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Oklahoma Community of Practice Team Shares Information with Kathy Greenlee



The Center for Learning and Leadership recently hosted a site visit with Kathy Greenlee, Administrator of the Administration on Community Living and Assistant Secretary for Aging and her staff, Alexandria "Alex" Davis, Special Assistant. The site visit provided an opportunity for the Oklahoma Team to share information about the work that Oklahoma is doing, along with five other states, in the National Community of Practice on Supporting Families of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The Oklahoma Team participants included JoAnne Goin and Amy Baustert with Developmental Disabilities Services at the Oklahoma Department of Human Services; Ann Trudgeon, representing the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council; Heather Pike from the Oklahoma Family Network; and staff from the Center for Learning and Leadership, including: Valerie N. Williams, Vyonda Martin, Rose Ann Percival and Wanda Felty. For more information about the National Community of Practice, go to: supportstofamilies.org.

Guide for Accessible Meetings

The University of Maine Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies and Speaking Up for Us has created a free resource, *Planning Accessible Meetings and Conferences: A Suggested Checklist and Guide*. This guide provides information on how to increase everyone's participation in meetings and events regardless of abilities. It offers tips on choosing a location, meeting space that is inclusive to everyone, using respectful language on the registration form, and meeting everyone's dietary needs when having refreshments and meals. Suggestions on how to support all attendees to get the most out of the event are also available. To download the guide, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/jw9uq4m>.

Guide to Hiring People with Disabilities

The Curb Cuts to the Middle Class Initiative created a resource guide for employers entitled, *Recruiting, Hiring, Retaining, and Promoting People with Disabilities*. The guide provides tips on recruiting people with disabilities of all ages, making sure that the interview process is equal for all applicants, promoting best practices for respecting, promoting, and retaining employees with disabilities, and supporting them with reasonable accommodations. Federally funded agency and agency-partner resources for employers are included in the appendices. The Curb Cuts to the Middle Class Initiative, is a federal cross-agency effort working to increase equal employment opportunities and financial independence for individuals with disabilities. To download the guide, visit <http://tinyurl.com/k6dobjg>.

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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Guide for Accessible Events

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) National Network has created *A Planning Guide for Making Temporary Events Accessible to People with Disabilities*. The guide provides tips from ADA experts to assist planners, managers, operators, and building owners in making events, such as festivals, concerts, and sporting events, accessible to people with disabilities. It also covers various aspects of the event including: communication access, vendors, volunteers, signage of the event, sidewalks and curb ramps, entrances and location of elevators. For information on the guide, visit: <https://adata.org/publication/temporary-events-guide>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 16:** Oklahoma People First Annual Membership Rally, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Regional Park, Rotary Club Pavilion, East Reno Ave. Midwest City, OK For more information, contact Lance Davis at (405) 701-2077.
- May 22:** Oklahoma Parents Center Statewide Conference Reed Conference Center, 5800 Will Rogers Rd., Midwest City, OK [Click here](#) for free registration.
- May 27:** Caregiver Support Group, 11 a.m. Easter Seals, 701 N.E. 13th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73104 For more information, call (405) 239-2525
- May 30:** Summer Reading Program Family Kickoff Party, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped 300 N.E. 18th St., Oklahoma City, OK For more information, contact Lacey Downs at 405-522-0982 or ldowns@okdrs.gov
- June 11-15:** Endeavor Games, University of Central Oklahoma 100 North University Drive, Edmond, OK 73034 For more information, contact Heather Kohl at 405-974-3140
- June 24:** Caregiver Support Group, 11 a.m. Easter Seals, 701 N.E. 13th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73104 For more information, call (405) 239-2525
- July 8-11:** Autism Society National Conference and Exposition – Denver, CO Visit <http://www.autism-society.org/get-involved/conference/> for more information.

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