Welcome!

Community Resources

OFN logo
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Once we as families begin our journey of educating ourselves so we understand our child’s or our disability or special health care need and the supports available to us, only then can we drive our own services versus waiting for someone else to tell us what is available.

Joni Bruce
Goals of this training

- Assist families of children with special needs and the professionals that serve them in identifying resources that will assist their child in having better outcomes
- Provide hope to families raising a child with special needs
- Give guidance for now and later
http://www.ouhsc.edu/thecenter/products/comm-services-guide.asp
Overview of Services

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- "Roadmap to services" by visiting: www.oklahomafamilynetwork.org

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**Information and Referral**
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- Area Agencies on Aging (pgs. 27, 29) 1-800-211-2116
- Oklahoma Family Network (pg. vi) 1-877-877-5072
- 2-1-1 (pg. vi)

**Housing**
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- Community Action Agencies 405-949-1495

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Timeline of Services

There are several key times when eligibility for services and benefits change due to the age of the person receiving support. Below is a list of some of the ways age affects services.

**Birth**
- Eligibility for SoonerStart and WIC begins (see page 18).
- Eligibility for TEFRA begins (see page 18).
- Eligibility for EPSDT begins (see page 2).
- Eligibility for SSI-DCP and FSAP begins (see page 20).

**Age 3**
- Eligibility for the In-Home Supports Waiver and the Community Waiver begins (see pages 8 and 10).
- Eligibility for SoonerStart ends.

**Age 5**
- Children’s eligibility for WIC ends.

**Age 18**
- Eligibility for the In-Home Supports Waiver for Children ends.
- Eligibility for the In-Home Supports Waiver for Adults begins.
- Eligibility for SSI is based on individual’s income, not the family’s.
- Eligibility for SSI-DCP and FSAP ends.
- Children are no longer considered minors by Oklahoma law. Parents might want to consider if guardianship is appropriate for their child.
- In order to receive services through DSSD, an intellectual disability (also known as mental retardation) must occur before age 18.

**Age 19**
- Eligibility for TEFRA ends.

**Age 21**
- Entitlement for public education ends. (Students who turn 21 during the school year are entitled to finish that school year.)
- Eligibility for EPSDT ends.
- Eligibility for the ADvantage Waiver begins for individuals with physical disabilities or a developmental disability but no intellectual disability (see page 10).

**Age 22**
- According to federal law and Oklahoma state law, a disability must have occurred before age 22 in order to be classified as a developmental disability.

**Age 55**
- Eligibility for services through the Aging Services Division begins for grandparents raising a grandchild (see page 27).

**Age 60**
- Eligibility for some services provided through the Aging Services Division begins (see page 27).

**Age 65**
- Eligibility for the ADvantage Waiver begins regardless of disability status (see page 19).
- Eligibility begins for some programs for older individuals, such as Medicare.
Assistive Technology

- Dept. of Rehab. Services Resource Guide
- Oklahoma Able Tech
- Oklahoma Assistive Technology Center
- Device demonstration and training
- Device loan program
- Device and computer recycle, repair and exchange program
- Equipment Reuse Program (In collaboration with OK Health Care Authority)
- Financial assistance and referral
- AT Funding Guide
- Advocacy referral
- Agricultural Disability Assistance Project
- Elder Loan closets (Muskogee, OKC, Bartlesville, Tulsa and Stillwater)
Oklahoma Assistive Technology Center

- AT assessment for consumers
- Short-term loans
- Funding referral and assistance
- Adapting or modifying AT
- AT training and support services
- Oklahoma public school consultation, training, loan and assessment services
- Fee-for-service contracts (Oklahoma State Department of Health/Sooner Start Early Intervention, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Developmental Disabilities Services Division, and the Department of Rehabilitation Services)
- Accepts private insurance
- Let’s Go Project (power mobility for young children)
- Computer lab training (schools and families)
Developmental Disabilities and Special Health Care Needs

- DHS Children With Special Health Care Needs
- DHS Developmental Disabilities Services Division
- Independent Living/Adult Day Services
- OK Governor’s Conference
- OK Developmental Disabilities Council
- Office of Disability Concerns
- Special Olympics
- TARC
OKDHS – Children with Special Health Care Needs

- This program provides specialty services to children with special needs and their families. Included services are neonatal services, specialty services for children diagnosed with sickle cell anemia, formula for children with PKU, outreach clinics in rural areas and respite care services.

