

A recent study funded by the **National Institutes on Health (NIH)** suggests that children on the autism spectrum spend less time in social visual engagement (looking at the eyes and mouths of others) than their typically developing peers. The study seeks to identify the genes that control social visual engagement in these children. To read more about the study, visit [here](#).



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CLL SPOTLIGHT

Lance Robertson Confirmed as Assistant Secretary on Aging



Congratulations to Lance Robertson, who has been confirmed as Assistant Secretary on Aging, and the Administrator of the Administration for Community Living (ACL). Robertson, a native Oklahoman, served as the Director of the Aging Services Division at the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) for nearly a decade. In a recent article in the *Oklahoman*, Ed Lake, DHS Director praised Robertson: "His efforts to improve services and better the lives of seniors in Oklahoma and around the country have uniquely prepared him for this leadership position at a national level." Raised by grandparents himself, Robertson has written about grandparents as caregivers, a vital issue in the disability community. Robertson will succeed Kathy Greenlee, who has held the position since 2009.

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| Aug. 23 | Caregiver Support Group
Easter Seals
701 NE 13th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73104
For more information visit here . | 12:00 PM |
| Aug. 26 | Nutrition Class
DSACO (Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma)
600 NW 23rd St., Suite 206
Oklahoma City, OK, 73103
To register click here . | 10:00 AM– 11:00 AM |
| Aug. 30 | Community Partners in Public Health Innovation Conference
OTPC (Oklahoma Turning Point Council)
Marriott Conference Center at NCED
2801 East State Highway 9
Norman, Oklahoma, 73071-1197
For more information visit here . | 7 AM– 4:30 PM |
| Tuesdays | Adaptive Yoga for Multiple Sclerosis
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Lighthouse Sports, Health & Fitness
3333 West Hefner Road
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73120
For more information visit here . | 10:00 AM– 11:00 PM |
| Sep. 11 | Simple Life Center Tutoring Program
Sooner Success
3224 N. 19th Street, Guthrie OK
Oklahoma City, OK, 73104
For more information visit here . | 8:30 AM– 3:45 PM |