

STATE USE NEWS

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NEW STATE USE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our first newsletter. Our goal is to keep our readers informed of everything that is going on with the State Use Program. We will display new products and services, vendors, events and much more.

This will be a great new adventure for State Use. We hope it will help everyone understand the importance of the program and keep Oklahomans with severe disabilities working. After all, it's not just a purchase... it makes a better Oklahoma!

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY DAY MARCH 25, 2015

Awesome turnout for Developmental Disability Day at the Capitol! An estimated 500-600 persons with disabilities rallied and even though it was hot inside the Capitol, the smiles and laughter really made the day. Thank you to those who made this day special.



Developmental Disability Day — A short visit with Representative Michael Sanders

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A MESSAGE FROM STATE USE ADMINISTRATOR DARON HOGGATT

Winter and spring have been a very busy time of the year for State Use. We have been attending conferences and conducting numerous trainings.

I traveled to Texas to meet with their State Use program and met a couple of vendors that currently employ Oklahomans with disabilities. In Chicago recently, I attended a SourceAmerica training session (Business Development Strategies to Enhance Your Market Potential). Some of this will be incorporated into our August vendor training.

The State Use Awareness Day was AWESOME! We had a good representation of our vendors. We were able to meet with several legislators and make some new friends along the way. A big thank you to all those who were able to attend.

We have much more in store for the program, including the annual training event for vendors and a meet-and-greet with state-certified procurement officers.

Hope to see everyone soon,

Daron Hoggatt



NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

Held each October, National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is a national campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and celebrates the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. The theme for 2014 was "Expect. Employ. Empower."

NDEAM's roots go back to 1945, when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month." Upon its establishment in 2001, ODEP assumed responsibility for NDEAM and has worked to expand its reach and scope ever since.





DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY

April 20, 2015

People with Disabilities Awareness Day at the State Capitol gives people with disabilities and their advocates a chance to talk with decision makers who can preserve or expand services that make a critical difference in the lives of Oklahomans with disabilities. Last year, more than 900 people participated in this free event, which is hosted by the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services and friends.

STATE USE AWARENESS DAY 2015

This year's State Use Awareness Day was held on April 13. Thank you to everyone that made it a great day!



VENDOR HIGHLIGHTS



Located in Okarche, Oklahoma, the Center of Family Love serves as a safe haven and home of love for over 110 developmentally challenged adults of all ages and abilities. Now in our 30th year, CFL provides a true continuum of care for the challenged adult. Facilities in Okarche range from daily housing and group homes to our Loosen Geriatric Center, one of the few in Oklahoma licensed for geriatric care for the adults. Additionally, we have community group homes in both El Reno and Kingfisher. Finally, CFL Enterprises (our premiere vocational training center) is just a few miles north of us in Kingfisher.

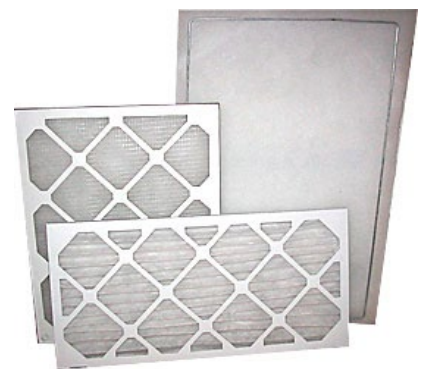
Center of Family Love is a not-for-profit organization that provides quality care to adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities (MR/DD). Through residential, community/group home environments and vocational/sheltered workshops and programs, our services not only benefit the individuals we serve, but also their families, loved ones and surrounding communities. We are the premiere facility in Oklahoma specializing in the housing, vocational training, education and long-term care of adults with developmental disabilities.

Today, adults at CFL enjoy a quality of life that includes a purpose, social interaction, vocational opportunities and loving care from qualified staff. CFL programs flourish in four Oklahoma communities and serve 110 clients from across the state. Adults at CFL are just like other adults in your home and community: They enjoy close relationships, they worship, they thrive through work and accomplishment. Through caring and support, residents at CFL experience a satisfying and challenging life filled with growth, love and learning.

The care these 110 wonderful people receive is not “part-time” nor is it inexpensive. We work constantly to identify new strategies to maintain our clients’ excellent physical, social and emotional care throughout each stage of their lives. From early adulthood through death, the skilled staff at the center provide a comprehensive, well-designed plan of care for MR/DD adults, allowing them to live and flourish in a rich environment, ideally suited to their individualized needs.



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As an ISO 9001:2008 certified, 501(c)(3) organization, we provide a quality product at fair price while creating opportunity and hope for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

NewView Oklahoma, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization operating since 1949 in downtown Oklahoma City. We are the leading employer of the blind and visually impaired in Oklahoma, and the only private agency in the state that provides specialized vision rehabilitation services.

NewView Oklahoma currently provides more than 100 jobs to blind and visually-impaired individuals through in-house manufacturing and a growing number of service contracts with major employers at the local, state and federal levels.

We also maintain a Vision Rehabilitation Department and administrative staff in both Oklahoma City and Tulsa.



IMPORTANT DATES

State Use Committee Meetings

April 22, 2015

June 3, 2015

August 5, 2015

October 7, 2015

December 9, 2015

Disability Awareness Day — April 20, 2015 (State Capitol)

Disability Employment Awareness Month — October

Vendor Training — August 18, 2015

CPO Conference — October 22, 2015

All meetings start at 1:00 p.m.
and are held at:

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