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Youth Leadership Forum is Looking for Future Leaders with Disabilities

The Developmental Disabilities Council's 16th Annual Oklahoma Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) is looking for future leaders with and without disabilities. The forum is held June 11 - 15, 2019 at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha, Oklahoma. This unique and challenging learning opportunity is open to 25 eligible students. To be eligible, students must reside in Oklahoma and be in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade as of December 19, 2018. Watch an intro video [here](#), and click [here](#) for more information about this free opportunity, or contact YLF@okdddc.ok.org.



Youth Actors with Disabilities Take the Stage in Tulsa

Tulsa's Clark Youth Theatre is partnering with The Penguin Project to showcase an inclusive production this February. The Penguin Project is a national program that pairs student mentors with young actors with disabilities to produce an inclusive stage play. Clark's 4th Annual Penguin Project Production, *Seussical KIDS*, will be February 15th - 17th. Click [here](#) to learn about The Penguin Project and click [here](#) to learn more about Clark's production.



University of Oklahoma Star Raises Money for Special Olympics

Former University of Oklahoma star and Heisman Award winning quarterback Baker Mayfield has launched a line of clothing with 100% of the proceeds going to Special Olympics. Mayfield supported Special Olympics in Oklahoma and continues the cause with his new team, the Cleveland Browns. The new apparel line features a silhouette of Mayfield's signature look and is available [here](#). To read more about Mayfield and his work with Special Olympics, click [here](#).



Free Webinar: Sex Talk for Self-Advocates

On February 13th, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, the Association of University Centers on Disabilities will hold the 4th and final Webinar in their series on relationships and sexual health for individuals with disabilities. The free event is available online and addresses questions from self-advocates about relationships and sexuality. To learn more and register for this free event, click [here](#). You can find an archived version of the other three webinars in the series [here](#).



Save the date for Oklahoma Family Network's

Joining Forces: Supporting Family-Professional Partnerships Conference

March 29th

Family Event: March 30th

Join OFN and local, state, and national leaders to discuss best and promising practices in the area of family-professional partnerships.

Click [here](#) for more information.



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CLL SPOTLIGHT Circle of Giving

On December 14th, the Center for Learning and Leadership and the Family Support 360° Center held our first Christmas fundraising event, *The Circle of Giving*. Organized Anly Perez, by our 2018-2019 intern and OU social work student, the event featured music, food, auction items from local community partners, and even a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Despite hazardous weather predications and rescheduling, the event was well attended and helped raise money for the Family Support 360° Center. Attendees enjoyed wonderful food from San Marcos and Cocina De Mino, amazing entertainment from Yúmáre Mexican Folkloric Dancers and local Indie Funk group The Indigos. Thank you to all the sponsors, donors, and everyone who helped with the event. Thanks to their efforts, over \$6,000 was raised for the Family Support 360° Center. Thank you Anly and everyone who showed their kind support this holiday season.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Supporting Children with Autism: A Training for Paraprofessionals

Oklahoma Autism Center

January 29 - 30
9:00 AM

Great Plains Technology Center
4500 SW Lee Blvd.
Lawton
73505

Workshop for working with kids with autism.

Register [here](#)
Cost: \$185

Project Outreach: Valentines Session

Project Outreach

February 2
1:00 - 5:00 PM

St. Stephen's UMC
1801 W Brooks
Norman
73069

Respite care for people with disabilities, age 0-21

Info [here](#)
Cost: FREE

Including ALL Students: WHY, WHAT, and HOW

Oklahoma Autism Center

February 7
9:00 AM

Metro Tech Conference Center
1900 Springdale Dr., Room F
Oklahoma City
73111

Inclusion workshop with Dr. Carol Quirk.

Register [here](#)
Cost: \$110

On the Road: Healthcare and Transition

Sooner Success and Tulsa Tech

February 7
6:00 - 9:00 PM

Tulsa Tech - Lemley Campus
3420 South Memorial Dr.
Tulsa
74147

For parents, caregivers, and professionals.

Info [here](#)
Register [here](#)
Cost: FREE

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