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Center for Learning and Leadership Welcomes New Staff

The Center for Learning and Leadership is happy to announce two new staff members:

Ellen Bannister joins us in the position of Academic Programs Coordinator. Ellen will be the primary liaison to our university partners, faculty and students. Her responsibilities include developing and expanding coursework and training opportunities for students and professionals.

Tania Bleecker is a new staff member for the Oklahoma Family Support 360° Center. As a bilingual Family Support Coordinator, her work focuses on providing resource navigation to Spanish-speaking families of children with developmental disabilities.

Self-Advocacy Tools and Resources

With the [2014 SABE Conference in Oklahoma City](#) less than a month away, we would like to share a list of self-advocacy tools and resources:

- **[Taking Charge of My Health](#)** is a website with information to guide teens and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, family members, and caregivers during the transition from pediatric to adult health care services. Visit the website at www.takingchargeofmyhealth.org.
- **[Grant Writing and Grant Management Toolkit](#)** was created by the Association of University Centers on Disability (AUCD) to help more self-advocates and self-advocacy organizations apply for grants. The toolkit is available at <http://bit.ly/1oChhwb>.
- **[It's My Future!](#)** is an iPad app designed to support adults with developmental disabilities to meaningfully participate in their annual planning meetings. Visit the [iPad App Store](#) to download the app for \$2.99, or visit www.aucd.org for more information.
- **[Self-Advocacy Online](#)** is a website that has educational and networking tools for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Visit www.selfadvocacyonline.org for more information.
- **[Allies in Self-Advocacy](#)** is a website with information on self-advocacy programs and resources. It is funded by the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD). Visit the website at www.alliesinselfadvocacy.org.

Volunteers Needed for 2014 SABE Conference

If you are interested in volunteering for the 2014 SABE Conference in Oklahoma City, please fill out the volunteer sign up form available on our website's homepage at www.ouhsc.edu/thecenter. Volunteers with a variety of skills and availability are needed from October 7-12. Individuals who participate in the conference as volunteers only do not need to register for the conference.



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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A Tribute to Senator James M. Jeffords

We extend our condolences to our UCEDD colleagues in Vermont and others in the nation who are mourning the loss of Senator J m Jeffords. A reflective tribute to Senator Jeffords can be found at this link: <http://tinyurl.com/pjf75gj>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR


Free Parent Trainings: Easter Seals Oklahoma is offering free trainings to parents and family members of children with disabilities. The trainings focus on behavioral strategies and are the 2nd Thursday of each month* from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, visit eastersealsoklahoma.org. *This month's training has been rescheduled to **September 25th**.

- Sept. 20:** Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma (DSACO) Festival and 5K (formerly Buddy Walk), Bricktown Ballpark, Oklahoma City, OK. Visit www.dsaco.org for more information.
- Sept. 27:** SportForward Adaptive Sports Camp, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Norman Optimist Club, 1005 Lexington St., Norman, OK. Visit sportforward.org for more information and to register.
- Oct. 4:** Bodies, Boundaries and Human Sexuality Workshop. Hosted by the Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma Integris Baptist, 3300 N.W. Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK. Visit www.dsaco.org for more information and to register.
- Oct. 21:** On the Road Family Perspective Conference. Gordon Cooper Technology Center, 1 John C Bruton Dr., Shawnee, OK. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.
- Oct. 27-29:** Oklahoma Transition Institute, Embassy Suites, Norman, OK. Contact Kimberly Osmani at (405) 635-2768 or kosmani@okdrs.gov for more information.

Looking for more events?

Visit our website at www.ouhsc.edu/thecenter/newsandevents.

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