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Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act - Sunday, July 26th



The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed into law on July 26, 1990, prohibits discrimination and guarantees that people with disabilities have equal access in employment opportunities, the right to purchase goods and services, and to participate in state and local government programs.

Resources for the 25th Anniversary of the ADA

- The **Southeast Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Center** has released the latest version of its ADA Anniversary Tool Kit for the 25th anniversary of the ADA on July 26. Available at adaanniversary.org/toolkit, the updated tool kit includes information about the background and history of the ADA, statistics and updates on law cases surrounding the ADA. The center also published a bulletin that provides information on federal tax incentives that support the Americans with Disabilities Act, which businesses, employers, and consumers can use to support an inclusive workforce. To read the tax bulletin please visit: <http://southwestada.org/html/publications/general/taxbulletin.html>
- **Americans with Disabilities Act National Network** offers fact sheets covering the ADA in general, employment, communication, facilities access and parking, healthcare and many more topics. To download the fact sheets, visit: <http://adata.org/ada-fact-sheet-page>
- Join **Disability.gov** in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of ADA on social media by using the hashtag #DgovADA25. A toolkit has been created to help people on social media join in the celebration with sample tweets and Facebook posts, graphics, and a blog post. In addition, Disability. Blog will feature special guest posts from individuals who played a role in the ADA's history, as well as those who continue to champion it today. For information about the tool kit, visit: <https://www.disability.gov/newsroom/ada-25-social-media-toolkit/>

New ABLE Tech Direct Loan Program

ABLE Tech, along with its partner, the Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation (OkAT), is introducing a new low interest direct loan option to purchase assistive technology and specialized devices. The program allows people with disabilities to borrow money to purchase equipment that costs \$1,500 or less, at a 5% fixed interest rate with a \$15 closing fee. Qualified borrowers make the low monthly payment over a 12-month period. Loans are also available for assistive technology costing over \$1,500. For more information about applying for a low interest direct loan, visit: http://www.ok.gov/abletech/Financial_Loans/

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.

Disaster Relief Support

Federal and state Disaster Assistance is available for people in many counties affected by the recent severe storms experienced in Oklahoma this summer. People affected by the storms in the period between May 5 and June 4th in the following counties are eligible for Disaster Assistance: Atoka, Beckham, Bryan, Caddo, Canadian, Choctaw, Cleveland, Comanche, Cotton, Grady, Johnston, Kiowa, Le Flore, Marshall, McClain, McCurtain, McIntosh, Oklahoma, Pittsburg, Pottawatomie, Rogers, Seminole, Tillman and Wagoner.

Disaster assistance from the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management (OEM), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) may include grants and/or Disaster Assistance low interest loans to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and replacement costs.

You can apply at www.disasterassistance.gov, or via telephone by calling 1-800-621-3362 or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585. If you use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services, call 1-800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 16:** *The Last Poster Child*: a documentary about the life of Pam Henry
7 p.m. Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA)
- July 18:** Oklahoma People First Annual Membership Rally, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Oklahoma People First Offices
1145 E. Main Norman, OK 73071
For more information, contact Lance Davis at (405) 701-2077.
- July 26 :** Walk to the Capitol for the 25th anniversary of the ADA 9 a.m.
399 NW 10th St Oklahoma City, OK 73103
For more information, contact Ellyn Hefner at glamric@sbcglobal.net

Looking for more events?

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

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