

The Informer

DRTC Ability at Work

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DRTC: Supporting Clients During Shutdown

DRTC is implementing measures during the government shutdown to support individuals receiving SNAP benefits. If you are a SNAP recipient, please contact your assigned case manager for assistance. Additionally, the agency is providing supplemental food resources to anyone experiencing financial hardship due to rising food costs. If you require this additional support, notify your case manager.



New Programming Opportunities

DRTC is transitioning away from piece rate work, meaning clients will have more chances to participate in new programming. In January, we are offering a pilot program, called Community Skills and Connections, that will be fully in the community. Individuals who work at the enclaves will have the chance to engage in the community on the days they do not work at the enclaves. They can sign up for a 6-week-long cohort, focusing on an area of interest. Each 6 weeks, the cohort focus could change. Since this is a pilot program, individuals have the option to participate. In July 2026, enclave participants will no longer be able to work in the Production Center on days they do not work at the enclaves.

Caregivers of enclave workers have already learned more about Community Skills and Connections through our Lunch and Learn events. DRTC will host similar events during the Spring 2026 for parents of those working in the Production Center to learn more about the changes and this program. Caregivers of CLE participants will have the opportunity to attend a Lunch and Learn during Summer 2026. By the time DRTC transitions away from piece rate jobs in January 2027, all clients will be able to participate in the new program.



A recent Caregiver Lunch and Learn at DRTC

Winter Weather Safety Precautions

Please make sure your text information is up to date with your case manager. This is how you will be notified of any schedule changes such as delay in program start time, closure or modified bus schedules. Route cancellations do not indicate closure of the agency. If the agency is open, self-transportation is welcomed.

Please notify your case manager if you decide to stay home during a severe weather event.

Documentation Requirement Changes

Caregivers: please send a copy of your care receiver's Social Security Award Letter to your DRTC Case Manager by November 30. We need this documentation to meet federal requirements for reporting purposes. You can obtain this from the Social Security site when you report wages. It is one of the options on that page. Thank you!

Family Matters Presentations

Listed below are some learning opportunities for caregivers.

Creative Consequences will be held on Zoom November 18 at 6:30pm. Lauren Alvarez will talk through logical consequences, the energy drain and working through different perspectives of discipline and why we do what we do.

Toolbox Tuesday is a workshop offered for fathers on Tuesday December 9 from 6-7pm via Zoom. Fathers will learn how they can develop self-awareness, compassion and a sense of responsibility that every good parent needs.

You can register for all these events at OklahomaFamilyNetwork.org. All presentations are available in Spanish.

Client Holiday Party

The holiday party will be December 19, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Caregivers and parents are welcome to attend. Please look for more information on location and details as the event gets closer.

***** DRTC will be closing at 3:00pm on December 19.** Caregivers/parents who attend the party must take their loved one home when they leave the party. **Route bus will be leaving the agency at 1:30pm. All individuals must be picked up before 2:30 pm*****

In-House Programs Closed

November 27-28

December 19 - Buses leave at 1:30pm; All clients must be picked up by 2:30pm; Agency closes at 3pm

December 25-26

January 1, 2026
