

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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State Budget Impact on Oklahomans with Disabilities



Oklahoma is in the middle of a budget crisis which has threatened the funding of core services, such as the ADvantage Waiver and In Home Supports Waiver, for people with disabilities. **State Impact**, an initiative of **KGOU**, interviewed people who receive Waiver services about the role that these supports play in helping them live full lives in their communities. To read or listen to the article, visit [here](#).

Self Advocates Becoming Empowered Conference 2018



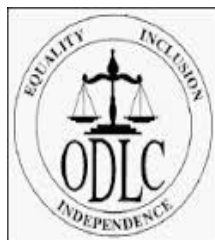
SABE (Self Advocates Becoming Empowered) is a national organization run by and for people with developmental disabilities. The 2018 National Self Advocacy Conference will be held in Birmingham, Alabama from **June 7-9**. Self Advocates, people with developmental disabilities, are invited to submit presentation proposals by January 15, 2018. For more information, visit [here](#).

Oklahoma Nutrition Is For Everyone



It is possible to eat healthy during the holidays. Eat a healthy snack before holiday parties to avoid overeating, and replace second servings of sugary holiday drinks with water or unsweet tea. Visit [here](#) for more ideas. Follow us on Facebook for nutrition tips and events: [here](#). You can also follow us on Twitter at @nutr4allok and Pinterest at [here](#). Contact Ashley at Ashley-brice@ouhsc.edu for more details.

ODLC Seeks Public Input on State Priorities



The Oklahoma Disability Law Center (ODLC) is seeking public comment on our Priorities and Objectives. Our Priorities and Objective are the types of cases our office accepts, and our office seeks your input as we determine which issues are important to the people of Oklahoma. We encourage you to stop by and give us your input. If you are unable to attend, you may fill out our online survey at http://okdlc.org/?page_id=88 or call our office at **1-800-226-5883**.

Sooner SUCCESS Celebrates 15 years



Sooner SUCCESS recently celebrated their 15th year of service to Oklahomans with disabilities and their families. At the event, **Sally Selvidge** was presented with a Lifetime Advocacy Award for her work. Governor Mary Fallin proclaimed November 30 "Sooner SUCCESS Day" in recognition of their contribution to the state. To find out more about Sooner SUCCESS visit [here](#).



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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Friends, thank you for connecting with us through reading *focus facts*. As 2017 draws to a close we want you to know we treasure you as our community network members and partners. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season. We share our hope and our willing partnership with you to create and support better times ahead for people with developmental disabilities, their families and communities as we welcome the New Year together. Sincerely, The Center for Learning and Leadership/UCEDD Director, Faculty and Staff.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Dec. 27 | Caregiver Support Group | |
| Meets every 4th Wed. | Woven Life
Easter Seals Oklahoma (Use West Door)
701 NE 13th Street
Oklahoma City, OK, 73104
For more information visit here . | 12:00 PM |
| Jan. 2 monthly | D.A.D.S. Meeting
DSACO (Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma)
DSACO Office
600 NW 23rd St.
Oklahoma City, OK, 73103
For more information visit here . | 6:00 AM– 7:00 PM |
| Jan. 25 | 2018 State Budget Summit
Oklahoma Policy Institute
Downtown/Medical Center Embassy Suites
741 N. Phillips Ave.
OKC, OK
Registration deadline is Jan. 5. For more information or to register, visit here . | 8:15 AM-3 PM |
| Jan. 29 | Project SEARCH Information Session
Norman Public Schools
Embassy Suites
2501 Conference Drive
Norman, OK, 73069
For more information visit here . | 6:00 PM—8:00 PM |
| Dec. 9-31 | West Bend Winterland
Claremore Expo Center
400 Veterans Parkway
Claremore, OK 74017
Free family-friendly event, 5 dollar ice-skating (kids under 10 skate free)
For more information, visit here . | |

Do you have an event to include in focus facts?
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