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### **Accessible Fall Getaways**

Fall is here and in Oklahoma, one of the best ways to spend the cooler season is at a beautiful cabin. Travel ok has prepared a list of ADA accessible campgrounds and cabins throughout our gorgeous state. Read the list <a href="here">here</a> and plan a trip for the whole family. If you are looking for a unique attraction while you enjoy your cabin, check out this list <a href="here">here</a> and <a href="here">here</a>, and <a href="here">here</a>, for some ideas.



### All-Abilities Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat Exhibition Show

**October 18th,** the Oklahoma Foundation for the Disabled is holding an inclusive All-Abilities Fall festival and Trunk or Treat with carnival games, live DJ and local artist, costume contest, and exhibitions form the OKC Fire Department and OK Able Tech! This event is free to the public, but additional tickets and snacks are available for purchase. For more information, view the Facebook event page <a href="here">here</a>, or check out their website <a href="here">here</a>.



## The Disability Visibility Project

Created by Alice Wong, self-advocate and artist, The Disability Visibility Project is an online community consisting of various multimedia projects to promote "disability media and culture." The organization has videos, podcasts, and photos on their website <a href="here">here</a>. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, they released a collection of essays and memoirs called *Resistance and Hope: Essays by Disabled People*. The stories are written by self-advocates and available to order <a href="here">here</a>.

# You are invited to join the Family Support 360° Center for a special evening

Old School Business and Event Center 201 North Broadway in Moore 7pm - 10pm Friday, December 7th

Activities include silent auction, live music, food and beverages

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. All proceeds benefit the 360° Center! Watch this space for details.

## Family Support 360° Center Welcomes Holiday Donations!

To donate now, click HERE

**Any Amount Helps!** 

# **Save the Date!!!**

Mark your calendars! **People with Disabilities Awareness Day 2019** will be **Tuesday, March 12**, at the State Capitol!

Plans call for an Oklahoma People First Rally at 10 a.m. followed by legislative visits, exhibitors and awards hosted by the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services.





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### CLL SPOTLIGHT

Wanda Felty, Community Leadership & Advocacy Coordinator, has been coordinating and hosting the quarterly DDS Waiting List meetings for more than 13 years. The Waiting List meetings are a place where families and self-advocates affected by the long wait for DDS wavier services can come hear from DHS leadership, including DDS's director. Representatives from other state agencies attend as well. For the past nine years, Wanda has invited legislators to attend and learn directly from families how the long wait is affecting their family. The waiting list currently has 7,586 individuals, with a wait longer than 12 years. Over the last 18 years, the list has grown by 5,000 members. Through the advocacy of the Waiting List Meeting, and through partnerships with parent leaders from the Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council and the Oklahoma Disability Law Center, the cause has gained the attention of state legislators. A bipartisan group has created the Waiting List Caucus. Support from the Waiting List Caucus helped facilitate the largest one time funding appropriated to work the waiting list.. To view their website click here and to view the group's Facebook click here, or search Waiting in Oklahoma. The September meeting was recorded on Facebook Live and has been viewed thousands of times. To view the video, click here.



## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

### **Project Outreach Spooktacular**

Project Outreach Norman

October 20 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Memorial Presbyterian Church 601 24th Ave SW Norman 73069 Free respite care for children and youth with disabilities

Facebook

**Website** 

# "America's Workforce: Empowering All" - $\bf A$ Career Fair for People with Disabilities

Oklahoma City Community College

October 29 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM Oklahoma City Community

College

7777 S May Ave Oklahoma City

Main Building—College Union Entry 1

Contact Veronica Armendariz at 405-582-1612 for more information

### **DSACO Halloween Dance**

Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma

October 27 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Paramount Room 701 W Sheridan Ave Oklahoma City 73102 Dance for teens and adults with Down Syndrome

**Website** 

Do you have an event to include in *focus facts*? Email information to <u>ifearing@ouhsc.edu</u>