



## July is Disability Pride Month

While March may be Disability Awareness Month, July, with its star-spangled fireworks, has been designated as Disability Pride Month. While not as well-known as its Spring counterpart, Disability Pride Month celebrates all people living with disabilities. [Read about Disability Pride Month on the USA Today website.](#)

### Celebrating 22 years of Olmstead

"We now have an entire generation that was born since the *Olmstead* decision; a generation that has always had the *right* to live, work and participate in their community." Alison Barkoff, Acting Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging, Administration for Community Living, commemorates the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of *Olmstead v. L.C.* She also outlines the progress that has been achieved over the past two years. [Read Barkoff's Unprecedented Opportunities to Achieve the Promise of Olmstead on the ACL blog.](#)

The U.S. Justice Department also honored the landmark decision on the rights of people with disabilities. [Read the The Justice Department Commemorates the Anniversary of Olmstead v. L.C. on the Justice Department blog.](#)

### Memorializing 31 years of ADA

**ADA 31**



Americans with Disabilities Act  
Celebrate the ADA! July 26, 2021

July 26, 2021, marks the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Find a tool kit with celebration ideas, educational publications and videos, social media suggestions, and training opportunities. [Find the Tool Kit, a project of the ADA National Network, on their ADA anniversary page.](#)

### Miss Oklahoma Advocates for "Inclusion for All Abilities"

Ashleigh Robinson, Miss Oklahoma City, won the Miss Oklahoma pageant in June. Robinson, a graduate student at Oklahoma City University and an English teacher, chose "inclusion for all abilities" as her social impact initiative. Robinson's sister, Danielle, was born with Down Syndrome. As Miss Oklahoma, Robinson hopes to promote inclusion in schools and the workplace. [Listen to more about Miss Oklahoma Ashleigh Robinson on the KOCO Youtube page.](#)

### COVID-19 Information

The Center for Learning and Leadership (CLL) features [COVID-19 Information and Resources](#), a list of resources for individuals, families, and professional, on its website.

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