoklahoma.org](mailto:spascoe@eastersealsoklahoma.org) or call 405-239-2525.


### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 17:** Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day, 10 a.m.  
Oklahoma State Capitol
- April 26:** Sibshops, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**Oklahoma City:** Contact Samantha Pascoe at 405-239-2525  
**Guthrie:** Contact Amanda Fortney at 405-990-1491  
**Mustang:** Contact Aietah Stephens at 405-684-8837
- April 29:** On the Road Family Perspective Conference, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Perkins Auditorium, University of Oklahoma - Tulsa  
4502 E. 41st St., Tulsa, OK  
Visit [soonersuccesstulsaontheroad.eventbrite.com](http://soonersuccesstulsaontheroad.eventbrite.com) to register.
- May 28-29:** Governor's Conference on Developmental Disabilities  
Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center  
2501 Conference Dr., Norman, OK  
Visit [www.okgovconfdd.com](http://www.okgovconfdd.com) for more information.
- May 30:** Oklahoma Parents Center Statewide Conference  
Reed Conference Center, 5800 Will Rogers Rd., Midwest City, OK  
[Click here](#) to register.

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