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## Community of Practice Workshops for Parents and Educators



A series of workshops geared towards parents and educators of children with disabilities on using the Life Course tools in educational settings will be held in Edmond from February through April. The first of the workshops will focus on the Star Chart (Integrated Supports Star). The workshop takes place on Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30 p.m. at Frontier Elementary School, 4901 Explorer Drive, Edmond, Oklahoma, 73012. To register, or to get more information, [click here](#). To find out more about the Life Course Tools, [click here](#).

## Call for Comment on Progress on ADA Compliance in Transportation



The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) held three public meetings across the state to present evaluation results of their Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan. The ODOT is required to create and make progress on a plan to make sidewalks, roadways, and public transit accessible to people with disabilities. To read the ODOT's 2014 Transition Plan, [click here](#). Until March 15, you may also send comments to Elizabeth Blais at 200 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Room 1-C-1, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 72105, or send email to [eblais@odot.org](mailto:eblais@odot.org).

## Customized Employment



An information brief released by the LEAD Center explains the idea of Customized Employment and summarizes the results of six focus groups conducted with employers on their experiences with Customized Employment for employees with disabilities. To read the information brief, [click here](#).

## The Affordable Care Act and Disability



The National Council on Disability has released two reports in their three-part series on the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and its impact on people with disabilities, an issue that has not figured prominently in the ongoing debate. To read part one of the series, "Implementing the Affordable Care Act," [click here](#).

## Oklahomans for Autism Insurance Reform Day at the Capitol, Feb. 17



Oklahomans interested in reform of current state law concerning insurance coverage of evidence-based approaches to autism will gather at the Oklahoma State Capitol on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Participants are asked to wear blue, and parents are asked to bring their children on the autism spectrum.

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

- March 3: Self-Determination and the IEP (Individual Education Plan), 6-7 p.m.  
Dr. James Martin, Zarrow Center, OU  
Norman Oklahoma Transition Institute Team  
Norman Public Library, Central Location, Lowry Room  
225 N. Webster  
Norman, OK  
[Click here to register.](#)
- March 9: Teen & Adult Self-Advocacy Workshop #2: Know Your Rights and Communicate Safely and Effectively, 6-8 p.m.  
Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma (DSACO),  
Open to all people with developmental disabilities, ages 16 and up  
5813 S. Robinson  
Oklahoma City, OK  
To register, [click here.](#)
- March 14: Developmental Disability Awareness Day at the Capitol  
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.  
State Capitol Building  
Oklahoma City, OK
- March 23: On the Road and Transition Services Conference  
Sooner Success and DRS Transition Services  
Northeast Technology Center  
Claremore, OK  
[Click here to register.](#)
- April 15: Joining Forces for a Good Life, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Supporting Family/Professional Partnership Conference  
Randy Lewis, former Walgreens CEO, keynote speaker  
Moore Norman Technology Center  
13301 S. Pennsylvania  
OKC, OK  
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