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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

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Physical Therapy

Nana Safoah Twum-Ampofo
Public Health

Gwyn Weathers
Parent-Family

Mark Your Calendar

OKC Pride Parade and Festival

Oklahoma City Pride

June 22nd
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 1st
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 30th
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](#)

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