- (405) 521-3679

http://www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/health/cshcn/
The Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) of 1992 allows children with physical or mental disabilities, who would not ordinarily be eligible for State Supplemental Income benefits because of their parent's income or resources, to become eligible for SoonerCare (Medicaid).

http://www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/health/tefra/
SSI-DCP – Social Security Disabled Children’s Program

SSI-DCP is a program which provides services to children who receive a Supplemental Security Income payment from SSI.

- Diaper (age 4 and older)
- Formula
  - Ensure with Fiber
  - Ensure Plus
  - Isocal
  - Isomil
  - Osmolite
  - Pediasure
- Adaptive Equipment
- Professional Services

To apply for the Disabled Children's Program, please visit your local county OKDHS Office.
Family Support Assistance Payment

- for students under 18 years of age who have a developmental disability. This is a $250 monthly check if the family’s income qualifies.

In-Home Support and Community Waivers

- a program that considers the income of the person with the developmental disability for eligibility, rather than their family’s income. It is for any person over the age of 3 who has a developmental disability with an intellectual delay. This program can assist with in-home supports and SoonerCare (Medicaid) eligibility.
Adult Day Services

- Bill Weaver Daily Living Center
- Edmond Daily Living Center
- Jeltz Daily Living Center in cooperation with the OK City Housing Authority Baptist Home Care and The Urban League
- South Side Daily Living Center
- OKDHS provider list

www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/dd/prvdrs/docs/providerlisthl.htm
Independent Living Centers

Oklahoma Association of Center for Independent Living

Progressive Independence, Inc.
Jeff Hughes
121 North Porter Road
Norman, OK 73071
(405) 321-3203
TTY: (405) 321-3203
FAX: (405) 321-7601
EMAIL: jlhughes@progind.org

Oklahomans for Independent Living
Mike Ward
601 East Carl Albert Parkway
McAlester, OK 74501
(918) 426-6220 or
(800) 568-6821
TTY: (918) 426-6220 or
(800) 568-6821
FAX: (918) 426-3245
EMAIL: r-mike-ward@sbcglobal.net
Independent Living Centers

Ability Resources
Carla Lawson
823 South Detroit, Suite 110
Tulsa, OK 74021
(918) 592-1235
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FAX: (918) 592-5651
Email: clawson@ability-resources.org

Green Country IL Resource Center
Vicki Haws
4100 SE Adams Road, Suite D-103
Bartlesville, OK 74006
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Independent Living Centers

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12806 East 90th Street, North Owasso, OK 74055
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FAX: (605) 367-5958
EMAIL: gcooper@c-s-d.org

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(580) 237-8508
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Oklahoma Governor’s Conference

- Conference specifically for those with developmental disabilities and the professionals who serve them.
- Typically the Spring of each year.
- See www.okdhs.org for more information
Youth Leadership Forum: Annual leadership development program for Oklahoma high school juniors and seniors with disabilities focusing on leadership, assistive technology, independent living, higher education, career development options and the Oklahoma legislative process. USAO, Chickasha, June, 2011

Partners in Policymaking: national innovative leadership training program that teaches adults with disabilities, parents of young children with disabilities and advocates to become community leaders*

Consumer Involvement Fund: Individuals with developmental disabilities, family members and professionals are encouraged to participate in conferences, training sessions, and related activities (application process) assist advocates in the field of developmental disabilities to participate in conferences and short-term educational programs.

Justin A. McCurry Library and Resource Center
Special Olympics brings the adventure and value of sport to people with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics is humanity’s greatest classroom, where lessons of ability, acceptance and inclusion are taught on the fields of competition by our athletes.
Recruits and trains volunteer guardians and advocates

Web site: information & resources

Parent training, education advocacy and assistance

with community resources

Informational and support groups (English & Spanish)

Self-advocacy training

Newsletter

Disability library
Disability Specific Resources

Autism
Blindness/Vision Impairment
Brain Injury
Cerebral Palsy
CHADD
Deaf/Hard Of Hearing
Down Syndrome
Epilepsy
Learning Disabilities
OK Family Center for Autism

- Parent- Lead Organizations Investing Together To Serve Families

OK Autism Network

- Provides training and information about autism spectrum disorders and resources available for Oklahomans with autism spectrum disorders, their families, professionals who support them, and others. Information is power, and families and individuals can be empowered by knowing where to go for support.
- Oklahoma Plan for Autism and progress reports
- Referral to local autism specific groups

OK Statewide Autism Conference November of each year

- Oklahoma autism organizations have joined to create the state's first statewide autism conference
Family Connect

- Connect with parents who are sharing your experience through their message boards and blog posts. Watch videos featuring parents, siblings, and children with visual impairments. Or, learn about events in your area where you can meet with each other in person.

