



Center for Learning and Leadership's Annual Website Survey

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Juneteenth

On June 19th, millions of Americans will be celebrating Juneteenth, a federally recognized holiday that celebrates the end of slavery in the United States. It was on this day in 1865, a full two years after the Emancipation Proclamation, that federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to ensure all slaves were finally freed. [Tulsa is celebrating](#) with a three-day event June 15th-17th. [Oklahoma City's celebration](#) features an all-day festival on Saturday, May 17th, and [Norman will celebrate](#) with a community event in Reeves Park from 6-10pm on Monday, June 19th.

PBS Newshour Highlights Oklahomans with Disabilities and the Waitlist

PBS Newshour has been working with advocates across the state for months to discuss the needs of Oklahomans with intellectual and developmental disabilities for their series, Disability Reframed, including [Representative Elynn Hefner](#) and her son, William, a self-advocate. The [first episode was recently released](#) and focuses on the DDS Waitlist.

OK Department of Transportation Survey

Public transportation access, barriers, and options are often discussed in the disability community due to the large amount of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who rely on public transportation to get to their jobs, appointments, and to stay engaged with their communities. The [Oklahoma Department of Transportation \(ODOT\)](#) is inviting the public to [complete a survey using their lived experience](#) to share their opinions and feedback on public transportation. This will help ODOT understand current issues and develop strategies for meeting public transportation needs.

Announcements and Events

DDS Regional Family Meetings for Families in Cohort 5 Waitlist Group

DDS Waitlist families that are in Cohort 5 (who applied between February 2016 and May 2019) can register for the next round of regional family meetings in OKC and Broken Arrow. There will be meetings in Oklahoma City on June 28th and in Broken Arrow on June 29th. For more details and to sign up, visit the [DDS Family meetings registration link](#).

June 21st | 12pm-1:30pm | Long Term Planning Financial and Employment Options

Join Wanda Felty, CLL Assistant Director and Community Leadership & Advocacy Coordinator, along with partners from the Oklahoma Disability Law Center for the free virtual training: Long Term Planning Financial and Employment Options. [June 21st - Pre-registration required](#).

June 22nd | 7:30pm-9:30pm | Free Family Swim Party at Mustang Aquatic Center

(REGISTRATION ENDS JUNE 16TH!)

[Sooner SUCCESS](#) is hosting a swim party for families that have a child or adult with intellectual or developmental disabilities and/or special health care needs at Mustang Aquatic Center. The event will take place from 7:30pm-9:30pm on June 22nd, but [families must register by June 16th to attend](#) as there is limited spaces available. For questions, call 405-595-1958.

June 28th | 1:30pm-3pm | DDS Waitlist Meeting (Virtual)

The DDS Waiting List Meeting was created by family members for family members. This meeting is a time for those on the waiting list and those who want to learn more to interact with the DDS Director, DHS leadership, and other state agencies and programs that support people with developmental disabilities and their families. Individuals, family members, and community allies share information and resources, ask questions, and raise concerns. Virtual [Waiting List Meeting - Pre-registration is required](#).

June 28th and 29th | 9am-3:30pm | In-Person Sibshop Facilitator Certification Training – OKC

Interested in becoming a Sibshop facilitator? [Sooner SUCCESS is offering this two-day training](#) for only \$25 if you're an Oklahoma resident and \$50 for anyone living out of state. Limited scholarships are available and lunch will be provided both days. Sibshop programs provide opportunities for brothers and sisters of children with special needs to obtain peer support and education within a highly recreational context. Questions? Contact Ronelle Baker at ronelle-baker@ouhsc.edu

July 9th | 6:30pm-8:30pm | Free Family Swim Party at Westwood Pool in Norman

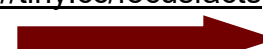
[Sooner SUCCESS](#) is hosting a swim party for families that have a child or adult with intellectual or developmental disabilities and/or special health care needs at Westwood pool in Norman. The event will take place from 6:30pm-8:30pm on July 9th, but [families must register by July 2nd to attend](#) as there is limited spaces available. For questions, call 405-651-7809 or email Eva-Smith@ouhsc.edu.

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. All submissions should be in no later than the fourth Friday of the month before publication (ex: 4th Friday in June for July'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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