Autism Awareness Month

Are you looking for autism awareness activities? Check out these options.

April 6 – Autism Showcase will exhibit talents and treasures of individuals and families that are affected by autism. This is a come-and-go, family-friendly event. For more information, go to https://autismoklahoma.org/autism-showcase/.

April 14 – Girls With Voices will host its annual outreach program, Green Tea Event, at 806 Dean A. McGee, Oklahoma City. It will include a fashion show, talent show, special guests and much more! Registration is available at https://autismoklahoma.org/girls-voices-green-tea-party/.

April 21 – Fifth Annual Light Up The Blues Concert – An evening of music to benefit Autism Speaks. https://www.autismspeaks.org/events

April 21 – Participate in Tulsa Drillers Awareness Night at ONEOK Field. A limited number of tickets will be available free to Autism Tulsa families and their immediate families only. For more information, email Rachel.tutskey@autismoklahoma.org.

Oklahoma Autism Support Group Meetings – Several Oklahoma support groups meet monthly to provide guidance in building partnerships with the community as well as support and opportunities to enhance the lives of individuals with autism. To find a support group near you, go to https://www.autismoklahoma.org.

Missouri Mandates Dyslexia Screening in 2018-19

Missouri’s law, signed in 2016, will require dyslexia screening for public and charter schoolchildren in K-3 grades. Schools will be obligated to provide two hours of dyslexia training for teachers and recommendations on how to support students with dyslexia. For more information about Missouri’s new requirements, go to https://tinyurl.com/y9bhqewa.
New IDEA website
The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services has announced the plan to launch a new website starting April 30. For more details, go to http://www.policyinsider.org/2018/02/new-idea-website-to-launch-april-2018.html.

Events
The 2018 Oklahoma Special Olympics activities are under way. To view the calendar of events go to http://www.sook.org/resources/calendar/.

The Oklahoma State Department of Education, Special Education Services, is hosting its first Related Services Conference on April 26. Dr. Angela Blackwell, occupational therapist from the University of Kansas, along with her team, will present research and strategies on Evidence-Based Practice in Service Delivery, The Art of Collaboration and Breaking the Mold in Goal Writing. Registration can be found at https://tinyurl.com/yc3sg6bb.

The Weatherford Secondary Transition Professional Development that was canceled because of the weather has been rescheduled for April 27. The OU Zarrow Center will provide the training. Click on the link to register. https://tinyurl.com/y857tacg

Quote
“Do not fear people with Autism, embrace them. Do not spite people with Autism, unite them. Do not deny people with Autism, accept them for then their abilities will shine.” – Paul Isaacs

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