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OKLAHOMA'S FEDERALLY DESIGNATED UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (UCEDD)

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CLL Happenings

OKDHSLive! Explained in Spanish

The 360° Family Support Center (FS360°) has created a video in Spanish that explains how to use OKDHSLive!, An Oklahoma Department of Human Services website, OKDHSLive! allows eligible Oklahomans to sign up for benefits, such as food benefits and healthcare. Find the video on the FS360° webpage.

Community Services Guide Available

The Center for Learning and Leadership (CLL) has updated its popular publication, *Guide to Community Services in Oklahoma*. The 33-page guide features resources for individuals with disabilities across the lifespan. The Guide to Community Services in Oklahoma

4th edition is available in English and Spanish on the CLL website.

With Appreciation and Thanks

Mrs. Carla McCarrell-Williams, a long-time Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) partner for the Oklahoma Family Support 360° Center (FS360°), has accepted another position within the state agency.

The FS360°, a grant-funded project of the Center for Learning and Leadership (CLL), serves mostly Spanish-speaking families with children who have developmental disabilities and are Medicaid eligible.

McCarrell-Williams served as the Title V Children with Special Healthcare Needs director for more than eight years. In that capacity, she helped fund the FS360°.

"We have appreciated Mrs. McCarrell-Williams' commitment, dedication, and expertise in helping us serve Oklahomans with special healthcare needs," said Valerie Williams, director of the CLL. "We will miss her."

Read more about McCarrell-Williams on the CLL news page.

Summer Experiences

Get Away to a State Park

Several Oklahoma state parks offer accommodations and attractions specially designed for people with disabilities. For example, Greenleaf State Park in Braggs offers a cabin on the lake that features a paved parking area, a ramp, spacious inside layout, as well as an accessible bathroom. Natural Falls State Park, Lake Eufaula State Park, and Mohawk Park all offer paved trails. Plan your next excursion from the TravelOK wheelchair-accessible vacations in Oklahoma webpage. State parks also offer discounted rates for Oklahomans with disabilities. Find the rates on the TravelOK webpage.

Ride the Rides

Six Flags' theme parks offer the Attraction Access Program to accommodate guests with disabilities. The amusement park, which includes Frontier City in Oklahoma City and other locations around the country, asks guests with disabilities who need accommodations to obtain an Individual Accessibility Card (IAC). Learn more about Six Flags' Attraction Accessibility and the IAC on its website.

COVID-19 Information

The Center for Learning and Leadership (CLL) features <u>COVID-19 Information and</u>
Resources, a list of resources for individuals, families, and professional, on its website.

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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