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Medical Resources and Assistance

Easter Seals Oklahoma Offers Financial Assistance for Medical Equipment and Services

Easter Seals Oklahoma provides financial assistance to purchase medical equipment and services for children with disabilities up to age 18. Applications can be submitted year round and are based on the needs of the individual and family. Applicants must include information about the financial need of the family, the child's disability, and how the requested equipment or services will improve the child's quality of life. Examples of eligible equipment and services include hearing aids, wheelchairs, prosthetic devices, and physical therapy. Assistance is provided in the form of the requested item or service and is based on the availability of funds. For more information or an application, contact Debbie Rucker at drucker@eastersealsoklahoma.org or (405) 239-2525, ext. 27. More information also is available by visiting www.eastersealsok.org/services/direct-services.



Prescription Drug Assistance

MedCare United is a charitable pharmacy that provides low-cost prescription medications to Oklahomans who are uninsured, under-insured, or in need. Eligibility is based on income and requires an application. MedCare United is located on the OU Medical Center campus in Oklahoma City, but prescriptions can be mailed to you for a small fee. It is best to allow plenty of time before your medication runs out to order. For more information, call (405) 271-6278 or visit medcareunited.com.

Peoples Health Express offers a free discount program for prescriptions. This program is open to everyone by simply visiting okepilepsy.org/resources.htm for the necessary code and entering your information at peopleshealthexpress.com to obtain your discount card. This website can then be used to find the cost of the needed medication and local pharmacies that accept the discount program. If you have insurance coverage for your prescriptions, they may be less expensive with the discount program, but you must use either your insurance **or** the discount.

Additionally, the **Epilepsy Association of Oklahoma** offers assistance with seizure medications if you cannot afford them. Call (405) 271-3232 or visit okepilepsy.org for more information.

Free and Low-Cost Medical and Dental Care

If you would like to locate a clinic that provides free or low-cost medical or dental care, you can visit the OU Children's Hospital website at www.oumedicine.com/childrens/hospital-information/free-low-cost-care for a list of organizations and clinics. You must contact these providers beforehand to see if you qualify and when you can get an appointment.

The Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation also provides a guide for free and low-cost dental care. The guide has statewide listings and is available at www.ResourceForDentalCare.org.

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Medical Grants from UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation

The UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation offers grants for families in need of financial assistance to help pay for their children's medical care or equipment that is not covered, or not fully covered, by their commercial health insurance plan. Qualifying families can receive up to \$5,000 to help pay for medical services and equipment, such as physical, occupational and speech therapies, counseling services, surgeries, prescriptions, wheelchairs, and hearing aids. Grants are available for medical expenses incurred 60 days prior to the date of application as well as for on-going and future medical needs. Grants are available for medical expenses incurred 60 days prior to the date of application as well as for on-going and future medical needs.



To be eligible for a grant, children must be 16 years old or younger. Families must meet economic guidelines and have commercial health insurance (which does not include Medicaid or Medicare). Parents or legal guardians may apply for grants at www.uhccf.org/apply, and there is no application deadline.

Medical Equipment and Assistive Technology Resources from Oklahoma ABLE Tech



Oklahoma ABLE Tech provides medical equipment and assistive technology reuse for Oklahomans of all ages through the **Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse Program (OKDMERP)** and the **Oklahoma Equipment Exchange (OEE)**.

ABLE Tech partners with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to provide **OKDMERP**, which is designed to reuse valuable durable medical equipment (DME) that is no longer needed, and assign it to someone in need at no cost. If you wish to donate gently used equipment or if you are in need of DME, call (405) 523-4810 or visit okabletech.okstate.edu/DME_Reuse.

If you have assistive technology or medical equipment you no longer use or need a device you cannot afford, the **OEE** can help you donate, sell, or locate it. The program is a person-to-person exchange, which functions like the newspaper classifieds and provides a listing of pre-owned equipment for sale and donation. To access this free service, visit oc.okstate.edu or call 1 (888) 885-5588 (V/TTY).

Oklahoma ABLE Tech also has a funding guide for individuals looking for ways to fund assistive technology for themselves or others. **OK Funding for AT** is available at www.ok.gov/abletech/Publications/OK_Funding_for_AT and identifies both public and private funding sources. It also provides contact information for agencies and programs that assist Oklahomans with disabilities.

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CAC Partnership Award Nominations

The Center for Learning and Leadership is accepting nominations for the 2014 Oklahoma UCEDD-LEND Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) Partnership Award. This award is given to a person or organization in Oklahoma that has worked in partnership to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and has demonstrated the [Seven Partner Values](#) developed by the CAC. Nomination forms are available in English and Spanish on our website at www.ouhsc.edu/thecenter/cac. Nominations will be accepted until **June 1**. If you have any questions about the award, please contact the Center for Learning and Leadership at (405) 271-4500 or Learn2Lead-UCEDD@ouhsc.edu.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- **May 31:** *Maleficent*
- **June 21:** *How to Train Your Dragon 2*
- **July 26:** *Planes: Fire and Rescue*

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


June 13-14: Sibshops Training
St. Luke's Methodist Church, 222 N.W. 15th St., Oklahoma City, OK
For more information, visit www.siblingsupport.org or contact Robyn Boswell at (405) 271-5700 ext. 47801.

July 4: Sensory Sensitive 4th of July Celebration, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Hey Day, I-35 and Indian Hills Rd., Norman, OK
For more information, call (405) 310-3500 or e-mail cathy@heydayfamilyfun.com.

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