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OKLAHOMA'S FEDERALLY DESIGNATED
UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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Back 2 School Bash

Saturday August 25th, **Sooner Success** and **Live to Give** are throwing a back to school bash for children with special needs and adults with disabilities. Families with children or adults with disabilities and their parents and caregivers are invited to attend. Enjoy games, activities for the whole family, and a catered meal. Click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) to register. Register by August 21st to attend.



New Disability Law Journal to be Published

Students at UCLA are working to create the first disability law review, the **Disability Law Journal at UCLA (DLJ)**. The journal will focus on disability law and will create a source of disability case law. The first issue of the student led journal will appear Spring 2019. For more information, click [here](#).



Sunbeam Family Services to host Savvy Caregiver Series

Beginning Friday, August 10th, **Sunbeam Family Services** will host a four-part course to teach best practices to family caregivers with loved ones who have dementia. The courses will be taught by Carla Scull, Education Coordinator with the Alzheimer's Association. Click [here](#) for more information.



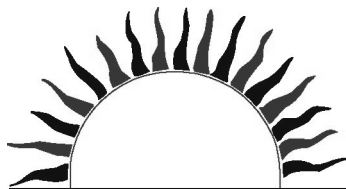
#ABLEtoSave Campaign Launches

The **ABLE National Resource Center (ANRC)** is launching a new informational campaign about the Achieving a Better Life (ABLE) accounts. The campaign will seek to raise awareness and provide resources. To view the campaign, click [here](#) and [here](#). ABLE accounts became available in Oklahoma this year.



AUCD Opposes the Nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh

The **Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)** opposes the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge Kavanaugh has overruled multiple court orders that had given people with intellectual disabilities certain rights. The AUCD says that Judge Kavanaugh has failed to support the "critical principle of self-determination for people with intellectual disabilities and the importance of access to healthcare for millions of Americans with disabilities." To read the AUCD's statement, click [here](#). To read a plain text version of the statement, click [here](#).



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Oklahoma People First is saddened by the loss of Cynthia Sue Jennings, President of the OPF Board. Cindy had been a member of OPF's board since 1997. She attended Murray State College, graduating in 1976 as a Registered Nurse. Cindy's career as a RN spanned over four decades, ending with her retirement from the State of Oklahoma as a DDSD nursing manager for Area III in 2015. The people she worked with weren't just co-workers; they were family to her. Throughout her career she received many accolades and recognitions for her service. Cindy's passion in life was helping those who had no voice and she dedicated her life to Oklahoma People First. She felt it was an honor and blessing to serve and help others. All of us will miss her smile and laughter.

Rose Ann Percival, Community Partnerships Coordinator
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Supporting Families Across the Lifespan

Sooner Success

August 30
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Chisholm Trail Technology
Center
283 Oklahoma 33
Omega
73764

Free parent training conference

Click here to [register](#)

Human Trafficking & Disasters Connections

Oklahoma State Department of Health

September 6
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

OKC County Health Department
2600 N. E. 63rd
Oklahoma City
73111

Human trafficking conference

For more information, contact
GlendaFL@health.ok.gov

Igniting Sparks for Change

CommUNITY Alliance of Oklahoma

Sept. 20
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

UCO Nigh University Center
100 N University Dr.
Edmond
73034

Social justice summit at UCO

For more information, visit [Facebook](#) and visit the [web-site](#) for tickets.

2018 Drive Fore Autism

Autism Oklahoma

September 10
Lunch 11:30 AM
Start 1:00 PM

Greens Golf & Country Club
13100 Green Valley Dr.
Oklahoma City
73120

Golf tournament fundraiser

Click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) to register

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