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Northern Oklahoma Resource Center Closes

The Oklahoma UCEDD would like to congratulate Director, JoAnne Goin, and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services-Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) staff on the recent closure of the Northern Oklahoma Resource Center in Enid (NORCE). We recognize community-living options as a best practice for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that lead to fuller lives. DDS staff worked diligently to ensure this opportunity for former NORCE residents. We also recognize that community-living options and the closure of NORCE would not have been possible without the hard work, dedication, and creativity from NORCE staff, former residents, and their family members. Congratulations to all who worked toward and achieved this goal!

New Information and Referral Resource for Lifespan Respite Voucher Program

Caregivers can now contact Sooner SUCCESS at 1-877-441-0434 to apply for the Lifespan Respite Voucher Program. This respite program is for caregivers who do not qualify for other respite services or DHS payments, such as the Family Support Assistance Payment or child care subsidies. Caregivers must complete an application and pre-voucher survey. Eligible caregivers will receive \$400 in respite vouchers, which may be requested once every three months as long as funding is available. For more information about the Lifespan Respite Voucher Program, visit soonersuccess.ouhsc.edu/documents/RespiteEligibility2.pdf.



More information about a variety of respite programs is available on pages 12-15 of the Center for Learning and Leadership's "[Guide to Community Services in Oklahoma](#)."

New Youth Transition Resource for Families

The Partnerships in Employment project released a [guide](#) to supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in their communities. Designed for family members of people with IDD, the guide covers topics such as common goals for people with IDD around employment and community participation. It also discusses the different types of day and employment services available. To access the guide, visit: www.aucd.org/docs/resources/pie_adults_Nov2014_families.pdf.

Partnerships in Employment is run by the Institute for Community Inclusion (MA UCEDD) in partnership with the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services and funded by the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. For more information, visit partnershipsinemployment.com.

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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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Center on Technology and Disability Website Launched

The Center on Technology and Disability (CTD) recently announced the launch of its new website: www.CTDinstitute.org. CTD is designed to increase the capacity of families and professionals to advocate for, acquire, and implement effective assistive and instructional technology for learners with disabilities.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan. 24-25: Thriving Marriages Free Retreat for Couples Caring for a Child with Developmental Disabilities, Embassy Suites, Norman, OK
Register at: www.yourthrivingmarriage.com

Jan. 24-25: Thriving Marriages Free Retreat for Couples Caring for a Child with Autism, Embassy Suites, Norman, OK
Register at: www.yourthrivingmarriage.com

Feb. 5: On the Road Transition Conference, Yukon, OK
Free conference focused on transition services for students with disabilities ages 14-22. Location to be determined.

Looking for more events?

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