Help your students focus
Do you have difficulty getting students to focus? According to Nina Parrish with Edutopia, teaching self-regulation could be the answer. Read this article for details on improving student focus, emotional control and adjusting to change. [https://www.edutopia.org/article/how-teach-self-regulation](https://www.edutopia.org/article/how-teach-self-regulation)

U.S. Social Security expands compassionate allowance list
The U.S. Social Security Administration has added several health conditions to the list of medical conditions that can quickly receive benefits. They include fibrolamellar cancer, megacystis microcolon intestinal hypoperistalsis syndrome, megalencephaly capillary malformation syndrome, superficial siderosis of the central nervous system and tetrasomy 18p. To read more about the compassionate allowance list go to [https://www.disabled-world.com/disability/social-security/usa/fasttrack.php](https://www.disabled-world.com/disability/social-security/usa/fasttrack.php).

States receive funds for educating displaced students
Twenty states have been awarded a total of $359.8 million in new funds to assist with the cost of educating students displaced by hurricanes and wildfires. The funds were based on quarterly counts of students affected by natural disasters. [https://tinyurl.com/y8fj2t9p](https://tinyurl.com/y8fj2t9p)

Colorado settles lawsuit for $1 million
According to a lawsuit filed in 2015, Colorado Department of Human Services strip-searched 62 residents at a center for severely intellectually disabled people to determine whether they were abused. The plaintiffs argued that the searches were nonconsensual and guardians were not notified. In addition to the $1 million settlement, the department has agreed to several changes and policy improvements at the center. Even though they agreed to the settlement, the department denied any wrongdoing. [https://tinyurl.com/y9e7aa7z](https://tinyurl.com/y9e7aa7z)

Ask your colleagues
Do you have questions you would like to ask your colleagues? Email your questions to me at Sharon.Baker@careertech.ok.gov. If one of your questions is selected to appear in the Special Scoop, your colleagues’ responses will appear in the next month’s newsletter.

Events
- Do you need help writing effective and compliant IEPs? OSDE is offering WebEx trainings that will take you through each component of the IEP. Sessions will be from
11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Sept.12 and 26, Oct. 4 and 24, Nov. 7 and 28 and Dec. 12.
https://oksdeevents.webex.com/mw3300/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=oksdeevents

- **ABLE Tech – AT Support Team Assessment Part 1 Training**
  Participants will learn the process for consideration of assistive technology for students with disabilities, including legal requirements related to AT consideration. Hands-on learning will also help educators discover potential solutions available to help meet student’s IEP goals. The free training will be Sept. 13 at the Tulsa Technology Center’s Owasso campus. [https://tinyurl.com/ya2z44fm](https://tinyurl.com/ya2z44fm)

- **GUIDANCEFEST 2018**
  - Sept. 25 – Autry Tech Center, Enid
  - Sept. 27 – Red River Tech, Duncan
  - Oct. 4 – Tulsa Tech, Owasso
  - Oct. 9 – Wes Watkins Tech, Wetumka
  - Oct. 11 – Metro Tech, Springlake Campus, Oklahoma City
  - Registration: [https://guidancefest2018.eventbrite.com/](https://guidancefest2018.eventbrite.com/)

**Resources:**
Are you looking for diverse teaching resources? The New Resource Center for CareerTech Advancement website is now online. In addition to offering resources on the website, staff members will locate more resources on a particular topic at your request. For more information go to [https://tinyurl.com/y9nt9b2o](https://tinyurl.com/y9nt9b2o).

Peterson’s Test Prep Order form for 2019 is now available on the CAC website. To access it go to [https://www.okcareertech.org/](https://www.okcareertech.org/). Then click on Educators, Career and Academic Connections, Ok Career Guide and scroll down to Peterson’s. [Peterson’s Test Prep Order Form - 2019](https://www.okcareertech.org/)

**Quote**
Do what you can with all you have, wherever you are. -- Theodore Roosevelt

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