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Private-Public Partnership to Boost Employment



Oklahomans with I/DD know that employment is an important part of a good life. However they may need supports to take advantage of employment opportunities. A coalition of public and private organizations has begun work on a customized employment pilot to increase job opportunities for Oklahomans with I/DD. For more information visit [here](#).

Apply to Partners in Policy Making



This intensive program educates people with developmental disabilities, family members, and professionals to be active partners with those who make policy. Classes meet one weekend a month between September and May. The program is free of charge. Applications are due at the end of June. To find out more, and to apply for the coming year, call (405) 521-4967 or [click here](#).

Summer Sessions of Self Advocate Leadership Training (SALT) Offered



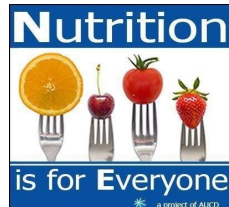
The Oklahoma Self-Advocacy Network will host SALT I and II trainings, peer-led classes designed to promote effective self-advocacy and networking for people with I/DD. SALT I will be offered in Anadarko (June 24), and Tulsa (August 30). The SALT II course will be held in Pryor (June 17 and 18), Oklahoma City (July 22 and 23), and Tulsa (July 28 and 29). Registration required. To register or find out more, contact Lance Davis at (405)701-2077 or okpeople@coxinet.net.

Project Outreach



Project Outreach is a free respite program in Norman for caregivers of children with disabilities. The program is designed to provide short term relief for families and caregivers needing a break. Kids and youth (ages 1-21) and their siblings (ages 1-12) are welcome. Two four-hour sessions are offered a month. The next session is June 24th. Space is limited and registration required. To register, or for more information, visit [here](#).

Nutrition is for Everyone



Peer-led nutrition classes will be held in Spanish for families of children with disabilities at Variety Care and INTEGRIS locations beginning in June. For location, time, and dates of the Variety Care classes, visit [here](#). For location, time, and dates of the INTEGRIS classes, visit [here](#). For more information, email ashley-brice@ouhsc.edu.

New Commissioner to Lead Administration on Disabilities



Melissa Ortiz, founder of the organization **Able Americans**, will serve as the Commissioner of the U.S. Administration on Disabilities. A person with disabilities herself, she is particularly interested in such issues as employment and accessible public transportation. Welcome Commissioner Ortiz!

Learn & Lead

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

- June 20 Self-Advocacy in the Workplace
DSACO (Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma)
Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services 5:30– 7:30 PM
5813 South Robinson Ave
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73109
For more information visit [here](#).
- June 23 The Big Event, the Big3 Event (Community, Family & Friends)
Easter Seals Oklahoma
Easter Seals Oklahoma Center 5:00 - 6:30 PM
701 NE 13th St.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73104
For more information call (405) 239-2525
- June 28 OKAPSE Conference
Oklahoma APSE (Association of People Supporting Employment)
Moore Norman Technology Center 7:00– 10:00 PM
4701 12th Ave
NW, Norman, Oklahoma, 73069
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