

STATE USE NEWS

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OKLAHOMA DISABILITY INFORMATION

Below is information regarding disability resources in the State of Oklahoma, including facts and statistics, news and information of interest for persons with disabilities residing in or visiting the state.

Oklahoma Disability Resources:

ABLE Tech

Oklahoma ABLE Tech's mission is to improve access to assistive technology (AT) for individuals with disabilities of all ages through comprehensive, statewide programs that are consumer responsive - <http://www.ok.gov/abletech/>.

Tech-Tots

A program designed to introduce children with disabilities to the world of technology - <http://www.ucpok.org/Techtots.htm>.

Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Provides free library service to Oklahomans who are blind, visually impaired, or have a learning disability or physical limitation that makes it difficult to make use of standard printed material - <http://www.library.state.ok.us>.

United Cerebral Palsy of Oklahoma

To advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities - <http://www.ucpok.org>.

Family Voices

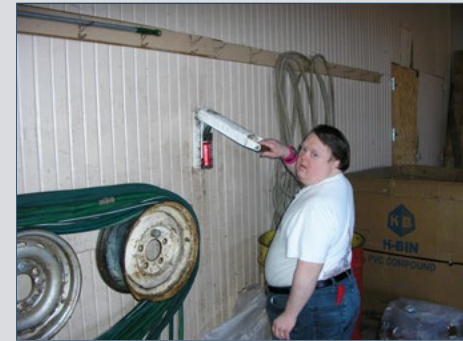
Family Voices is a national grassroots clearinghouse for information and education about ways to assure and improve health care for children with disabilities and chronic conditions - <http://familyvoices.org>.

Oklahoma School for the Deaf

Our Vision: That deaf and hard of hearing students in the State of Oklahoma have the same opportunities as all children to be successful in a barrier-free environment - <http://www.osd.k12.ok.us>.

Statistics: Oklahoma Disability

- There are an estimated 633,000 people in Oklahoma over the age of five who have a form of disability.
- Approximately 121,000 people, or 3.8 percent of the state's population, experience difficulties with performing activities of daily living such as dressing, bathing or getting around inside of their homes.
- There are around 354,000 people in the state who have a form of work disability, and around 139,000 people with disabilities in Oklahoma who are employed.
- Around 20,000 people with disabilities in the state are unemployed, while 202,000 are currently not in the workforce.



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A MESSAGE FROM STATE USE ADMINISTRATOR DARON HOGGATT

Spring has definitely arrived. The storms have started and the winds are ablowin'. However, today feels like fall is back. At the writing of this article it is only 57 degrees. I am so ready for summer!

School is ending and the kids are eager for some time off. Please keep in mind that with the kids out of school, hopefully more will be outside playing. When driving through neighborhood streets, be sure and watch closely. There are over one million children with some degree of hearing loss in the United States.

Hearing loss is just one of several invisible disabilities. Many disabilities are hidden or not immediately noticeable. These disabilities can be chronic pain, chronic fatigue, mental illness, dyslexia and many more. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), an individual with a disability is a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity.

There are so many things that we all take for granted in our lives that we forget about those who may be less fortunate. My dad is completely deaf in one ear and 70 percent deaf in his other ear. A good friend of mine is 90 percent deaf. It is easy to look at both of them and not realize that they have a disability.

We all need to keep this in mind when holding conversations or judging the behaviors of others. There may be something that we may not be aware of that we need to consider.

– Daron Hoggatt



The State Use Mandatory Contract Quick Reference Guide is located at www.ok.gov/DCS/documents/StateUseQuickRefGuide.pdf



VENDOR HIGHLIGHT



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Jobs For Developmentally Disabled

A Work Activity Center dedicated to providing employment opportunities for disabled adults within the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. Specifically, we seek to empower our clients with work-related skills, training and opportunities to enhance their quality of life.

As well as offering gainful employment to disabled adults, we are also dedicated to providing quality services to our customers. We are a State Use vendor.

We receive NO state or federal funding, and are supported solely by our contracts (which provide the salaries for sheltered employees).



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Assembly

Assemble bags for conferences by putting various items in each one. Assemble non-slimline jewel cases by inserting the black tray for CD/DVDs into the clear case. We can disassemble items to be discarded or recycled.

Collating

Collate newsletters for mailing. Decollate and collate school curriculum for teachers.

Sorting

We can sort through bolts, nuts, etc. and put them, by size, in bags. We also sort credit card receipts and business invoices by month and year.

Shrink wrap

Shrink wrap bundles of informational materials, up to 50 per bundle.

Press Brads

Put brass brads into plastic bags. Seal, count and box.

CD/DVD Duplication

We do imprinting of images onto the disc, and data duplication.

....and, did we mention, we have fun while we work?

IMPORTANT DATES

State Use Committee Meetings

June 1, 2016

Aug. 3, 2016

Oct. 5, 2016

Dec. 7, 2016

All meetings start at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Rose State College - Student Center

Raider Room, #135

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