

**KEEPING
YOU IN THE
DISABILITY
LOOP**



**WITH A
DIP OF LEGISLATION,
A DRIZZLE OF
BEST PRACTICE,
A SPRINKLE OF
UP-COMING EVENTS
AND
RESOURCES ON TOP**

Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education

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Welcome



Welcome

Career & Academic Connections Welcomes Tara Kerr!

Tara Kerr has joined Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education as the new Career Development Specialist and the OK Career Guide Coordinator. She has a background in school counseling and is ready to help with your career development and OK Career Guide questions and training. Tara can be reached by email at Tara.Kerr@careertech.ok.gov or by calling 405-743-5425.



Do you email personally identifiable information, such as IEPs or 504s?

The Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), U.S. Department of Education, has released a video warning schools about emailing personally identifiable information under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. To view the video go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hm82nRxi0yg>. Additional information is available from PTAC about privacy and student records at <http://ptac.ed.gov/>.



Does your technology center provide open-caption videos when recording classes?

A federal lawsuit has been filed against the State of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Senate and House of Representatives for failing to provide open-caption when video taping legislative proceedings. The complete story can be viewed at <http://okcfox.com/news/local/deaf-oklahoman-sues-state-legislature>.



Does your technology center provide access to service animals?

Technology centers have an obligation to exhaust every possible accommodation to enable a service dog to access all areas with a student. The U.S. Department of Justice has guidance on service animal provisions, to view the guidance, click on this link.

https://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm



Events You Won't Want to Miss:

December 8th - Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy Training - This training will focus on four areas:

- *special education law, rights and responsibilities
- * tests and measurements to measure progress & regression
- * SMART IEPs
- * introduction to tactics & strategies for effective advocacy

Registration is free to Oklahoma residents. <http://www.wrightslaw.com/speak/16.sss.htm>

edWeb.net - hosts professional learning communities (PLCs) that offer free webinars.

<http://home.edweb.net/webinars/>

December 8th - Neuropsychological Evaluation and Intervention Strategies for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

December 15th - Making Learning Personal for All: The Growing Diversity of Today's Classroom



Resources

Do you need resources to increase positive student outcomes? What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) has recently launched a new website which allows users to learn about new resources to increase positive student outcomes. Watch a video tour or read more about the new WWC website at <http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/Wwc/>.

Do you know a family that is needing mental health, physical health and/or wellness services?

Counseling & Recovery Services of Oklahoma provides assessments, diagnosis, treatment and support, regardless of a family's ability to pay. Read more about their services at

<http://crsok.org/>.



Quote - "A child is only as disabled as their environment and the beliefs of the people around them." Bala Pillai DPT, PCS

? Questions or Comments

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