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OKLAHOMA'S FEDERALLY DESIGNATED UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (UCEDD)

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April is Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month

The 6th annual Autism Advocacy Day was held at the Oklahoma State Capitol on April 4th 2022. Families, self-advocates, and over 30 resource providers met at the Capitol to advocate for people with disabilities. The Center for Learning and Leadership was proud to have staff member, Abigail Hann, moderate the Transition Panel that included Senator [Julia Kirt](#). For more information on autism including community resources related to autism, please visit the [Autism Foundation of Oklahoma website](#).

Data Breach of Information of People on the DDS Waitlist and their Families

Violación de la información de las personas en la lista de espera del DDS y sus familias

A recent data breach of information of people on the Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) Waiver Waitlist may have put the people on that list and their families at risk for identity theft and other kinds of fraud. Liberty, a health and services company contracted with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS), is offering those whose names may have been exposed a free 12 month subscription or account to a service that will monitor or watch for not approved credit activities. They can also offer services to help people if their identities are stolen. Liberty has updated the deadline to request monitoring services to June 30th, 2022. People on the Waitlist and their families with questions or needing assistance, can call 405-500-1866. [More Information \(English\)](#)

Para las personas que hablan español y que necesitan más información y asistencia con respecto a la información que posiblemente se filtró, por favor llame al 405-500-1866, habrá un operador bilingüe disponible para ayudarle. [Más Información \(Español\)](#)

AMCHP Stands by Science and Urges Vaccination of Children Ages 5+ Against COVID-19

Vaccinations for children ages 5 and over are recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and now the Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP). As of March 2022, only ~27% of children ages 5-11 were fully vaccinated against COVID-19. [Read the full press release](#).

The Oklahoma Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project (ODBTA)

The Oklahoma Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project (ODBTA) provides technical assistance to families and service providers of children (birth-21 years) who have both a hearing and vision impairment. Technical assistance may include visits, materials and resource information. A child may also have physical disabilities, health impairments, or other disabilities or conditions. To find out more, please contact: okdeafblind@ou.edu or call Lisa Lawter at 405-325-0441.

Announcements/Events

12th Annual Wheelchair Basketball Tournament

Thursday, April 21 from 5:30 – 9pm, The Oklahoma Children's Hospital OU Health and the Center for Learning and Leadership, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center will co-host the [12th Annual Wheelchair Basketball Tournament](#) at Oklahoma City University (OCU), Freede Wellness Center. Watch the Wheels of Thunder play against several OU Health teams. The event is free for all spectators and will include a silent auction, snacks, and more. All funds raised will benefit the [Oklahoma Adaptive Sports Association \(OKASA\)](#).

DDCO's Youth Leadership Forum and Partners in Policymaking 2022-2023

[The Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma](#) (DDCO) is accepting applications for their Youth Leadership Forum for 10th-12th graders that will be held on the USAO campus June 14th – June 18th 2022. Those who are interested should [apply here](#).

DDCO is also planning their Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 sessions for Partners in Policymaking (PIP). Please complete this [short survey](#) to help them better understand the needs of prospective applicants.

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Please include the information source, by title, a one paragraph (or less) description or story, a contact name who can provide additional information on the subject, and a daytime or evening telephone number for the contact. If you have other questions regarding the format for submissions, please call the Center for Learning and Leadership/UCEDD Headquarters Office at (405) 271-4500.

The University Affiliated Developmental Disabilities Network is open to membership by any organization or individual who shares the interests of Network members. The Network is dedicated to identifying opportunities for collaboration and information exchange among its participating members, which leads to improving our statewide, regional or local capacity to provide a better living environment in Oklahoma for people with developmental and other disabilities and their families. The Network is partially supported through a grant from the U.S. Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Health and Human Services, and by the Offices of the Designated Representatives of the Center for Learning and Leadership/UCEDD Collaborating Partners.

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