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Thanks for a Successful SABE Conference!



Thank you to all who participated at this year's Self Advocates Becoming Empowered (SABE) Conference in Oklahoma City! The conference was a huge success, and it would not have been possible without help from volunteers, partners, and sponsors. Special thanks to the conference planning committee for their leadership in planning and implementing the conference.

Oklahoma Family Support 360° Center Christmas Gift Project

Each year, the Oklahoma Family Support 360° Center at the Center for Learning and Leadership assists the families we serve who are most in need by providing Christmas gifts for their children. We are looking for people who are willing to provide gifts, or monetary donations to our OU Foundation fund. [Click here](#) to visit our online giving site. If you would like to purchase gifts and are in the Oklahoma City area, please contact Melissa Fenrick at Melissa-Fenrick@ouhsc.edu to receive a list of desired items. You also may call (405) 271-4500 to speak with Melissa (ext. 41012) or Tania (ext. 41002).

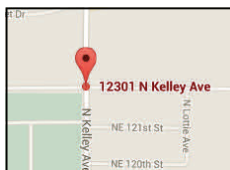


Early Access: Building Screening Capacity in Oklahoma

The **Oklahoma Early Access Autism Project, of the Oklahoma Autism Center**, was initiated in 2010 with the goal of increasing capacity for early identification of autism spectrum disorders (ASD) across Oklahoma and improving access to needed services, especially for populations who may not have access to traditional services. Early Access has developed a screening model which utilizes high-quality screening tools and connects families to resources. Early Access also trains community service providers to implement this ASD screening model in their own communities and service areas.

To date, Early Access has trained 20 screening teams at agencies and organizations throughout the state, including Head Starts, Child Guidance Centers, and tribal service providers. In addition to collaborating with Community Screening Partners, Early Access has worked closely with and received support from the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council, the Act Early State Systems Grant program and the Oklahoma Family Network. For more information about Early Access or having a child screened, visit www.earlyaccessok.org.

Oklahoma City SSA Office Move



The Social Security Administration (SSA) office in Oklahoma City has moved from Shepherd Mall to **12301 N. Kelley Avenue**, Oklahoma City, OK 73131. Their phone number has not changed (1-866-331-2207). To find the SSA office closest to you, visit <https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>.

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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Free Health Workshops for Older Adults and Caregivers

"Living Longer, Living Stronger" is a free workshop for people 60 years of age and older who have a disease such as diabetes, arthritis, and chronic pain. The workshop also is designed for caregivers of individuals with chronic health conditions. The workshop lasts two and a half hours a week for six weeks, and focuses on topics such as nutrition, exercise, and dealing with chronic pain. To find a program near you, visit www.ok.gov/health and check back regularly for updates. You must register for these free workshops.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Oct. 24:** Diverse by Design Fashion Show and Awareness Dinner
Benefits Mid-Del People First Chapter
Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr., Oklahoma City, OK
[Click here](#) for more information and to R.S.V.P.
- Oct. 27:** "Taking Your Job Search from 0 to 60" free presentation
Provided by the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services
E-mail cglasscock@okdrs.gov if you are interested in attending.
- Oct. 30:** "Finding Your Voice and Self-Advocacy for Youth"
Free event for youth with disabilities
To register, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/DRSLeDerickHorne
- Nov. 6:** Oklahoma School for the Blind "Future Shock" Career Day
For students with visual impairments across Oklahoma, as well as families, teachers, and other interested individuals
Oklahoma School for the Blind, 3300 Gibson St., Muskogee, OK
Contact lgraber@osb.k12.ok.us or 1-877-229-7136 for more information.
- Nov. 18:** On the Road Family Perspective Conference
Eastern Oklahoma Technology Center
4601 N. Choctaw Rd., Choctaw, OK
[Click here](#) to register.

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