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ME! Lessons for Post-Secondary Transition

Developed by the Zarrow Center for Learning Enrichment at the University of Oklahoma, the *ME! Lessons for Teaching Self-Awareness and Self-Advocacy* teach students to understand their disability and abilities, rights and responsibilities, and self-advocacy skills. Educators can use the lessons to help their students develop a portfolio containing critical information and documents to help students transition from high school to post-secondary settings. The *ME! Lessons* include detailed lesson plans, PowerPoint presentations, individual and group activities, performance assessments, and a research project.



The lessons and instructional materials are available at www.ou.edu/content/education/centers-and-partnerships/zarrow/transition-education-materials.html.

Scholarships for Oklahoma Students with Disabilities



The Oklahoma Association of Higher Education and Disability (OK-AHEAD) offers scholarship money to Oklahoma students with disabilities who are pursuing post-secondary education. Applications must be postmarked on or before **March 1** for the next academic year. Scholarships can be applied to any Oklahoma technology center, or any two-year or four-year college or university. Three \$500 scholarships are awarded annually. Scholarship applications are available at www.ok-ahead.org/scholar.html. For more information, contact Brenda Dawes from Oklahoma ABLÉ Tech at

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Student Accommodations: Online Training and Manuals

The National Center on Educational Outcomes (NCEO), within the Minnesota University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), has launched an online training to help educators improve decision making about accommodations to support student learning. The training includes five interactive modules with case-based video clips. Access this free training at nceo.umn.edu/alabama/login.php.



Additionally, three accommodations manuals have been published by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). One manual addresses [students with disabilities](#), a second one addresses [English language learners](#) (ELLs), and the third manual addresses [ELLs with disabilities](#). The manuals can be customized by a state, and then used by teachers, administrators, and assessment staff to select, administer, and evaluate instructional and assessment accommodations. Access the manuals at www.ccsso.org/resources.

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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oklahoma Easter Seals Sibshops: For children ages 5-13 with a sibling with special needs.

February 22

March 29

April 26

Easter Seals Oklahoma, 701 N.E. 13th St., Oklahoma City, OK, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Call (405) 239-2525 or visit eastersealsok.org for more information.


- Feb. 22:** Community Resource Fair (for families of children with disabilities), Capps Middle School, 4020 N. Grove, Oklahoma City, OK, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Call (405) 495-3770 or [click here](#) for more information.
- March 1:** OU College of Dentistry Kids' Day: *Free services for children ages 5-12*
Contact: (405) 271-4423 or laurie-cunningham@ouhsc.edu
- March 4:** On the Road Family Perspective Conference, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Gordon Cooper Technology Center
One John Bruton Blvd., Shawnee, OK
E-mail sally-selvidge@ouhsc.edu for more information.
- March 5:** Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Training: Preventing and Reducing Behavior — *Free for family members and others interested in ABA*
Easter Seals Oklahoma, 701 N.E. 13th St., Oklahoma City, OK, 12 -1 p.m.
Call (405) 239-2525 for more information.
- March 13:** Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) Waiting List Meeting
State Capitol Complex, Sequoyah Building, Room C 47, 1:30 p.m.
Visit okwaitinglist.org for more information.
- March 26:** Transition Fair, 5 p.m.-7p.m. — *For high school students, young adults, parents, teachers, interested personnel*
Metro Technology Center, 1900 Springlake Dr., Oklahoma City, OK
Contact: Jeff Newton at jwnewton@okcps.org

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