

Community Resources for Individuals With Disabilities or Special Needs 2023

The purpose of this document is to assist youth, families, schools and other providers in finding possible partnerships with state and community resources which may encourage better outcomes including independence. This list is some of many useful resources available to residents in Oklahoma. The links are verified annually, next review will be February, 2024.

Assistive Technology

- DRS Resource Guide <https://www.okdrs.gov/guide/Ch01>
- Oklahoma Able Tech <https://www.okabletech.org>
- Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation <https://okatfoundation.org>

Developmental Disabilities and Special Health Care Needs Links

- DHS Children With Special Health Care Needs [Service Information \(oklahoma.gov\)](#)
- DHS Developmental Disabilities Services Division
<https://oklahoma.gov/okdhs/services/dd/developmental-disabilities-services.html>
- Independent Living & Rehabilitation https://www.okdrs.gov/guide_11_05a
https://www.okdrs.gov/guide_11_05b
- Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council www.okddc.ok.gov

- Office of Disability Concerns www.odc.ok.gov
- Special Olympics www.sook.org
- TARC – The Arc of Oklahoma <https://thearcok.org/index.php/about-us>

Disability Specific Resources Links

- Autism:
 - Oklahoma Autism Network www.okautism.org
- Autism Oklahoma www.autismoklahoma.org
- Blindness/Vision Impairment:
 - American Foundation for the Blind www.afb.org
 - Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped <http://www.library.state.ok.us>
- Brain Injury:
 - Brain Injury Alliance of Oklahoma www.braininjuryoklahoma.org
 - Brain Trauma Foundation <https://www.braintrauma.org>
- Cerebral Palsy and other Physical Disabilities <https://www.acok.org>
- Children and Adults with ADHD - CHADD www.chadd.org
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing:
 - National Association for the Deaf www.nad.org/resources
 - a.g.bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing <https://www.agbell.org/Connect/Local-Chapters/North-Texas-Oklahoma>
 - Oklahoma School for the Deaf [Oklahoma School for the Deaf \(osd.k12.ok.us\)](http://osd.k12.ok.us)
 - Sign Language Classes [Sign Language Classes | Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services \(okdrs.gov\)](http://SignLanguageClasses|OklahomaDepartmentofRehabilitationServices(okdrs.gov))

- Happy Hands Education Center, Tulsa <https://happyhands.org/for-families/#resources>
- Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management – Oklahoma Weather Alert Remote Notification [OK-WARN \(oklahoma.gov\)](https://www.okdems.com/ok-warn)
- Down Syndrome:
 - National Down Syndrome Congress www.ndsccenter.org/index.php
 - Oklahoma City www.dsaco.org
 - Tulsa www.dsat.org
- Epilepsy www.epilepsyfoundation.org
- Learning Disabilities: <https://ldaamerica.org/affiliates/oklahoma> www.ldonline.org
- Specific Disability Resources https://www.okdrs.gov/guide/07_03zy?page=2

Education Links

- Dept. of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) Education Specific Resources https://www.okdrs.gov/guide/ch_02_08
- Oklahoma Able Tech <https://www.okabletech.org>
- Oklahoma Assistive Technology Foundation <https://okatfoundation.org>
- Oklahoma Parents Center www.oklahomaparentscenter.org
- Special Education Resolution Center (SERC) <https://okserc.org>
- Oklahoma State Department of Education <https://sde.ok.gov>
- Special Schools & Programs DRS Resource Guide https://www.okdrs.gov/guide/ch02_02
- Wrightslaw www.wrightslaw.com

Employment

- Oklahoma Dept. of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) <https://oklahoma.gov/okdrs.html>
- Training and Employment https://www.okdrs.gov/guide/03_01

Evaluation

- Child Study Center <https://medicine.ouhsc.edu/Academic-Departments/Pediatrics/Sections/Developmental-Behavioral-Pediatrics/Patient-Care/Child-Study-Center>
- Today's Therapy Solutions www.todaystherapysolutions.com
- Moore Counseling www.moorecounselingcenter.com
- Tulsa Developmental Pediatrics www.tulsadevelopmental.com
- Enid Counseling & Diag. Center www.ecdcweb.com
- Calming Connections, LLC, Tahlequah/Sallisaw - 918-453-1108 Tahlequah, OK [Counseling Tulsa | Oklahoma | Calming Connections LLC](#)
- OU Pediatrics <https://www.ouhealth.com/oklahoma-childrens-hospital/childrens-services/developmental-behavioral-services-for-children>

