



# focus facts on community living

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## August is National Immunization Month

August is [National Immunization Awareness Month \(NIAM\)](#). The goal is to highlight the importance of routine vaccination for people of all ages. The CDC has a list of resources about the importance of immunizations, [common questions about vaccines](#), and [immunization education & training opportunities](#). Please check with your health care provider about your specific vaccination needs.

## CLL Releases New Community Guide Video

The Center for Learning and Leadership has released a new video discussing one of our most requested publications, The Guide to Community Services in Oklahoma. The Guide provides detailed information and resources for individuals with disabilities and their families across the lifespan. Learn more by watching the [video in English](#) or you can select the [video option in Spanish](#). You can also access the online [Guide to Community Services in Oklahoma in](#) both English and Spanish on our [publications webpage](#).

## Back to School Resources

[The Oklahoma State Department of Health](#) has a [resource page](#) to help parents and guardians with back-to-school documents. You can order your child's birth certificate and request their vaccination records online. If your child needs to catch up on their immunizations, you will be able to find your local county health department to see how they can help.

## The Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma (DSACO) to Host Annual Festival and 5K

Each year, [DSACO](#) holds its annual Down Syndrome Festival & 5K. This event is the main fundraising event for the organization. All money raised will stay in the central Oklahoma area to fund the many programs, activities, and services that DSACO provides.

This year's DSACO Festival & 5K will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023, at the Myriad Botanical Gardens in Oklahoma City, OK. The event is free and open to the public. The 5k begins at 8:20 a.m. at [Myriad Botanical Gardens](#). The Awareness Walk will start at the intersection of Hudson Ave. and Sheridan Ave. at 9:45 a.m. Immediately following, there will be festival activities including raffles, moon bounces, face painters, carnival games, music, and much more.

[Visit the DSACO event website](#) for more information about DSACO and to learn how to register for the 5k.

## Announcements and Events (publishing on August 15<sup>th</sup>)

### OK STABLE Trainings | August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm; August 29<sup>th</sup> at 12pm | Virtual and FREE

If you have a loved one who receives support through the Medicaid program or a Medicaid waiver, and/or if you have a disability and want to make sure you are part of your own planning financial, this training is for you! Two training opportunities are available in August via Zoom so you can join from the convenience of your home or on your lunch break:

August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM OK STABLE 8/22 [Registration is required](#)

August 29<sup>th</sup> at Noon OK STABLE 8/29 [Registration is required](#)

### Protecting the Rights of Disabled Parents Involved in the Child Welfare System | August 16<sup>th</sup> | 1pm-2:30pm | Virtual and FREE

The [ADA National Network](#) presents, [Protecting the Rights of Disabled Parents Involved with the Child Welfare System](#). This virtual webinar will discuss the experiences of parents with disabilities within the child welfare system, the ADA and how it applies to the child welfare system, strategies and solutions for representing disabled parents and their children. Presenters include [Robyn M. Powell, PhD, JD, Associate Professor](#) at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Parents with Disability rights webinar [registration required and due by August 15<sup>th</sup>](#)

### Care Notebook Training | September 4<sup>th</sup> | 6:00pm-7:30pm | Virtual and FREE

[Oklahoma Family Network](#) is hosting a free virtual training on how to create and organize your child's important medical, personal, and school information in one notebook! A Care Notebook helps you organize the most important information in a central place and makes it easier for you to find and share key information with others who are a part of your child's/youth's care team. [Care Notebook registration is required](#).

### IEP Basics for Parents | September 5<sup>th</sup> | 11am-1pm | Gordon Cooper Technology Center, Shawnee OK - FREE

[Every Kid Counts Oklahoma \(EKCO\)](#) and [the Pottawatomie Sooner SUCCESS Coalition](#) presents IEP Basics for Parents on Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> in Shawnee. For more information, contact Charline Brown 405-915-3401 or [charline-brown@ouhsc.edu](mailto:charline-brown@ouhsc.edu). [IEP Basics Training registration is required](#).

### Save the Date: Wrightslaw Conferences Coming to OKC September 26<sup>th</sup> and Tulsa September 28<sup>th</sup>

[SoonerSUCCESS](#) will be hosting two Wrightslaw Conferences in OKC and Tulsa during the month of September. [Follow their Facebook page](#) for more details and information on registering for this invaluable event!

## We want to hear from you!

Do you have news or an event to share? Please send all information including a link (if applicable) to [learn2lead-ucedd@ouhsc.edu](mailto:learn2lead-ucedd@ouhsc.edu). All submissions should be in no later than the fourth Friday of the month before publication (ex: 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in August for September's newsletter).

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If you have 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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