

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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Apply to Partners in Policymaking



This year, the **Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council** partnered with the **Center for Learning and Leadership (CLL)** and the **Oklahoma Family Network (OFN)** to include students whose primary language is Spanish in its intensive advocacy course, **Partners in Policymaking**. Erica Herrera (left), a fellow student and staff for CLL and OFN, interpreted for Maria Macias (right) and others. Self-advocates, family members, and professionals are encouraged to apply for the 2018-2019 year of OK Partners in Policymaking by June 30. To apply, visit [here](#).

Oklahoma Primary Elections in June



Oklahoma's primary elections will be held on June 26th for state and national offices. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is June 20. Early voting will be held on June 21, 22, and 23. Run-off primary elections will be held on August 28. To vote in the Republican primary, you must be registered as a Republican. Voters registered as Independents or Democrats may vote in the Democratic primary. To learn more, or request an absentee ballot, visit [here](#).

Lifespan Respite Program Accepting Applications



Respite services provide temporary breaks for family caregivers. To receive Lifespan Respite vouchers, caregivers must have an income of 90,000 dollars or less and not receive respite services or payments from other programs. This program is coordinated by Sooner SUCCESS. To learn more, or to apply, visit [here](#) or call 1-877-441-0434.

Safety Equipment Grants for Individuals and Families



AutismOklahoma's project **Piece of Mind** offers individuals with autism or other neurodevelopmental conditions and their families grants for home safety equipment, such as alarms and GPS trackers. Grants decisions will be made based on severity of safety concerns, financial need, and available resources in the community. To apply for a grant, or to learn more about the program, visit [here](#).

Oklahoma STABLE Accounts Now Available



Oklahoma's
ABLE Plan

From May 31st, 2018, Oklahoma STABLE accounts became available to eligible Oklahomans with disabilities, allowing them to save and invest money without losing benefits from programs such as SSI and Medicaid. With a STABLE account, Oklahomans can save and invest up to 15,000 dollars annually. To read a blog about OK STABLE accounts by **OK LEND fellow** Amy Smith, visit [here](#). To open an account, visit [here](#).



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CLL SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to 2017-2018 LEND Graduates!

The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center **LEND** (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities) program offers an innovative interdisciplinary experience for self-advocates, family members, and future professionals who will work with people with disabilities. For more information, visit [here](#).



Rondalyn Abode
Parent - Family

Stephanie Emperly
Self-Advocacy

Tena Fry
Nursing

Emily North
Autism Spectrum Disorders

Amy Smith
Parent - Family

Carsyn Cunningham
Speech-Language Pathology

Lance Ford
Public Health

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Psychology

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Brittany Ross
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Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

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Genetic Counseling

Randy Freeman
Psychiatry

Addison Miller
Social Work

Danielle Schlegel
Occupational Therapy

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| June 18 | Electronic Visit Verification Cures Act Stakeholder Meeting
Oklahoma Health Care Authority
4345 N. Lincoln Blvd.
OKC, OK
To attend webinar of event, register here . | 9:30 AM-12 PM |
| June 23 | Using the Integrated Supports Star
Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council
2401 NW 23th St. Suite 74
OKC, OK
To register, visit here . | 11 AM-2 PM |
| July 14 | Sibshops Guthrie
Sooner SUCCESS
Simple Life Center
324 N. 19th St. Guthrie, OK
For siblings (ages 6-14) of children with disabilities, lunch provided
To register, visit here , or call (405) 431-0709 | 12-4 PM |

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