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Sooner Success Respite Updates

Respite service can provide a much-needed, temporary break from the often exhausting challenges faced by family caregivers. Respite vouchers let caregivers hire another person (respite provider) to temporarily care for their loved ones. Sooner Success coordinates the Lifespan Respite Grant Voucher Program. To learn more about the program, contact Sooner Success, and read more [here](#).



First Responders Resource

The Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma is proud to share their Tips for First Responders. This digital guide was created to support first responders and others working with people with disabilities in emergency situations, and gives tips, ideas, and resources. The free resource is accessible online and does not require any applications or downloads. View the guide here on their website at <http://okddc.ok.gov/tips-for-first-responders>.



If Passed, Federal Legislation Would Pay Support During Hospital Stays

The Isaiah Baker and Margie Harris-Austin Act, has been introduced in the House of Representatives. The bipartisan bill would allow the option for people receiving community-based supports to continue services from familiar Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) during a period of hospitalization. This important and groundbreaking legislation could have a huge positive impact in the lives of individuals with disabilities. Learn more about the bill [here](#).



What We're Reading Now

- [See This Preschooler with Down Syndrome Have an 'American Girl' Moment – Today](#)
- [2020 Presidential Primary Candidate Survey on Disability – Disability Rights Center](#)

Save the date for

Oklahoma Family Network's

13th Annual Joining Forces Conference

March 27th, 2020

oklahomafamilynetwork.org



Family & Professional Partnerships



Happy New Year from the Center for Learning and Leadership!



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TARC Awards 2019

Several Center for Learning and Leadership/Oklahoma's UCEDD staff and partners were honored at the 29th Annual TARC Advocacy Awards. CLL's Community Leadership & Advocacy Coordinator Wanda Felty received the *Catalyst of Change Award* while OKSAN's Joe Honeycutt received *Volunteer of the Year* and Tomas Davis received *Self-Advocate of the year*. Currently an OKLEND intern, Andee Cooper received the *Parent of the Year Award*, while Consumer Advisory Committee member John Corpolongo received the *Board Member of the Year Award*. The Center for Learning and Leadership/Oklahoma's UCEDD is beyond proud of everyone and the amazing work they do, improving the lives of all Oklahomans, with and without disabilities!

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Mark Your Calendar

Project SEARCH Open House

January 30, 2020
6-7 PM

Oklahoma City Public
Schools

Integrus Southwest Medical Center
Cancer Center Entrance
4401 S. Western Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK

For high school seniors
with disabilities looking
for career opportunities.

For more info, visit [here](#).

DSACO Adulting Series, Session 1: Self-Advocate Panel

Feb. 3, 2020
6-7:30 PM

Down Syndrome
Association of Central
Oklahoma

DSACO Office
521 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 130
Oklahoma City, OK 73116
405-600-9981
info@dsaco.org

For Self-Advocates over
16.
For more info, visit [here](#).

Charting the LifeCourse Conference

February 21, 2020
9 AM-4 PM

A Project of the
Oklahoma Deaf/Blind
Technical Assistance
Program

Tulsa-Tech Riverside Campus
801 East 91st St., Room A-144
Tulsa, OK 74132

For individuals and
families.

For more info, [visit here](#).

Note: Starting in February, find upcoming events on the CLL website at:
<https://ouhsc.edu/thecenter/>.

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