Financial Assistance

- 211 <https://csctulsa.org/211-oklahoma>
- Catholic Charities:
 - Eastern Oklahoma Catholic Charities www.catholiccharitiestulsa.org

- Catholic Charities OKC <https://www.catholiccharitiesok.org/emergency-rent-utility-assistance>
- Donna Nigh Foundation <https://www.okabletech.org/resources/at-funding-guide/donna-nigh-foundation>
- DRS Financial Assistance Guide <https://www.okdrs.gov/guide/Ch04>
- Social Security www.ssa.gov
- Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) [TEFRA Children Overview - Care for children with disabilities \(oklahoma.gov\)](#)
- United Healthcare Children's Foundation www.uhccf.org

Health, Mental Health, Dental, Pharmaceutical Assistance

- Children's Behavioral Health Network <http://oklahomafamilynetwork.org/okfn/childrens-behavioral-health-network/>
- DRS Resource Guide <https://www.okdrs.gov/guide/Ch05>
- NAMI Oklahoma, National Alliance on Mental Health <http://www.namioklahoma.org/>
- OK Community Mental Health Centers https://www.okdrs.gov/guide/05_12
- OK Systems of Care [Systems of Care \(oklahoma.gov\)](#)
- OK Family Network www.oklahomafamilynetwork.org

Housing Links

- DRS Resource Guide <https://www.okdrs.gov/guide/Ch06>
- Oklahoma City Housing Authority <https://www.ochanet.org>

- National Alliance to End Homelessness <https://endhomelessness.org/resource/housing-first>
- Independent Living Centers:
 - DRS resource guide https://www.okdrs.gov/guide_11_05a
 - Progressive Independence [Progressive Independence | Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services \(okdrs.gov\)](#)

Information and Referral Links

- 211 www.211oklahoma.org
- Hotlines & Toll-Free Numbers List https://www.okdrs.gov/guide_07_01
- Information Clearinghouses https://www.okdrs.gov/guide_07_02a
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) www.namioklahoma.org
- Oklahoma Family Network www.oklahomafamilynetwork.org
- Oklahoma Parents Center www.oklahomaparentscenter.org
- Sooner SUCCESS <https://soonersuccess.ouhsc.edu>
- Support Groups <https://www.okdrs.gov/guide/Ch13>

Minority & Underserved Populations

- Catholic Charities:
 - Oklahoma City area <https://www.catholiccharitiesok.org>
 - Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma <https://cceok.org>
- Latino Community Development Agency <https://lcdaok.com>
- Native American Tribes and Tribal Programs https://www.okdrs.gov/guide_09_01
- Other Minority Populations https://www.okdrs.gov/guide_09_03

Miscellaneous, Protection and Advocacy Resources

- Legal Rights and Legal Assistance Resources <https://www.okdrs.gov/guide/Ch08>
- Office of Disability Concerns <https://www.ok.gov/odc/>
- Oklahoma Disability Law Center ODLC <http://okdlc.org/>
- Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy www.oica.org

Personal Assistance & In-Home Services

- DRS Resource Guide <https://www.okdrs.gov/guide/Ch10>
- Respite Care Services https://www.okdrs.gov/guide_10_03
- Respite Care Resources <https://oklahomafamilynetwork.org/roadmap-to-services/child-care-respite-care>

Recreation

- Miracle League of Edmond <https://ymcaokc.org/programs/30000020/miracle-league>
- Special Olympics Oklahoma www.sook.org
- Camps for Youth with Disabilities https://www.okdrs.gov/guide_12_01a
- Autism Oklahoma, Camps & Experiences
<https://autismoklahoma.org/howwesupportindividuals/summer-programs>
- Resource of Recreation and Leisure for People with Disabilities
https://www.okdrs.gov/guide_12_01b
- Sports for People with Disabilities https://www.okdrs.gov/guide_12_01c

- Autism Oklahoma, Stay At Home Resources <https://autismoklahoma.org/how-we-support-families/stay-at-home-resources>



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