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Help Spanish Speaking Families Have a Bright Holiday

The Family Support 360° Center supports Spanish-speaking families who have children with disabilities by providing access to daily needs, emotional support, and information. Each year, The Family Support 360° Center provides a Holiday Assistance Program for families in need. The program provides winter clothes, toys, food baskets, and emergency items. Learn more about the program [here](#), and to help them achieve their goal of supporting 50 children in 20 families, [donate here!](#)



Down Syndrome Association Offers Fall Fun

Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma (DSACO) provides a wide variety of family friendly events and resources for individuals with Down Syndrome. Their 25th Annual Down Syndrome Festival and 5K raised over \$175,000 to serve Oklahoma families. Popular events include cooking classes, tutoring, family social events and self-advocacy workshops. Events next month include the DSACO Halloween Dance and Fall Basketball Clinic. Learn more about DSACO [here](#).



Early Birds Provides Free Sessions for Caregivers

Early Birds is a free school readiness program for parents, grandparents, and caregivers of children under five. The program aims to “support you in your role as your child's first and most influential teacher.” The classes are 90 minutes and cover topics such as everyday learning, child development, health, safety, and school readiness. Meet other parents, learn about valuable resources, and take home free toys and materials. Learn more and register [here](#).



Local Firm Wants Communities to be Diverse and Inclusive

Oklahoma public relations consulting firm Schnake Turnbo Frank are encouraging business leaders to “learn, grow, and network” with inclusion and diversity experts and community leaders. The firm is holding community meetings in OKC throughout 2019 and 2020. The free monthly meetings are sponsored by local and national business and organizations. Click [here](#) to learn more, and read about the effort in The Oklahoman [here](#).



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

- [Merging Talent with Opportunities: New Thinking About the Autistic Workforce](#) - Autism Speaks
- [Why National Disability Employment Awareness Month Matters](#) - Yahoo!
- [YES, You Can Work and Still Receive SSI](#) - Mississippi State University NRTC



October is National Disability Employment month! Click [HERE](#) to learn about employment resources for people with disabilities!



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Familias Exitosas

CLL's Family Support 360° Center, in collaboration with the Developmental Disability Council of Oklahoma and other agencies, provided a free full day informational event for Spanish-speaking families with children with disabilities. The "Familias Exitosas" conference was presented in Spanish to families, with interpreters provided. The event was held at the Oklahoma City County Health Department, and different agencies and programs were present, including the Oklahoma Department of Human services/DDS, Oklahoma City Public Schools, Sooner Success, Oklahoma Autism Center, and the Oklahoma Family Network. Around 45 families and professionals attended this event. To learn more about the Family Support 360° Center, click [here](#).

FAMILY SUPPORT



Developmental Disabilities
Council of Oklahoma

Mark Your Calendar

Sensory Fall Carnival OKC

Behavioral Innovations

October 26
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Behavioral Innovations
14828 Serenita Ave.
Oklahoma City
73134

Free sensory friendly fall
carnival with food and
games.

Register: [here](#)

IDefineMyWellness

Association of University Centers on Disability (AUCD)

October 29
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Online Webinar

Free Webinar will share
perspectives of how
people with disabilities
define wellness.

Register: [here](#)

Special Needs Trick or Treat City

Midwest City Parks and Recreation

October 31
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
1:00 - 2:30 PM

Nick Harroz Community Center
200 N Midwest Blvd.
Midwest City
73110

Free, safe, indoors trick or
treat event for kids with
disabilities. Sensory
inclusive.

Info: [here](#)

Oklahoma Caregiver Conference: Caregiving Around the Clock!

Oklahoma Caregiver Coalition

November 13
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Metro Technology Centers
Business Conference Center
1900 Springlake Dr.
Oklahoma City
73111

Free conference for
Oklahoma caregivers to
learn about resources and
programs.

Register: [here](#)

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