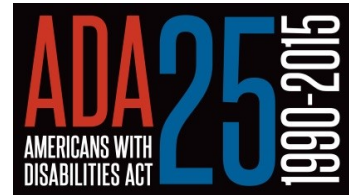


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Oklahoma County Commissioner Brian Maughan with CLL staff, family, and friends at the CLL Water Station (Pictured from left to right; first row): Wanda F., Kayla, Rose Ann P., Valerie W., Brian M., Robbie T., and Brian S. (Pictured from left to right; second row): William, Elliot, and Ellen B.

The 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act in Oklahoma

- The Center for Learning and Leadership supported a grassroots community walk to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). More than 100 people participated in the 1.7 mile walk from Midtown to the State Capitol in Oklahoma City. The walk highlighted the improvement in accessibility of sidewalks in Oklahoma City after the landmark legislation, while pointing out that more work is needed to make our communities truly accessible and welcoming for all. We would like to thank Oklahoma County Commissioner, Brian Maughan for joining us at the event. The Daily Oklahoman and News Channel 4 covered the event. To read the article and view the pictures by the Daily Oklahoman, go to <http://tinyurl.com/pdr9j4x>.
- The walk was a culmination of a week celebrating the positive impact created the ADA, a law that continues to create opportunities for people with disabilities. Oklahoma advocate Chuck Roberts was interviewed by News 9 about the impact of the ADA on the community and the work that still needs to be done. To view the News 9 interview, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/olvw2r8>.
- The *Tulsa World, Business and Legal News* interviewed Ann Trudgeon, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council, about the progress of the ADA in Oklahoma. The article focuses on technology's impact on the lives of people with disabilities and points out the positive changes people with disabilities have made in their communities. To read the entire article, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/qfadang>.

The Administration on Community Living Blog Highlights Americans with Disabilities Act

In honor of the ADA, The Administration on Community Living featured guest posts from leaders in the disability community that outlined the role of the organization's programs in furthering community inclusion and civil rights for people with disabilities. Blog post topics included assistive technology, areas of progress, protection and advocacy, and the future of the ADA. To view the blog posts go to: <http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/blog/Index.aspx>.

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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Office of Disability Concerns Offers Information on the Americans with Disabilities Act

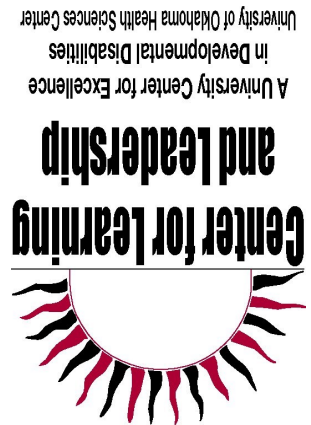
To mark the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Office of Disability Concerns (ODC) has provided information and technical assistance on the ADA. Their website has information on ADA guidelines, disability rights laws, responsibilities of employers, and rules and regulations about accessible parking in Oklahoma. The ODC serves as a resource to people with disabilities who want to present their views and recommendations to the Governor, the State Legislature and State agencies. For more information, go to: <http://www.ok.gov/odc/A.D.A/index.html>.

Mark Your Calendars

- August 18:** DSACO Parent 2 Parent Meeting, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Antioch Christian Church 3616 SW 119th Oklahoma City, OK 73170
For more information, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/pptwf2y>
- August 28:** DSACO'S Kylee's Kitchen, 6:15 a.m. to 8 p.m.
600 NW 23rd St., Suite 206 Oklahoma City, OK 73103
For more information, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/d6mxd12>
- September 19 - 20:** Making Promises Happen, Theatre Camp
#1 Twin Cedar Lane Guthrie, OK 73044
Ages 6 and up
Register by August 19th to get the Early Bird Registration
For more information, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/oadhmvs>
- September 24:** Oklahoma Family Network Regional Institute
Kiamichi Technology Center, 1410 Old Military Road, Stigler, OK 74462
To register online, go to: <http://stiglerleadershipinstitute15.eventbrite.com>
- September 26:** DSACO's festival and 5K, 8 a.m.
Bricktown Ballpark, 2 S Mickey Mantle Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73104
For more information, go to: <http://www.dsaco.org/index.html>

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