Families Connecting with Families International Conferences

- Newsletter
- Braille resources
- Toy Guide for children who have a vision impairment
- Message boards
- English and Spanish
Walk-in service is welcome

Provide free library service to Oklahomans who are blind, visually impaired, have a learning disability, or a physical limitation that makes it difficult to make use of standard printed material.

Reading material is provided on audio cassette or in Braille and the equipment to read these materials are provided and maintained at no cost to our patrons

Free mailing privileges

Operated by the Visual Services Division of the OK DRS
Brain Injury

- Brain Injury Association of Oklahoma
- Oklahoma Brain Tumor Foundation
Brain Injury Association of Oklahoma

- www.braininjuryoklahoma.org

Advocacy organization for survivors of brain injury.

- Educate survivors, family members, professionals, and the public about all matters related to brain injury.
- Prevention workshops
- Summer camp
- Support groups in OKC and Tulsa
- Members newsletter
Provides education, advocacy and support for Oklahomans with brain tumors and their families to improve their quality of life and help find a cure.

Empower patients to advocate on their own behalf.
Local offices in OKC 405-759-3562 and Tulsa 918-794-4655

- Financial assistance (medical or necessary items that are not funded by or available from other state resources)
- Information/Referral and Follow Along
- Crisis Advocacy/Support
- Equipment Loans (Temporary and Permanent)
- Support groups (Owasso & Tulsa)
- Latino support group (Tulsa)
- Adult HUD 202 Accessible Living Accommodations

http://www.ucpok.org/

Mission: To advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities.
Children & Adults With Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)
www.chadd.org

- Information about ADHD, interventions, medication, co-occurring conditions and genetics
- Annual National Conference
- Research studies
- Membership organization
- Central Oklahoma CHADD
  Tel: (405) 722-1233 Oklahoma City
- Shawnee Area Satellite of CHADD
  Tel: (405) 878-0161 Shawnee
- Northeastern Oklahoma Satellite of CHADD
  Tel: (918) 857-2059 Tulsa
Deaf and Hard of Hearing

- National Deaf Education Center [www.clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/](http://www.clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/)
  - Basic and advanced information
  - Assistive technology information
  - National mission & projects
  - Model school information
  - National training opportunities *(professional and parent)*
  - Online newsletter
  - Annual summer Institute

- AG Bell [www.agbell.org](http://www.agbell.org) Oklahoma [www.agbell.org/ok/](http://www.agbell.org/ok/)
  - Event calendar including national conference
  - Resources
  - Newsletter
  - Educational opportunities
Down Syndrome

Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma  www.dsaco.org/
- New parent packets*
- Parent visitation (home or hospital)
- Fact sheets
- Support groups, including Dad’s group in OKC
- Buddy Walk & Yearly Calendar
- Annual Marriage Conference

Down Syndrome Association of Tulsa  www.dsat.org
- Support groups (child care provided)
- Information and resources
- Parent visitation (home or hospital)
- Training opportunities
- Newsletter
- Social events

National Association For Down Syndrome (National Conference):  http://www.nads.org/pages_new/about.html
Epilepsy Foundation
http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/

- Basic epilepsy information
- Find a doctor who specializes
- First Aid & medication information
- Legislative advocacy
- Press releases
- Parents Helping Parents chat room and message board
- Kids Club activities
- National Conference
Learning Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Association of Oklahoma  www.ldao.org/

- Basic LD information
- Annual Conference
- Video library
- Joseph Greggs Memorial Scholarship
- Related Web resources

LD Online  www.ldonline.org/

- eNewsletter*
- Basic and advanced* LD information (including accommodations & modifications, college prep and classroom management)
- Research & fact sheets
- IEP help*
- Glossary
- Conference Calendar
- Annual National Conference
Education

