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STABLE Accounts Help Oklahomans with Disabilities Save for the Future

Launched in May 2018, STABLE Accounts allow Oklahoman's with disabilities to save and plan for the future. The accounts are possible through the federal ABL Act, and allow individuals with disabilities to save up to \$100,000 without affecting eligibility for disability benefits. CNBC reported on the ABL Act and created a video highlighting its positive impact featuring Oklahomans! View the video [here](#) and learn more about the OK's STABLE accounts [here](#).



Zarrow Center Seeking Leaders for PhD Program

The University of Oklahoma's Zarrow Center is partnering with the University of Arkansas for their joint PhD program, *Razorback-Sooner Scholars: Leaders for Transition*. The fully funded doctoral experience will prepare students to be "future Assistant Professors of Special Education focused on transition services for youth with disabilities and their families." Students will study at their home University and participate in activities with the partner school. To learn more, click [here](#).



Teen with Autism is Time's Person of the Year

Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old Swedish climate activist, is the 2019 Time Person of the Year; and the youngest recipient ever. The teen received worldwide attention for her activism when she refused to attend school in order to raise awareness for climate change. She advocates for change around the world and credits having "Asperger's" for her uncompromising view and desire to help inspire change. Read more about her and her ground-breaking achievement [here](#).



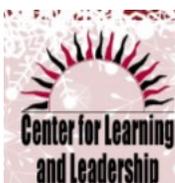
Thank You for Supporting the Oklahoma Family Support 360° Center

Thank you for supporting the Center for Learning and Leadership and the Family Support 360° Center. Supporters from across the state help the CLL and FS360° provide support for families during the holiday season. This year the Family Support 360°, with help from the CLL and OKSAN, created and sold handmade Christmas Ornaments. Thank you to all who helped, donated, or cheered us on this year. Learn more about the holiday program [here](#).



What We're Reading Now - click the link or copy and paste into your browser
(links to an external public or commercial website)

- [Wheelchairs on Planes: Why Can't Passengers Use Their Own Onboard? - NPR](#)
- [Older Adults Share What Helps Them Trust a Home Care Provider - NARIC](#)



Happy Holidays from the Center for Learning and Leadership/Oklahoma's UCEDD!



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Members from the Center for Learning and Leadership and OKLEND represented our great state across the country in the month of November. CLL's Angela Harnden, Wanda Felty, and Josh Fearing attended the national AUCD conference in Washington D. C., in addition to a delegation of interns and faculty from OKLEND. CLL staff presented a poster titled [Communicating through the Oklahoma UCEDD Website: Building a Website through Collaboration, Community Feedback, and Principles of Universal Design](#). Wanda Felty also presented a poster with colleagues across the AUCD network entitled, [A New Resource - Fabric Not Fringe: Weaving Family Involvement Strategies into Professional Disability-Related Training Programs](#). In addition to presenting, CLL/UCEDD staff and OKLEND faculty and students engaged in learning and networking opportunities with AUCD members from across the nation. In addition to traditional events, the AUCD conference offers a unique opportunity to engage with legislators, and CLL/UCEDD staff and OKLEND members with Oklahoma legislators and staffers to advocate for disability related issues.

While some staff members were in Washington D.C., CLL's Ellen Bannister attended the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference at Disneyland to present a breakout session with Dr. Lorraine Sylvester detailing their project, Self- and Family Advocates/ Family-Advocates as Medical Educators. Learn more about their project [here](#).



Mark Your Calendar

IEP Workshop

Oklahoma Parent Center
Saturday, January 25
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Northwest Library
5600 NW 122 Street
Oklahoma City
73142

Free IEP basics workshop.

Info: [here](#)

Current *focus facts* editor, Josh Fearing, is leaving the UCEDD this month to pursue other career opportunities.

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