

## 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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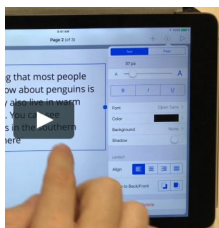
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### Guide to Assistive Technology (AT) in Individual Education Plans (IEPs)



The Center on Technology and Disability has released a guide to Assistive Technology in IEPs. School districts are responsible for providing assistive technology (AT) devices and services if an IEP team determines that children need them for their educational programs. Cost cannot be used as a factor for denying devices, services, or training. For more information on incorporating AT into IEPs, visit the guide [here](#). To access the guide in Spanish, visit [here](#).

### Summer Camps in Oklahoma for Children and Adults with Disabilities



A number of universities, churches, and community organizations offer summer camps and events for children and adults with disabilities. For information about these camps, visit [here](#), or call Ellen Bannister at 405-271-4500 ext. 41008 for a mailed copy of the information sheet. If you have information about a camp to add to the list, contact the editor at [ellen-bannister@ouhsc.edu](mailto:ellen-bannister@ouhsc.edu).

### Nutrition is for Everyone



Deputy nutrition ambassadors will be teaching a nutrition class for Spanish-speaking families at Variety Care on March 28. Cooking demonstration videos are currently being developed to share on social media. Follow us on Facebook for nutrition tips and events: <https://www.facebook.com/nutr4allOK/>. You can also follow us on Twitter at @nutr4allok and Pinterest at <https://www.pinterest.com/nutr4allOK/>.

### Oklahoma Deaf-Blind Assistance Project



This project offers free training and guidance to children and youth (birth-21) who experience both hearing and sight impairments and their families, educators, and service providers. Guidance may take the form of site and classroom visits, web conferences, and online and print resources. To find out more information, contact Project Director, Lisa Lawter, at (405) 325-0441, or visit [here](#).

### ABLE Accounts and Employment



ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) accounts are expected to become available in Oklahoma this year (Oklahomans may open ABLE accounts in other states currently). These accounts will allow people with disabilities on public benefits such as Medicaid to save up 15,000 dollars a year to pay for disability-related expenses. To read a factsheet by the LEAD Center on ABLE accounts and employment, visit [here](#).



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## CLL SPOTLIGHT

### People with Disabilities Awareness Day at the OK Capitol

Self-advocates, families, and community and professional allies joined together at the OK Capitol to demand an end to the barriers that keep people with disabilities from full employment and participation and acceptance in their communities. Legislators, family leaders, and self-advocates, including members of the **Oklahoma Self-Advocacy Network (OKSAN)**, and **Oklahoma People First (OPF)**, were speakers. OKSAN is a project of the [Center for Learning and Leadership](#), [ODDC](#), and [OPF](#), with additional support from [ODLC](#).



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- March 27-28 Special Education Legislative Summit**  
Oklahoma Division on Career Development and Transition  
Metrotech Springlake Campus and OK State Capitol 8:30 AM-3 PM  
To register, visit [here](#).
- March 29 Ed Plan and Transition: Lori Chestnut with the State Dept. of Education**  
Oklahoma Transition Council Webinar Series  
For more information, visit [here](#). 9-10 AM
- April 2 Oklahoma State Capitol Autism Awareness Day**  
Oklahoma State Capitol  
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd. 9 AM-4 PM  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Wear blue. For more information, visit [here](#).
- April 14 5th Annual Eastern Oklahoma Autism Awareness Walk**  
Pervasive Parenting Center  
Bill J. Barber Park 10 AM start  
Poteau, OK  
For more information, contact [ktoney@pervasiveparentingcenter.org](mailto:ktoney@pervasiveparentingcenter.org)  
or call (918) 658-5076
- April 26 On the Road Healthcare and Transition Services Event**  
Sooner SUCCESS  
Tulsa Tech— Lemley Memorial Campus 6-9 PM  
Health Sciences Center Building, Room 3117  
To register for this free event, visit [here](#).

Do you have an event to include in *focus facts*?  
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