

The Informer

DRTC Ability at Work

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OKAPSE Conference

April 7-8 is the annual Oklahoma Association of People Supporting Employment First Conference (OK-APSE). APSE stands as a dedicated proponent of the Employment First initiative in Oklahoma. Visit ok-apse.org/registration to register. DRTC vocational staff will be attending OKAPSE on April 8 and all In-House programs will be closed.

New Staff

Meet Darla Bower! She is an Employment Training Specialist and is working in the Community Skills & Connections (CSC) program. Darla moved here from Texas where she had extensive experience as an ombudsman. She is also a professional musician. Welcome, Darla!



Darla

Meet Kristina McClure! Kristina has a background in hospital supports as a CNA. Kristina is working in the CLE program and has already become a hit in the program. We are glad you are here, Kristina!



Kristina

People with Disabilities Awareness Day



Mark, Lupe, Joe, Charles, Sandra, Heather, Latoya



Angela, James, Rachel



Vivian, Jan, Diego, Stephanie

Lunch and Learn

On April 16, DRTC will host a Lunch and Learn for caregivers who have loved ones in the CLE program. As we are moving to an all-hourly agency, we want to inform you of some upcoming program changes. It is very important that you attend one of these meetings so you know how the upcoming changes will affect the programs DRTC offers. For the caregivers of those working in the Production Center, Lunch and Learns will be held on May 15 and June 18 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.. Please contact your case manager to reserve a spot.

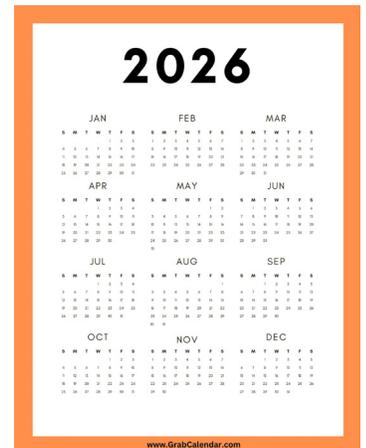
Dates to Remember

April 8 - In-House programs closed for staff training

May 25 - Agency closed in observance of Memorial Day

June 29-30 - In-house programs closed for staff orientation

July 3 - Agency closed for Independence Day



Autism Awareness Month

April 2 is Autism Advocacy Day at the State Capitol. We will wear blue in support of autism awareness. If you are interested in going to the Capitol, the event is from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The event will feature a resource fair on the 2nd floor rotunda and a comprehensive program in Multi-Purpose Room 100. This year will feature an advocacy bootcamp led by the Oklahoma Institute for Children Advocacy that will equip you with information on how the legislative process works, how to advocate, and how to interact with legislators. Find full program details at the Autism Foundation website closer to the event.

Payroll requests

Requests for information from payroll regarding paystubs or information for Social Security MUST go through your case manager. Payroll will not be able to give you information over the phone nor will they email or send you any information.

In-House Programs Closed

April 8 - Vocational Services Professional Day

May 25 - Memorial Day

June 29 & 30 - Staff Orientation Day & New Program Year Preparation