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Oklahoma Transition Council Webinar Series



The **Oklahoma Transition Council** is holding a series of free webinars for students with disabilities and their family members. To view archived recordings of the first two webinars, "Ed Plan & Transition" and "Community Resources," visit [here](#). A third webinar, "LifeCourse Tools," will be offered on **July 18th** from **9-10 AM**. To register, visit [here](#).

Input Needed from Family Members on Mental Health Services



Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) has contracted with the **University of New Hampshire** to study mental health services for children and young adults with intellectual/ developmental disabilities (I/DD). Researchers are asking family members of people with I/DD and co-occurring mental health diagnoses or challenging behaviors to participate in a 15-20 minute phone interview. To participate, contact the study project manager at ann.klein@unh.edu or call (513) 377-1464.

Uber Pilot Program



In 2017, the **Cleveland County Navigator Group (Sooner SUCCESS, Cleveland County Health Department and Moore Food and Resource Center)** partnered with the transportation service Uber to connect clients with disabilities and their families with resources in the community. In the first year, the program provided 35 rides to Norman area residents receiving services. The project was funded by United Way of Norman. The project has received additional funding for next year and hopes to expand the locations served.

Toolkit for Community Inclusion of People with Mental Illnesses



Temple University's Collaborative on Community Inclusion of Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities has release a toolkit for organizations seeking to jump-start community inclusion for people with mental health diagnoses through funding opportunities, education, and innovative programs. To access the toolkit, visit [here](#). To learn more about the Collaborative, visit [here](#).

OKDHS Plans to Establish Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) for Children with I/DD



DHS plans to turn the Tulsa area Laura Dester Children's Center, currently a shelter for foster children, into a 24 bed ICF for children with I/DD and mental health diagnoses. The Laura Dester Center was originally slated to close in 2015 as part of the settlement in a class action lawsuit. To read an article about the future of the Center, visit [here](#). To read an editorial on the issue by **TARC** Executive Director John Gajda, visit [here](#).

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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CLL SPOTLIGHT

10th Annual Wheelchair Basketball Tournament

500 spectators packed the recent OKASA (Oklahoma Adaptive Sports Association) event to watch OU Physicians face off against the Wheels of Thunder. The team is now endorsed by the Oklahoma City Thunder, Oklahoma's NBA team. Funding for the Tournament was partly provided by the Center for Learning and Leadership/Oklahoma's UCEDD, which has long co-sponsored the event. Proceeds raised will support OKASA athletes to attend the national Adaptive Sports USA National Convention. To learn more about OKASA, and this annual event, visit [here](#).



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 18** **Free Parent Training: ABLE ACT, TEFRA, SSI, and Special Needs Trusts**
Oklahoma Family Network, ODDC, ODLC, Evans & Davis Mass Mutual
Walker Terrace
1300 N. Walker Ave. Suite 300
OKC, OK
RSVP to: Angela Donley 405-226-3168 or Ellyn Hefner 405-640-9408
- May 21** **Kinley Klassic Golf Tournament, Luncheon, and Silent Auction**
Oklahoma Family Network
Rose Creek Golf and Country Club 8 AM
17031 N May Ave.
Edmond, OK
Registration required. For more information or to register, visit [here](#).
- May 22, 24** **12th Annual Statewide Conference: offered at 2 locations**
Oklahoma Parents Center
May 22: Sheraton Midwest City Hotel, Reed Conference Center, 5750 Will Rogers Road, Midwest City 8 AM-5 PM
May 24: Tulsa Technology Center, Owasso Campus Conference Center, 10800 N. 140th E. Ave., Owasso
For more information, visit [here](#).
- June 12** **Pool Party for Families of Children with Disabilities**
Sooner SUCCESS and Mustang Sibshops
Mustang Park Aquatic Center
1501 N Mustang Road
Mustang, OK
Register [here](#), or call 405-595-1958
- June 14** **Developmental Disabilities Services Waiting List Meeting**
Sequoyah Memorial Office Building, Room C-47
OKC, OK 1:30– 3 PM
For more information, visit [here](#).

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