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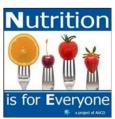
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## **Nutrition Is For Everyone**



August is Kids Eat Right Month. The start of the school year is a great time to start some healthy habits like daily breakfast and healthy lunch. Visit <a href="http://www.eatright.org/resources/for-kids">http://www.eatright.org/resources/for-kids</a> for tips. Deputy Ambassadors will present a nutrition education class in Spanish at Variety Care, Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00am, 500 SW 44th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73109. English translation available if requested in advance. For more information, contact: Ashley-brice@ouhsc.edu.

# **Many Fitness Centers Fail Accessibility Test**



# In Home Supports Waiver (IHSW) Waiting List Prioritization



Thousands of children and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) receive critical services through the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Services (OKDHS) IHSW Waiver. Over 7,500 remain on a waiting list for these services, a wait of more than a decade. Currently the list operates on a "first-come-first-served basis. Discussion is under way of changing this system to a needs-based one. For an analysis of these issues published in *Oklahoma Watch*, visit <a href="here">here</a>.

# Webinar on Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) in School



The Association of University Centers on Disability (AUCD) will offer a webinar on school-based MTSS supports for children with I/DD on August 22. Participants will learn to promote behavioral success for all children and youth, identify data-based decision-making processes, identify strategies/interventions to support youth with I/DD across three tiers of support and much more. To register, visit here.

# Mission

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All people with disabilities and

their families are

valued participants in community life.

Partners making a positive difference in the lives of people with disabilities and their families through learning and leadership.

# **Study Seeks Gene Markers for Visual Engagement in Autism**



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 <a href="here.">here.</a>



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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.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug. 23 **Caregiver Support Group** 

**Easter Seals** 

701 NE 13th Street 12:00 PM

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73104 For more information visit here.

Aug. 26 Nutrition Class

DSACO (Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma)

600 NW 23rd St., Suite 206 10:00 AM- 11:00 AM

Oklahoma City, OK, 73103 To register click here.

Aug. 30 Community Partners in Public Health Innovation Conference

OTPC (Oklahoma Turning Point Council)

Marriott Conference Center at NCED 7 AM-4:30 PM

2801 East State Highway 9 Norman, Oklahoma, 73071-1197 For more information visit here.

Adaptive Yoga for Multiple Sclerosis Tuesdays

**National Multiple Sclerosis Society** 

10:00 AM- 11:00 PM Lighthouse Sports, Health & Fitness

3333 West Hefner Road

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73120

For more information visit here.

Simple Life Center Tutoring Program Sep. 11

Sooner Success

3224 N. 19th Street, Guthrie OK 8:30 AM- 3:45 PM

Oklahoma City, OK, 73104

For more information visit here.