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### Accessible Halloween Costumes

For many parents, Halloween offers the challenge of finding a costume their child can wear or making their own, but Target is taking steps to make Halloween less scary and more inclusive. The chain store is offering multiple costumes that feature wide leg openings, extra openings for easy bathroom access, and other clever adaptations. Two costumes, a pirate and a princess, feature accessories for wheelchairs (a ship and a castle, respectively). Read the story from PEOPLE.com [here](#) or search for "Adaptive Halloween Costume" on Target.com.



### Transition Assessment for Youth with Significant Disabilities

OU's Zarrow Center for Learning Enrichment is creating a new tool to help students with significant disabilities identify future jobs. Funded by a Department of Education grant, they are developing a transition assessment for youth with significant disabilities, called the TAGG-A. It will have a version for students, one for teachers, and one for parents, all aligned to alternative standards. They are seeking students, parents, and educators to complete and review the new assessment. Click [here](#) for more information, and learn more about the Zarrow Center [here](#).



### Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15th marks the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Month. Officially recognized since 1968, National Hispanic Heritage Month is in recognition of several Latin American countries gaining independence, and celebrates Latino contributions throughout the United States' history. The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics provides a great list of informational resources [here](#).



### Not Your Average Joe's Serves Up Opportunities

Edmond's Super Scoop Ice Cream is joining forces with Midtown's Hank's Coffee to bring a new experience to the metro. The companies will open Not Your Average Joe's Coffee, a coffee shop aimed at creating opportunities for employees with intellectual disabilities. They have plans to expand to Norman near the University of Oklahoma, and aim to include individuals with disabilities in the work force. To learn more, read their story [here](#).



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

- [IEP Meetings Warrant Time Off From Work, Labor Department Says](#) - Disability Scoop
- [Kylee's Kitchen Cooks for a Purpose](#) - The Oklahoman
- [Officer Shares Photo to Show Why You Can't Park in Striped Area Next to Accessible Spots](#) - Yahoo!



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## CLL/UCEDD SPOTLIGHT

### CLL at the Oklahoma People First Conference!

The Center for Learning and Leadership was proud to support Oklahoma People First and OK-APSE's Be The 1st Conference. This was the first joint conference which was held in Norman September 13-14. The conference invited self-advocates, family members and support professionals from across the state to learn about a wide range of topics, including sexual health, healthy relationships, employment, advocacy, and voting. Oklahoma Self-Advocacy Network trainers, parents from the Oklahoma Family Leadership Network, community partners and CLL staff members provided breakout session for those attending.



### Mark Your Calendar

#### Wings Fall Festival and Pumpkin Patch

<i>Wings</i>		
Every weekend through October 13	Wings 13700 N Eastern Ave Edmond 73013	Free family event and pumpkin patch, every weekend.
Fri & Sat: 10:00 - 6:00		Information <a href="#">here</a>
Sun: 1:00 - 6:00		

#### Back to School Workshop for Families with Children with Autism, Developmental Disabilities, or other Special Needs

<i>Sooner Success</i>		
September 30 6:00 - 8:00	Norman Public Library 225 N Webster Ave Norman 73069	Free IEP/advocacy workshop. Materials provided. Snacks and beverages included.
		Information <a href="#">here</a> RSVP @ <a href="mailto:eva-smith@ouhsc.edu">eva-smith@ouhsc.edu</a> or call 405-651-7809

#### Altus Family Conference

<i>Epilepsy Foundation Oklahoma, Oklahoma Family Network, Sooner Success,</i>		
October 5 8:00 - 3:30	First United Methodist Church Family Life Center 317 N. Main Street Altus 73521	Free conference for families. Learn to navigate resources in OK.
		Register <a href="#">here</a>

#### Down Syndrome Festival & 5K

<i>Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma</i>		
October 5 8:00 - 3:30	Myriad Botanical Gardens 301 W Reno Ave Oklahoma City 73102	Free family event! Petting zoo, games, face painting and more!
		Information <a href="#">here</a> Map <a href="#">here</a> Walk & 5k info <a href="#">here</a>

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