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"OKmama" Support Group Celebrates Ten Year Anniversary

The Center for Learning and Leadership would like to congratulate the OKmama support group on ten years of supporting Hispanic family members of children with disabilities. The Center recognizes staff member Erica Herrera, Eli Franco with Sooner Start, and parent Esly Peralta for their leadership in facilitating OKmama since it began. The group provides family-to-family support, as well as information about a variety of resources for children with disabilities. For more information about OKmama, contact Erica Herrera at Erica-Herrera@ouhsc.edu.



Partners in Policymaking Applications Available

Partners in Policymaking is a free advocacy training program for adults with disabilities, family members of people with disabilities, and other individuals who want to learn about advocacy. Funded by the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council, the program provides trainees with information from national disability experts and direct experiences in influencing public policy at the local, state, and federal levels. Trainees also receive free meals during training events and free lodging when necessary. The training events are held one weekend a month from October to May. Applications are accepted year-round and available by visiting www.okddc.ok.gov or calling 1 (800) 836-4470.

Free Tutorial Videos for Accessing Data on the Health of People with Disabilities

The Disability and Health Data System (DHDS) is an online interactive tool that provides instant access to state-level, disability-specific health data. Users can customize the disability and health data they view, making it easy to identify health disparities. Tutorial videos are now available to help users utilize the DHDS to access data on the health of adults with disabilities. Access the DHDS and the video tutorials at www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandhealth/dhds-materials.html.

Landmark Report Focuses on Obesity and Children with Special Needs

"Finding Balance: Obesity and Children with Special Needs" is a report produced by AbilityPath.org, an online resource hub and social community for parents and professionals. This report is the first to focus exclusively on how the obesity epidemic affects children with disabilities. It presents not only the extent and causes of the problem, but also offers practical solutions for family members and professionals. Visit <http://bit.ly/1z7d1dZ> to read the report.

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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Feb. 18:** Joining Forces Annual Conference
Moore Norman Technology Center, South Penn Campus
13301 S. Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City, OK
Register at: 2015joiningforces.eventbrite.com
- Feb. 20:** Oklahoma School for the Blind Open House and Tour, 8-11:30 a.m.
3300 Gibson St., Muskogee, OK
Contact: lgraber@osb.k12.ok.us or (918) 781-8200
- Feb. 27:** Foster and Adoptive Families Regional Conference, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Hosted by the Oklahoma Family Network
The King's House, 124 V. Hubert Smith Dr., McAlester, OK
Visit <http://tinyurl.com/ptxnc5o> to register.
- Mar. 4-5:** Governor's Conference on Developmental Disabilities
Embassy Suites, Norman, OK
Visit www.okgovconfdd.com for more information.
- Mar. 10:** On the Road Family Perspective Conference
Red River Technology Center, Duncan, OK
Register at: soonersuccessduncanotr.eventbrite.com
- Mar. 12:** DDS Waiting List Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
State Capitol Complex, Sequoyah office Building, Room C-47
Visit okwaitinglist.org for more information.
- Mar. 25:** Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day, 10 a.m.
Oklahoma State Capitol Building, First Floor
Theme: "Reaching for a Good Life"

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