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October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

A federal agency report has been released with ideas for improving job options for people with disabilities, including more integrated work settings, and the phasing out of sub-minimum wage jobs. For the full report, [click here](#). Find national campaigns to improve employment for people with disabilities at the [Office of Disability Employment Policy \(ODEP\) website](#).

Making Air Travel Websites and Automated Kiosks in Airports Accessible

The Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) prohibits discrimination by airlines on the basis of physical or mental disability. The Department of Transportation (DOT) is currently calling for comment on new rules to make air travel websites and automated ticket kiosks at airports accessible. To comment on the new rules via email, [click here](#). Air travelers with disabilities who experience problems may call the DOT Disability Hotline at: **1-800-778-4838** (voice) or **1-800-455-9880** (TTY) to get help.

People with Disabilities Have Barriers Accessing Healthcare

Survey results released by the Urban Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation point to obstacles people with disabilities have in getting access to high-quality healthcare, even when they have insurance. Respondents to the survey identified problems like cost of plans and healthcare, finding doctors who take their insurance, and lack of accessible health facilities. For more information, [click here](#).

2015 Partnership Awards Call for Nominations

Do you know outstanding advocates, community groups, or provider agencies in the developmental disability community who demonstrates good partnership values? Nominate them for the Oklahoma UCEDD/LEND Consumer Advisory Committee 2015 Partnership Award. [Click here for the nomination form](#). Nominations are due December 1st.

Center for Learning and Leadership News

We are pleased to congratulate Brian Smith, our former Self-Advocacy Partnerships Coordinator and *focus facts* editor, on his new position with Catholic Charities. In his three years at CLL, Brian strengthened community partnerships and created close ties with self-advocates and other community leaders. Good luck, Brian; we will miss you!

Congratulations to 2014-2015 OUHSC LEND Graduates!

LEND is an interdisciplinary leadership internship program at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center focused on pediatric neurodevelopmental disabilities. The following OUHSC interns have successfully completed the 2014-2015 LEND program:

Folasade Akande, Public Health	Jarrod Battles, Audiology	Breann Carver, Occupational Therapy
Angela Donley, Parent-Family	Allison Hebner, Genetic Counseling	Ashley Hobson, Autism Spectrum Disorders
Stephanie Keesee, Nursing	Megan Krampe, Nutrition	Ana Maria Melendez, Social Work
Curtesia Plunkett, Counseling Psychology	Jaclyn Ragan, Physical Therapy	Rebekah Rogers, Speech-Language Pathology
Sean Seabridge, Clinical Psychology		

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

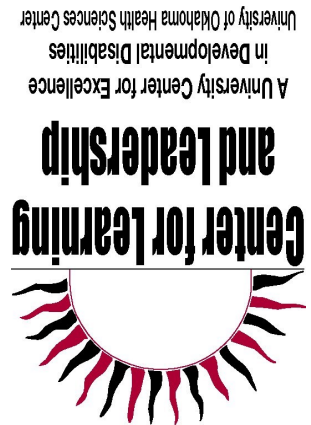
The Center for Learning and Leadership's Oklahoma Family Support 360° Christmas Program provides Christmas gifts for families in need with children who have special health care needs. Gifts or monetary contributions to our OU Foundation fund for this Christmas program are welcomed. [Click here to visit 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).

Mark Your Calendar

- Oct. 16: Project Outreach Respite Program Fall Carnival, 5:30 p.m- 9:00 p.m.
St. Stephens Church, 1801 W. Brooks St., Norman, OK 73071
[Registration required](#)
- Oct. 17-18: Oklahoma People First (OPF) Conference
Embassy Suites, Norman, 2501 Conference Drive, Norman, OK, 73069
[Registration required](#)
- Oct. 31: OFN and Integris Baptist Medical Center NICU Halloween Reunion,
10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
NICU graduates and NICU healthcare providers welcome in costume.
IBMC, Conference Rooms F,G,H, and foyer
- Nov. 2: TARC 25th Annual Advocacy Awards, Nominations Due
[Click here for the nomination form](#)
- Nov. 13-14: Oklahoma's 7th Annual Conference on Autism Spectrum Disorder,
Embassy Suites, Norman, 2501 Conference Drive, Norman, OK, 73071
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