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November is National Family Caregiver Month

In honor of the month, the Family Caregiver Alliance has put together a list of updated fact sheets for caregivers on topics such as Alzheimer's Disease, dementia, legal issues, and caregiving with siblings. [Click here for more information.](#)

Respite Programs in Oklahoma

A number of state respite programs are available for family caregivers in Oklahoma; most are dependent on income. For an overview of state respite programs, see the Center for Learning and Leadership [Guide to Community Services in Oklahoma](#). For the Sooner Success website respite page, [click here](#).

Ron Suskind Speaker at TARC 25th Annual Advocacy Awards

Pulitzer Prize winning author Ron Suskind, writer of the best-selling book *Life Animated*, will be the speaker at this event to honor the 25th Annual Advocacy award winners and TARC volunteers. The event will begin at 5:15 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel Southern Hills, 1902 E. 71st St., Tulsa, OK, 74136. [Click here to buy tickets.](#)

New Growth Charts for Children with Down Syndrome

A recent CDC-funded study has produced new growth charts for children with Down Syndrome that reflect changes in growth patterns and norms, as children with Down Syndrome experience better health outcomes. [Click here for more information.](#)

Call for Comment in the Federal Adult Disability Determination Process

The Social Security Agency is calling for comment on possible changes to the federal Adult Disability Determination Process. The agency is also hosting a National Disability Forum on Friday, November 20th, 2015. For more information, or to submit a comment, [click here](#).

Sensory Friendly Film Showings

AMC Theaters, in partnership with the Autism Society, is providing four sensory friendly showings of family films a month, every second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m., and second and fourth Saturday at 10 a.m. To find participating AMC theaters, [click here](#).

Resources for Free and Low Cost Dental Care

The Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation has compiled a list of free and low cost dental care providers across Oklahoma. [Click here for the list.](#)

Free Thanksgiving Dinner in Oklahoma

For a list of free Thanksgiving events in the Oklahoma City metro area, [click here](#). For a list of Tulsa area restaurant providing free Thanksgiving dinner, [click here](#). To find information about free Thanksgiving baskets across Oklahoma, call 211, or [click here](#).

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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Family Support 360° Center Seeking Santas

The Center for Learning and Leadership's Oklahoma Family Support 360° Christmas Program provides Christmas gifts for families in need with children who have special health care needs. Gifts or monetary contributions to our OU Foundation fund for this Christmas program are welcomed. [Click here to visit our online giving site](#). If you would like to purchase requested gifts and are in the Oklahoma City area, please contact Erica Herrera (erica-herrera@ouhsc.edu) to receive a list of desired items. You also may call (405) 271-4500 to speak with Erica (ext. 41034) or Tania (ext. 41002).

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| Dec. 1 | Deadline: Nominations for Oklahoma UCEDD-LEND Consumer Advisory Committee 2015 Partnership Award
Click here for the nomination form in English and Spanish. |
| Dec. 1 | Successful College Experiences for People with I/DD, 6 p.m.
Autism Oklahoma and DSACO hosting.
806 Dean A. McGee.
OKC, OK
Click here to register. |
| Dec. 10: | DDS Waiting List Meeting
Skyline East Building, 5 th floor conference room
6128 E. 38 th St.
Tulsa, OK 74135 |
| Dec. 17: | Autism CARES Summit 2—Temple Grandin, Ph.D., 8 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Grand Choctaw Event Center
3702 Choctaw Road
Durant, OK 74701
Click here to buy tickets. |

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