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January 2014

7th Annual Joining Forces: Supporting Family-Professional Partnerships Conference

The 2014 Joining Forces Conference is **February 19** in Oklahoma City. The conference brings together family leaders and professionals to learn more about working in partnership to achieve a "good life" for the person with special health care needs or developmental disabilities. The keynote speaker, Sheli Reynolds, will inspire and challenge you to think beyond the usual services and supports and will bring everyone together to identify what and how to contribute to supporting the person and the family. She is the Director of Individual Advocacy and Family Supports at Missouri's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) and one of the coordinators for the National Community of Practice: Supporting Families throughout the Lifespan. The conference is free but registration is required by February 13. For more information or to register, visit jfconference2014.eventbrite.com.

New Transition Videos for Adolescents with Special Health Care Needs

Nemours Children's Health System has developed four transition videos to help youth and young adults, as well as family members and caregivers, understand important issues related to transitioning to adulthood. The videos, available on YouTube, cover four main topics: [legal/financial](#), [residential](#), [vocational](#), and [medical self-management](#). All videos are available to view at www.nemours.org/about/mediaroom/press/dv/transition-videos.html.



CLL Offers Person-Centered Thinking Training for Family Members

The Center for Learning and Leadership (CLL), in partnership with the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council, is offering Person-Centered Thinking training for family members of people with disabilities. This training provides participants with tools to help put their expertise about their family member with disabilities into words so that it can be shared with people who provide support at school, at home, at the hospital, and other places. The one-day trainings will be provided once a month from January to May. January's training will be in Oklahoma City. The trainings are free to families, but you must register to attend. The dates for the trainings are below:

January 29

February 18

March 18

April 25

May 14

For more information about these trainings or to register, contact Tara Ford at (405) 271-4500, ext. 41016 or Tara-Ford@ouhsc.edu. For more information about Person-Centered Thinking training, visit our website at www.ouhsc.edu/thecenter/training.

Assistive Technology Apps for People with Learning Disabilities

The National Center for Learning Disabilities website lists free and low-cost assistive technology apps that may help people with learning disabilities. The website offers a [general list](#) of apps, as well as lists specifically for people with [reading difficulties](#), [writing difficulties](#), and [math difficulties](#). These lists are available by visiting www.nclld.org/students-disabilities.



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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Camp ClapHans Registration Open

Registration is now open for Camp ClapHans, a residential summer camp for children with disabilities. The camp is located on the J.D. McCarty Center campus in Norman, OK. It is open to children ages 8 to 16 with sessions in June and July. Scholarships are available for families who qualify. For more information or to register, visit www.campclaphans.com or call 405-307-2814.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR


Sensory sensitive movies for children at Quail Springs and Crossroads theaters in Oklahoma City, OK:

- **Jan. 25:** *The Nut Job*
- **Feb. 15:** *The Lego Movie*
- **March 29:** *Muppets Most Wanted*

For show times and more information, visit www.amctheatres.com/sff.

- Jan. 25:** On the Road Family Perspective Mini Boot Camp, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Oklahoma City Public Schools Administration Building
900 N. Klein, Oklahoma City, OK
Contact Sally-Selvidge@ouhsc.edu for more information.
- Jan. 29:** Person-Centered Thinking Training for family members, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
OK County Sooner Start Office, 3017 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK
Contact: Tara-Ford@ouhsc.edu or (405) 271-4500, ext. 41016
- Feb. 1:** "Bloom Where You're Planted" Autism Speaks Advocacy Training
Oklahoma City, OK with live broadcast to Tulsa, OK — 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Free for OKDHS Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) employees and families receiving or awaiting OKDHS-DDS services
Visit www.okautism.org for more information.
- Feb. 19:** Joining Forces Conference, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Moore Norman Technology Center
13301 S. Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City, OK
Register at jfconference2014.eventbrite.com or call 1-877-871-5072.

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