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Learn & Lead

Oklahoma Nutrition Ambassador Selected



The Center for Learning and Leadership (CLL) is pleased to announce Megan Krampe's selection as Oklahoma Nutrition Ambassador. A LEND fellow in Nutrition, Ms. Krampe will lead "Nutrition is for Everyone," a nutrition education program aimed at increasing fruit and vegetable consumption for people with disabilities and their families in our state. The program is part of a four-state grant from the Walmart Foundation. For more information, [click here](#).

Assistance with Utility Bills



Starting July 19th, the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) will make a limited amount of summer cooling assistance available through means of the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Eligibility is determined by household income and assets. For more information, [click here](#). If you need help paying other utility bills, contact the Salvation Army at (405) 270-7800.

People with Disabilities in the Prison System



In June, the AVID Prison Project released a report: "Making Hard Time Harder: Programmatic Accommodations for Inmates with Disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)." The report takes a close look at the barriers and additional hardships of the penal system for people with disabilities, and makes recommendations for bringing prisons into compliance with the ADA. To access the full report, [click here](#).

ABLE Act Becomes Law in Oklahoma, Accounts Now Available Nationwide



Governor Fallin has signed the ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) Act into law in Oklahoma. ABLE accounts are tax-advantage savings accounts for individuals with disabilities and their families. Ohio has become the first state to allow people nationwide to open ABLE accounts. To learn more about ABLE accounts, [click here](#). To open an ABLE account in Ohio, [click here](#). Additional fees may apply for out of state residents.

Caregiver Support Group



In collaboration with Sunbeam Family Services, Easter Seals Oklahoma offers a support group for caregivers. Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of every month from 12:00 -1:30pm. Lunch is provided at each meeting, so please RSVP to Tony Lippe at 405-239-2525 if you plan to attend.

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

July 18 ABA Provider Workshop: Navigating Oklahoma's Autism Insurance Coverage With William H. Edwards, MS, BCBA, 1 p.m.
Autism Speaks, 2 locations:

OUHSC College of Allied Health
1200 North Stonewall Avenue
Room 205
OKC, OK

OUHSC Schusterman Campus
41st and Yale Ave.
Learning Center Building, Room 138
Tulsa, OK

July 20 Teen & Adult Self-Advocacy Workshop 5 "Healthy Living," 6-8 p.m.
Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma (DSACO)
Open to teens and young adults (16 and up) with all developmental disabilities.
5813 S. Robinson Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73109
[Click here to register.](#)

Aug 5 Autism Conference
featuring Dr. Temple Grandin, author of *The Way I See It*
Future Horizons, Inc.
Oklahoma Christian University, Garvey Center
Hardeman Auditorium,
2501 E Memorial Road,
Edmond, Oklahoma, 73136
[Click here for more information](#)

Aug 8-9 Developing and Implementing Effective Schoolwide Practices
Center for Disabilities and Heartland Genetics Services Collaborative
Aimed at elementary school nurses.
August 8th (1-5 p.m.), August 9th (8-12 p.m.),
Hilton Kansas City Airport Hotel
8801 NW 112 St, Kansas City, MO 64153
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