

## 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.

# focus facts on community living

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Congratulations to all the **LEND** (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities) Fellows who have successfully completed the 2016-2017 **LEND** program! The LEND program offers an innovative interdisciplinary experience for self-advocates, family members, and future professionals who will work with people with disabilities. For more information on the LEND graduates, visit [here](#).

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## The 18th birthday of the Olmstead Decision



### OKDHS CUTS

Eighteen Years ago the Supreme Court ruled a landmark case called Olmstead v. L.C.. This act stated that under the Americans with Disabilities Act, people with disabilities cannot be unnecessarily segregated and must receive services in the most integrated setting possible. An article written by Melissa Ortiz does a splendid job highlighting many of the positive effects that the Olmstead act has had on the community, and describe how it continues to do so to this day. The full article can be found [here](#):



Human Services for the aged and disabled are in danger as the DHS deals with its' new budget. If this continues the only options for many elderly and disabled will be to go into a nursing facility at 300% normal cost of home care services. For those who depend almost entirely on the Advantage Waiver, this would be detrimental to their way of life and their future. There are about 6000 people being served right now, and there are an additional 7500 who are waiting for services. Some waiting more than eleven years and are in desperately afraid that, with the budget cuts, might never receive the services. For more information see the following video [here](#).

### NIFE



Consider visiting the farmer's market this week and trying a new vegetable! Berries, cantaloupe, cucumber, spinach, watermelon, and many more fruits and vegetables are in season right now in Oklahoma. For information on upcoming events with Nutrition is for Everyone and for recipe ideas, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/nutr4allOK/>. Nutrition is for Everyone is in the process of putting together a recipe book and so if you have any recipes you'd like to share, please send them to Ashley Brice at [Ashley-brice@ouhsc.edu](mailto:Ashley-brice@ouhsc.edu).

## New Leadership Training Diversity Fellows



AUCC, UCEDD, and LEND directors from across the nation all stressed the importance of diversity in order to ensure cultural competence. Many UCEDDs and disability communities benefit from trainees with diverse backgrounds and are seen as an important asset in developing a better community. Visit [here](#) to view three of the newest young leaders who will soon begin their training to help those in need.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| July. 19 | <p>Family Sign Language Class<br/> <b>DSACO (Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma)</b><br/>         DSACO Office 1:30 PM– 2:30 PM<br/>         600 NW 23rd St., Suite 206<br/>         Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73103<br/>         To register click <a href="#">here</a>.</p> |
| July. 22 | <p>Sonner SUCCESS Care to Bowl Fundraiser<br/> <b>Sooner Success</b><br/>         Heritage Lanes 1:00 PM— 4:00 PM<br/>         11917 N. Pennsylvania Avenue<br/>         Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73120<br/>         For more information visit <a href="#">here</a>.</p>              |
| July. 27 | <p>Circle of Parents Support Group<br/> <b>Easter Seals Oklahoma</b><br/>         Easter Seals Center 12:00 PM– 2:00 PM<br/>         701 NE 13th Street<br/>         Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73104<br/>         For more information visit <a href="#">here</a>.</p>                  |
| Aug. 5&6 | <p>RAM Oklahoma Scheduled for August 5-6 in Idabel<br/> <b>RAM (Remote Area Medical)</b><br/>         Idabel High School Campus 6:00 AM<br/>         901 N. Lincoln Rd.,<br/>         Idabel, Oklahoma, 74745<br/>         For more information visit <a href="#">here</a>.</p>        |
| Sept. 29 | <p>Oklahoma People First Conference<br/> <b>OPF (Oklahoma People First)</b><br/>         Embassy Suites Norman 12:00 AM– 7:00 PM<br/>         2501 Conference Drive<br/>         Norman, Oklahoma, 73069<br/>         For more information visit <a href="#">here</a>.</p>             |

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