

The Informed

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New Program Year, New Schedules

As we enter the 25-26 program year, we are noticing that the manufacturing industry is feeling pressure with their shipments of products. There has been a delay in some products, or products are costing more money, so work has slowed down. There has been less work in the production center so we are making some changes that will allow all people to be able to still work in a consistent manner.

One of the changes is in the schedules of enclaves and other DRTC areas. We have individuals working across our campus

in different areas for minimum wages. Clients working at an enclave or DRTC area will be receiving a set schedule so they will know each week what their schedule looks like. This will help with parents and family members when setting appointments. We ask that you schedule any outside appointments on their days off so they don't miss work. When not at the enclave or the DRTC area, they will still report to the Vocational Program Building for the time being.

Family and Caregiver Lunch and Learn



DRTC is prioritizing the Lunch and Learn in September, October and November specifically for parents and caregivers. There will only be 15 spaces per luncheon. Call Sierra at 405-946-4489 ext 1432 or email scarney@drtc.org to sign up for one of the following dates:

Thursday, September 25, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

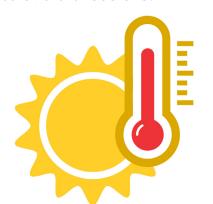
Thursday, October, 23 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday, November, 20 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

If you have a loved one that works in the enclaves, please make every effort to attend one of these sessions. We will be sharing about future program options for clients when they aren't working at an enclave or a DRTC area.

Smart Tips for Summer Heat

Whether you're working or playing outside in Okahoma's extreme summer temperatures or you're checking on a loved one, caution is necessary to avoid heat-related illnesses. Heat Exhaustion, Heat Stroke and Dehydration are three heat related illnesses. Some helpful hints to avoid these are:



Drink water

Avoid prolonged time in the sun

Wear appropriate clothing

Pay attention to your body

Know the signs of when you need to get to a cool place.

If you think you are experiencing a heat related illness, call 911 and move to a cool place.

Requesting Information

If you need to request information regarding pay or paystubs, you must go through your case manager. Our staff in fiscal or other departments will not be able to help you or give you information without the case manager requesting it. This is to protect you and your information.



Resources You May Need

If you suspect a vulnerable adult is the victim of abuse, neglect or exploitation, contact your local DHS County Office or call the Statewide Abuse Hotline at 1-800-522-3511. You can also make a report online at: https://www.okhotline.org/s/reportabuse. When you complete and submit the APS report, it will be forwarded to the appropriate county inbox. You will receive a confirmation when the report has been received. If you feel the vulnerable adult needs an emergency response for immediate health and safety risks, contact 911 immediately.

Agency Closures:

September 1 - Labor Day

November 27 - 28 - Thankgiving Holiday

December 25 - 26 - Winter Holiday

January 1 - New Year's Day Holiday

Helpful Resources:

ouhsc.edu/thecenter/Publications/Focus-Facts

oklahoma.gov/ddco

Thank you!