



Center for Learning and Leadership

Oklahoma's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center



Using evidence-based practices to support those who serve Oklahomans with developmental disabilities and their families

As Oklahoma's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), the Center for Learning and Leadership is part of a national network of 67 UCEDDs. Our partnerships focus on:

- Supporting disability service systems to be more responsive and effective
- Educating and training students, professionals, family members, people with disabilities, and community members
- Providing direct services for families of children with developmental disabilities
- Distributing information about disability-related topics
- Conducting community needs assessments, community-based research, and evaluations about issues important to people with disabilities and their families

The Center for Learning and Leadership/UCEDD works with partners that include individual community members, self-advocates with IDD, family-advocates, community-based organizations, Oklahoma universities, state government agencies, private provider agencies, individual faculty members. You can learn more about our partnerships at www.ouhsc.edu/thecenter.

Our projects include:

- **Oklahoma Self-Advocacy Network (OKSAN):** a collaborative effort to strengthen self-advocacy in our state and provide leadership development for adults with disabilities.
- **Family Leadership Network:** a group of family advocates working to improve the lives of Oklahomans with disabilities.
- **Oklahoma Family Support 360° Center:** a family support program designed for families who have children and young adults with developmental disabilities and are Medicaid eligible. The families served are from diverse communities, and their primary language is Spanish.
- **Café con Erica:** a podcast and video series hosted by Erica Herrera, lead Family Support Coordinator for the FS360 Center.
- **Oklahoma Family Mentorship Program:** a program bringing family leaders into the educational setting by creating a mentoring experience for students in the health professions and related education field to learn from families focused on two aspects: the lived family experience and family advocacy.
- **Expanding Disabilities Network's: Access to COVID 19 Vaccines:** Improving access to COVID-19 vaccines for people with disabilities, their family members, and caregivers through activities and in collaboration with university, state and agency partners.

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Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000

The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-402), known as the "DD Act," established programs to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities. It provides federal funding in each state through the U.S. Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for: 1) University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs), 2) State Councils on Developmental Disabilities, and 3) Protection and Advocacy Systems. These three organizations focus on programs that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

In Oklahoma, these three organizations are the **Redlands Partners**:



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The Oklahoma UCEDD works in partnership to provide interdisciplinary training to students and professionals, develop community-based research projects and promote family and self-advocate leadership. The UCEDD also creates and distributes disability related products and information, and provides family support for a limited number of Spanish-speaking families of children with disabilities.

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Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma (DDCO)



DDCO identifies the most pressing needs of people with developmental disabilities in Oklahoma. It develops innovative and cost effective ways to address those needs in a manner that upholds the dignity and value of Oklahomans with developmental disabilities. It also works to promote the independence and productivity of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

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Oklahoma Disability Law Center, Inc. (ODLC)



ODLC serves individuals with a wide range of disabilities. It does so by guarding against abuse; advocating for basic rights; and ensuring accountability in health care, education, employment, housing, transportation, and within the juvenile and criminal justice systems.

Director: Melissa K. Sublett, J.D. **Phone:** (405) 525-7755 **Website:** www.okdlc.org

“Disability is a natural part of the human experience that does not diminish the right of individuals with developmental disabilities to enjoy the opportunity to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society, and experience full integration and inclusion in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of American society.”

-Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act

If you have a disability (Deaf/hard-of-hearing, Blind/low-vision, mobility, cognitive, etc.), and require accommodations, please reach out to learn2lead-ucedd@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.