- OK Parents Center
- OK State Dept. of Education
- Special Education Resolution Center
- Wrightslaw
Oklahoma Parents Center
Statewide Parent Training and Information
Advocating for Children with Disabilities to Build a Better Future

www.oklahomaparentscenter.org
info@oklahomaparentscenter.org
1-877-553-4332 / 405-601-1599

• Statewide Conference
• Regional Special Education Institutes
• One-On-One Parent Advising
• Community IEP Partner Training
• “Count Me in” Disability Awareness Programs
• Information and referral
• Special Education Toll Free Help-Line
• Quarterly newsletter

Oklahoma’s Federally Funded Parent Training & Information Center
Resources and Lending Library
Educational Advocacy
Leadership Training for Families
Informational web-site with on-line classes
Bully prevention awareness and training
Anti-Bully Prevention Awareness Activities
Workshops /Trainings for Families & Professions
Regional Staff to Reach the Underserved
Training: professional development, STARS, Registry training, conferences
PASS skills
Committee information
DATA
Transition (early childhood – secondary)
Family resources
Special Education Parent Handbook
School district reporting site
Policies & procedures
And more…
http://www.sde.state.ok.us
OKLAHOMA ABLE TECH
Special Education Resolution Center
9746 E. 42nd, Suite, 203, Tulsa, OK 74146
918-270-1849  888-267-0028
http://www.ok.gov/abletech/Special_Education_Resolution_Center/index.html

- Manages the Special Education Due Process Hearing System
- Provides Innovative Programs to Assist Parents and School Districts in Settling Disputes at the Earliest Stage Possible
- Provides Stakeholder Training Which Supports Mutual Collaboration
Accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities*

Articles, legal cases and other resources

Training schedule (See web site: in OK each year in December)

Yellow Pages for Kids by state (educational consultants, psychologists, educational diagnosticians, health care providers, academic therapists, tutors, speech language therapists, occupational therapists, coaches, advocates, and attorneys for children with disabilities in your state)

Advocates Bookstore: recommended books and videos*
Evaluation

- OU Child Study Center
- Today’s Therapy Solutions
- Moore Counseling
- Tulsa Developmental Pediatrics
- Enid Counseling & Diagnostic Center
- Calming Connections, Tahlequah/Sallisaw
- OU Pediatrics, Sumner, Emerson, Hamilton
Financial Assistance

- 211
- Catholic Charities
- Donna Nigh Foundation
- DRS Financial Assistance Guide
- Social Security
- TEFRA
- United Health Care Foundation
Health, Mental Health, Dental, Pharmaceutical Assistance

- DRS Resource Guide
- OK Systems of Care
- OK Family Network
- Community Health Centers
- Community Behavioral Health Centers
Vision: Recognized as the industry leader, OHFA makes a difference in the lives of every Oklahoman by fulfilling housing needs and dreams.

Mission: The mission of Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency is to help place people in homes.

Core Values: Excellent service, Teamwork, Integrity, Fun.
Information and Referral

- 211
- Hotlines and Toll Free Resources
- Information Clearing Houses
- JOIN (Joint Oklahoma Information Network)
- NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness)
- Oklahoma Family Network
- Oklahoma Parents Center (Parent Training and Information Regarding Education)
- Oklahoma Parent e-Network (OPN)
- Sooner SUCCESS
- **2-1-1** is to non-emergency social service assistance what 9-1-1 is to emergency response: a quick and easy way for people to access needed help by phone.

- **2-1-1** is answered 24/7 by people trained to assess callers’ needs quickly and refer them to the most appropriate assistance.

- **2-1-1** uses a comprehensive computerized database of thousands of services from hundreds of public and nonprofit health and human service organizations in our state.

Visit the Website... http://www.211oklahoma.org/
Visit the website
http://www.join.ok.gov/

- Online community resource directory that allows you to search for services and programs such as housing help, child care and many other support services in your community

- An Eligibility Questionnaire helps you find government services that you may be eligible to receive by answering a few simple questions
ok.nami.org

- Support groups
- Annual State Conference
- Educational workshops
- Benefits planning and assistance
- Consumer and family advocacy
Parent-to-Parent Support for those with children with special needs
Resource coordination and referral
Workshops and Training
• Telling Your Story
• Care Notebook
• Transition Care Notebook
• Financial Resources
• Supporting Parent Training
• Family/Professional Partnerships (Joining Forces Conference)
• Family Leadership/Coaching
Hospital Visitation

www.oklahomafamilynetwork.org
405-271-5072 or 877-871-5072
Matching of Families for Support and Information
Regional Family Supportive Activities
Connections to Support Groups:
- Moms of children with rare and undiagnosed disorders
- Bereavement of child with special needs
- Fathers of children with special needs
- Latino Families of children with special needs
- Sib Shops

