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### Upcoming Autism and Behavior Trainings

The Oklahoma Autism Network provides trainings in-person and online to improve outcomes for people with autism spectrum disorders and their families. Various trainings are open to educators, parents and families, and professionals. Topics include technology and digital media, employment, fundamental skills for living, and various online trainings. View the Autism Network's website [here](#) to learn more about them, and view their trainings [here](#).



### Join OPF and OKAPSE for their First Joint Conference

OK-APSE and OK-People First are joining together to discuss and promote people-first practices in employment, health, relationships, advocacy and more. The conference will be held September 13th - 14th at the Embassy Suites in Norman and feature keynotes from sexual health and relationship expert Richelle Frabotta. Learn more about the conference and register online [here](#) or contact OPF's Jeryldine Schutte-Pogue at [okpeoplefirst@coxinet.net](mailto:okpeoplefirst@coxinet.net) or (405) 701-2077.



### Mattel Introduces African American Barbie who Uses a Wheelchair

Barbie's Dreamhouse is now more accessible. Mattel is making their first-ever African-American Barbie with natural hair who uses a wheelchair. The doll features a wheelchair without handles and a ramp that is sized to fit the Dreamhouse. Barbie's first wheelchair, made in the 90's, did not fit in the house, and the new doll is a step forwards for disability representation for young children. To learn more about the new doll, click [here](#). (This link goes to an outside commercial website, not affiliated with the Center for Learning and Leadership).



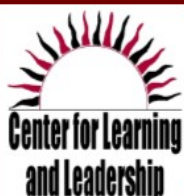
### Comcast Creates Remote with Eye Gaze Technology

Comcast has released a virtual keyboard for laptops and computers to navigate connected TVs with eye gaze. Eye gaze technology works by tracking what the users' eyes are focusing on and will allow users with disabilities to access technology they may not have had access to before. The keyboard is another example of companies that include accessibility features in new technologies, joining Apple's Voice Control and Google's Live Caption feature. Read more about Comcast's new remote and other tech advances [here](#). (This link goes to an outside commercial website, not affiliated with the Center for Learning and Leadership).



**What We're Reading Now** - click the link or copy and paste into your browser  
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- [The Haunting Reality of Discrimination in School Discipline](#) - Education Week
- [Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers: Fifty Years of Scientific Accomplishments](#) - Annals of Neurology



**Join us in welcoming all students back to school!**  
**Have a great year!**



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### Oklahoma Self Advocacy Network Works with Richelle Frabotta

OKSAN is proud to work with Richelle Frabotta of Miami University in Ohio. Richelle has been a professional community-based Sexuality Educator since 1992. She focuses on individuals with divergent learning styles. She has authored curricula, trained staff, and provided group education to parents, caregivers and self-advocates and consultation services for folks in the Intellectual -Developmental Disabilities, Learning Disabilities, Autism Spectrum, and Traumatic Brain Injury communities. In 1997, she established a full-service sexuality education program for an Ohio County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Richelle is working with OKSAN trainers to create a peer-to-peer training that will address personal relationships, that will include health, safety, preferences and boundaries. The trainings will be developed, taught, and evaluated by self-advocates. Richelle is happy this kind of education opportunity is being offered to self-advocates by self-advocates, and OKSAN is proud to work with her. OKSAN trainer Kelly Zakis says she is excited to "learn more about it and not be afraid to talk about sex," and Sam Jenkins says "she is fantastic and I want to know more on how to train on this topic and not be afraid to say the terms".

Learn more about Richelle [here](#), and come to the OPF/OKAPSE conference to hear her keynotes and presentations with OKSAN.



### Mark Your Calendar

#### Developmental Disabilities Awareness Rally at Guthrie Green

*TARC, Oklahoma People First, Goodwill, Soaring on Hope, Bridges Foundation, A New Leaf*

September 10 5:30 - 7:30	Guthrie Green 111 Reconciliation Way Tulsa 74103	Developmental disabilities rally and resource fair.  Facebook: <a href="#">here</a>
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#### Oklahoma Waiting List Meeting

*Waiting in Oklahoma*

September 12 1:30	Sequoyah Memorial Building 2400 North Lincoln Boulevard Oklahoma City 73105	Community meeting to discuss the disability services waiting list. Website: <a href="#">here</a>
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#### Entrenamiento: Cuidemos A Nuestras Familias: Prevention del Suicidio

*El Departamento de Salud Mental y Abuso de Substancias en colaboración con otras agencias locales incluyendo el Centro de Apoyo Familiar 360°*

20 y 21 de septiembre hay varios horarios	Centro de Salud del Condado de OKC Campus de Salud y Bienestar Southern Oaks 6728 Sur Hudson OKC 73139	taller de prevention del suicidio para familias. Para preguntas llame al: 419-40405 o 419-4016
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#### Familias Exitosas

*Consejo de Discapacidades del Desarrollo de Oklahoma en colaboración con el Centro de Apoyo Familiar 360°, y el Centro de Aprendizaje y Liderazgo*

23 de septiembre 9:00 - 3:00	Centro de Salud del Condado de OKC Campus 6728 S. Hudson Oklahoma City	Apoyo para personas con discapacidades. para información: <a href="#">haga clic aquí</a> o llame al tel: 405-271-4511
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