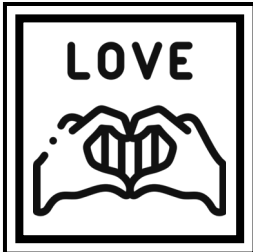


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**OU Medicine at Pride**

OU Medicine is a proud supporter of Pride! Employees, students, and allies from OU Medicine will show support for Oklahomans who are part of the LGBTQ+ community by providing free blood pressure readings, BMI scores, and simple screenings during the OKC Pride Festival on **Saturday, June, 22**. Members from OUHSC, OU Medicine, and OU Physicians will also show support by marching in the parade at noon. To learn more about OU Medicine and OU HSC at Pride, click [here](#).

**Ali Stoker Makes History with Tony Award Win**

Ali Stoker won Best Supporting Actress in a Musical and made history as the first actor or actress who uses a wheelchair to win a Tony award. Ali preformed in the Broadway revival of *Oklahoma*, set in present day. During her acceptance speech, she said "this award is for every kid watching tonight who has a disability, who has a limitation or a challenge, who has been waiting to see themselves represented in this arena. You are." Learn more about her history-making achievement [here](#).

**Political Experts Train Leaders with Disabilities to Run for Office**

The National Council on Independent Living is aiming to empower individuals with a disability to run for public office. The recently launched nonpartisan [Elevate: Campaign Training](#) program includes a video training series to help leaders with disabilities learn vital campaign skills including branding, fundraising, and messaging. The pilot training series began in early June and will run through July with plans for more trainings in the future. Read more [here](#).

**iCan Swim Camp Helps Children with Disabilities Learn Life Saving Skills**

Autism Oklahoma is offering iCan Swim for kids with autism and other disabilities, July 22nd – July 26th at Chesapeake Energy Swimming pool in Oklahoma City. The program teaches swimming and water safety skills to kids with disabilities. Eligible participants must be at least three years old, have a diagnosed disability, and must be able to follow behavior and safety procedures. The program costs \$175 per student. To learn more and/or register, click [here](#).

**What We're Reading Now** - click the link or copy and paste into your browser.

- [More Than One-Third of LGBTQ Adults Identify as Having a Disability](#) - Respectability.org
- [How to Make Pride Truly Accessible](#) - CNN
- [Rural Health: Financial Insecurity Plagues Many Who Live With Disability](#) - NPR
- [You Don't Have to Have Cerebral Palsy to Relate to My Story](#) - Vulture

**Celebrate LGBTQ+ PRIDE Month with The CLL!****Learn more about Pride and disability [HERE!](#)**



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## CLL/UCEDD SPOTLIGHT

### Congratulations to 2018-2019 LEND Graduates!

The Oklahoma LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities) program at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center 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](#).



**Dana Bakula**  
Psychology

**Ashlee Byrnes**  
Genetic Counseling

**Emily Cockrell**  
Nursing

**Josh Fearing**  
Autism Spectrum Disorders

**Sara Fortin-Miller**  
Nutrition

**Amber Garretson**  
Nursing

**Terrence Gipson**  
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**Jennifer Karner**  
Self-Advocacy

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Parent-Family

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**Alyssa Owens**  
Speech-Language Pathology

**Heather Pike**  
Parent-Family

**Susan Redwine**  
Developmental - Behavioral Pediatrics

**Emma Schemmer**  
Physical Therapy

**Nana Safoah Twum-Ampofo**  
Public Health

**Gwyn Weathers**  
Parent-Family

## Mark Your Calendar

### OKC Pride Parade and Festival

#### Oklahoma City Pride

June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
12:00PM - 10:00PM

39th Street District  
39th and Penn  
OKC  
73157

Free festival and parade  
celebrating LGBTQ+ pride.

Information: [here](#)  
Facebook: [here](#)

### Veterans Indoor Wheelchair Tennis Clinic

#### Santa Fe Family Life Center

July 1<sup>st</sup>  
9:00AM - 3:00PM

6300 N Santa Fe Ave  
Oklahoma City  
73118

Adaptive sports clinic,  
equipment and lunch  
provided.

Free for veterans.  
Information: [here](#)  
Call: 405-840-1817

### Sooner SUCCESS: On the Road - Family Perspective Conference

#### Sooner SUCCESS & DHS Aging Services

July 30<sup>th</sup>  
8:30AM - 2:30PM

Northwest Technology Center  
801 Vo-Tech Drive  
Fairview  
73732

Free conference for  
caregivers who have  
children or adult children  
with disabilities.

Register: [here](#)

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