Advocacy for Family-Centered Care and Services
Connecting Family Leaders, Community Members, Agencies and Organizations for Partnership Opportunities
Quarterly Newsletter
Grassroots group of families of children and adults with developmental disabilities, self advocates and professionals seeking to connect, share and learn from one another via a Yahoo email list and web site.

- Caregiver/Provider directory (free for 1 year)
- Classified section for advertising and information
- Extended files for specific topics
- Links to various disability resources

http://www.okparentnetwork.org/
The Mission of Sooner SUCCESS is to:
Advance a Comprehensive, Unified System of Health, Social and Educational Opportunities for Children and Youth in their Community

Sooner SUCCESS works through...

- OASIS Information and Referral Network
- County Coalitions lead by Sooner SUCCESS County Coordinators that identify services that are currently available, and explore ways to bring additional services into communities
- On The Road Family Perspectives Conferences
- State-wide SibShop Initiative
- “Family Connections” Newsletter

Phone: (877-441-0434)
www.oasis.ouhsc.edu
Job Supports
Department of Rehabilitation Services

- Disability Resource Guide*
- Vocational Rehab Services
- School for the Deaf in Sulphur (residential facility, day school, regional preschools – Edmond-Lawton-Broken Arrow, outreach and assessment services)
- School for the Blind in Muskogee (residential facility, day school, outreach and assessment services)
- Transition from school-to-work program
- Independent Living Program (medical equipment, assistive technology, specialized skills training and home modifications)
- Oklahoma Transition Institute Co-Chair

http://www.okrehab.org
Minority & Underserved Populations

- Catholic Charities
- Latino Community Development Agency
- Native American Tribes
- Other Minority Populations
- Tulsa Hispanic Resource Association
Misc. Protection & Advocacy

- Legal Rights and Legal Assistance Resources see okrehab.org
- Office of Disability Concerns
- OK Disability Law Center ODLC
- OK Institute for Child Advocacy
Provides information, advocacy and referral services for persons with disabilities throughout Oklahoma. Representing the Concerns of Oklahomans with disabilities.

- Provides accurate and timely information, referral and advocacy.
- Acts as an intermediary to persons with disabilities and provides services for those with disabilities.
- Serves as a resource to people with disabilities who want to present their views and recommendations to the Governor, the State Legislature and State agencies.
The Office of Disability Concerns has the following powers and duties:

- To identify the needs of people with disabilities on a continuing basis and to attempt to meet those needs.
- To serve as a referral and information source for people with disabilities seeking services and for agencies seeking assistance in their provision of services.
- To generate community awareness and support of programs for people with disabilities.
- To enhance employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.
• Free legal services to adults with disabilities
• Free legal services to parents of children with disabilities
• Education and civil right services
• Partners in Education Advocacy Training (PEA Training)

http://home.flash.net/~odlcokc/index.html

1-800-880-7755
Fact sheets and publications
Policy and legislation updates and events
Children’s Information Network updates (weekly report of the status and action on key bills of interest to child advocates)
Oklahoma Fit Kids Coalition (nutrition and fitness)
Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition (promote positive prenatal and pediatric health habits through education and advocacy)
Lead Poisoning Prevention Project
Kids Count Fact Book
Press releases
Advocacy resources and referral

www.oica.org
Personal Assistance & In-Home Services

- DRS Resource Guide
- OKDHS DDSD Waiver Services
- Respite Financial Support via:
  - OKDHS Aging Services
  - OKDHS Children With Special Health Care Needs
  - OKDHS Dev. Dis. Services Division
- Respite Overview at OFN web site
Recreation

Dream League of Elk City, Melissa Williams
- T-ball: Summer
- Bowling: Winter
- For More Info: 580-834-0329
- Mwilliams517@gmail.com

Miracle League of Edmond

OFN Recreation Guide on web site

Special Olympics

Sports, Recreation, Travel on OKDRS site

Tulsa Recreation Resource Guide on Autism Tulsa site
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