



## Celebrating Black/African Americans with Disabilities/Leading the Disability Advocacy Movement

As we celebrate Black History Month, the Center for Learning and Leadership/UCEDD is highlighting exceptional Black leaders and advocates with disabilities. Many Black Americans with disabilities have made lasting contributions and advanced rights for all people with disabilities, while promoting visibility and equity for all. [Read more about Black advocates with disabilities and their work to promote inclusion, diversity and equality.](#)

## COVID – At home testing available free of charge

Americans can now order free, at-home COVID-19 tests at [COVIDTests.gov](https://COVIDTests.gov). Tests will usually ship within 7-12 days of ordering. Those without internet access or needing assistance may order by calling 1-800-232-0233. The [Disability Information and Assistance Line \(DIAL\)](#) is an additional resource, connecting people with disabilities to COVID-19 vaccination and testing in their communities. DIAL support can be reached by calling 888-677-1199 or by emailing [DIAL@USAgingandDisability.org](mailto:DIAL@USAgingandDisability.org).

## High-Quality Urgent Care for Kids Close to Home

Because illness doesn't happen only during regular business hours, Oklahoma Children's Hospital is now offering convenient urgent care in-person and virtually for children. Children will be seen by the same pediatric experts that care for patients in its pediatric emergency room and clinics. Kids First Urgent Care has convenient locations in Oklahoma City and Edmond providing in-person after hour care, and virtual urgent care is available to any child located in Oklahoma from 8 am to 8 pm. For more details and information please visit [Oklahoma Children's Hospital Urgent Care for Children](#).

## Supporting Families Summit: Celebrating 10 years

"Nearly 53 million people in the U.S. today provide support for a family member with a disability or someone aging. As caregivers to those with a disability, or who are aging, family members have complex support roles that extend beyond activities of daily living assistance. They often include financial, medical, and technical supports and coordination across all systems of support." Read the full ["Supporting Families Summit: Celebrating 10 years" article](#).

## Jill Jacobs is named Commissioner for the Administration on Disabilities within the Administration for Community Living

The Center for Learning and Leadership/UCEDD director, staff and faculty congratulate and welcome, Jill Jacobs! Jill was recently named as the new Commissioner for Administration on Disabilities (AoD) within the Administration for Community Living (ACL). [Read more about the announcement from ACL on Jill Jacobs](#).

### - Announcements -

## People with Disabilities Day, March 8th – [Register now for People with Disabilities Awareness Day](#)

The Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services' annual event to celebrate people with disabilities will be held at the Oklahoma History Center, which provides ample space and accessible parking. In the case of COVID-19 worsening in the state, a virtual event will be held instead.

## 15th Annual Joining Forces Conference: Family & Professional Partnerships March 25, 2022 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Joining Forces provides learning and opportunities for supporting individuals and families through partnerships of community members, agencies, and organizations throughout Oklahoma. The conference also offers opportunities for making connections with professionals, families and community allies. [Joining Forces Conference Registration](#)

## Redlands Partners Disability Legislative Watch newsletter - [Legislative Newsletter sign-up form](#)

The Redlands Partners Disability Legislative Watch newsletter is a partnership between the Redlands Partner agencies, Oklahoma Disability Law Center, Developmental Disability Council of Oklahoma, and the Center for Learning and Leadership/UCEDD

The University of Oklahoma advances a diverse, equitable, and inclusive university community by embracing each person's unique contributions, background, and perspectives. OU Norman, OU Tulsa, and the Health Sciences Center recognize that fostering an inclusive environment for all, with particular attention to the needs of the historically marginalized populations, is vital to the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of our institutional mission and enhances the OU experience for all students, faculty, and staff.

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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.

If you have a disability (Deaf/hard-of-hearing, Blind/low-vision, mobility, cognitive, etc.), and require accommodations, please reach out to [Learn2Lead@ouhsc.edu](mailto:Learn2Lead@ouhsc.edu). It is helpful if you share what type of accommodations will be needed to ensure that you are able to use the resource materials.