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What's on the Agenda of the Oklahoma Legislature This Year?

by John F. Gajda, TARC Executive Director

The Oklahoma Legislature has been in session for about a month. Several trends are evident when scanning the final list of bills filed before the session began. There continue to be many bills that propose various reductions in state revenue. Some are rather narrow, such as selective exceptions to the sales tax, while others are broad based proposals that would limit overall state revenue. Other proposals hope to secure some of the hoped for state growth revenue for specific purposes. The call for more and deeper tax cuts has also begun to be balanced by calls to address the state's financial obligations for current and future generations by making current provisions for funding such future commitments, such as the teacher retirement system, that does not have an adequate reserve.

The optimistic fiscal picture that began the session faded, however, when new and final estimates that significantly reduced the revenue available for appropriation by this year's Legislature were adopted in late February. While there will be an increase in funds for expenditure by the legislature, this increase is not sufficient to cover the needs and obligations from previous sessions and address rising costs and new obligations for essential services. As a result, the Legislature will face an even tougher job crafting a balanced budget for FY'08, particularly if additional revenue cuts are approved. This revamping of revenue estimates also suggests that slowing growth and the impact of the deep tax cuts made in 2005 and 2006 that continue to be phased in are clearly having a dramatic impact on state revenue collections that is leaving the state in a tight fiscal bind.

The bills that address specific issues of concern to people with disabilities and their families are fewer in number this session. The bills identified address a diverse range of topics. Some of the proposed legislation has the potential to produce some major changes in the service system. The summary below provides information based on bills that were

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fielded, although already at least two of these bills have missed the Senate deadline to be reported out of committee and all the bills face a March 15th deadline to be approved in the house of origin. Statutes of bills will be updated each month in the TARC Newsletter.

Appropriation bills are not included in the summary but are certainly important. For example, in addition to money to annualize the expense of ongoing service, DHS is requesting additional funds to provide services to more people on the waiting list and for selective provider rate increases.

Hearing Aids

There are no less than three different bills that have been filed this year that would exempt the purchase of hearing aids from sales tax. HB 1010 by McDaniel, HB 1494 by Sullivan and HB 1934 by Steele would all have this effect. Others have tried to get this exemption approved in past legislative sessions, however, and it is not safe to assume that because of the number of bills filed that one will be approved.

Hunting Licenses

Changes to the law proposed in HB 1668 by Dorman would provide a tax credit for the cost of purchasing a hunting and/or fishing license for several groups of individuals including veterans having a disability of 60% or more, anyone legally blind (for fishing license only), and anyone having a disability which confines them to a wheelchair.

Protective Services for Vulnerable Adults

There have been four bills filed that could change the way vulnerable adults are protected. Two, HB1586 by Lamons and SB 164 by Nichols, make it a felony to possess or purchase a controlled dangerous substance in the presence of a vulnerable adult and adds allowing “a vulnerable adult to be present at a location where a controlled dangerous substance ...is being manufactured” under the definition of abuse in the Protective Services for Vulnerable Adults statute.

Another bill, SB 398 by Adelson, adds a definition of “financial abuse” to the Protective Services for Vulnerable Adults statute and adds personnel of nursing homes, ICF/MR’s, assisted living facilities, residential care facilities, financial institutions, group homes, and staff in employment service programs as mandated reporters under the act.

The final bill, HB 1643 by Inman, changes all references to “vulnerable adult” to “vulnerable person,” adds language further defining a vulnerable person, and expands the conditions that are deemed abuse and neglect.

Service to Agricultural Workers with Disabilities

Agriculture is a major industry in Oklahoma, and for several years the state’s assistive technology program, AbleTech, has been operating a program funded by a federal grant that provides services to farmers and others who work in the industry. It has assisted many individuals who have acquired a disability continue to work productively in agriculture. HB 1695, known as the Oklahoma AgrAbility Project Act, would formally establish these services as an ongoing part of the state service system.

Office of Handicapped Concerns

During the legislative session last year, there was an outcry from disability advocates when the Office of Handicapped Concerns (OHC) objected to a bill encouraging the use of people first language in state laws, regulations and publications and killed the bill. The language from this bill was inserted into another bill and was ultimately approved. Responding to the criticism, there is a bill this year that is supported by OHC that changes the name of the office. HB 1084 by Wesselhoft would change the name of the organization to the Office of Disability Concerns.

There is one additional bill that could impact OHC that was also filed this year. One bill, HB 1933 that addresses the operation of the Olmstead Strategic Planning Committee (discussed below) also creates an Office of Ombudsman for Persons with Disabilities within the State Department of Rehabilitation Services and transfers all

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responsibilities of OHC to this new office.

The Olmstead Strategic Planning Committee

The Olmstead Strategic Planning Committee is supposed to be dissolved on July 1, 2007 but HB 1933 discussed above also extends the life of the committee to July 1, 2010 and gives the committee the additional responsibility of monitoring and assisting with the implementation of the final plan to revamp services in Oklahoma that the committee issued in July 2006.

Division of Disability Services

SB 1020 by Johnson would create a Division on Disability within the Department of Human Services. This new division would become the lead division for policy and programs for individuals with traumatic brain injury, acquired brain injury, spinal cord injury, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple sclerosis, autism and developmental disabilities. The current Developmental Disabilities Services Division would be transferred to this new division. The bill would also create a Task Force on Medicaid Issues that would evaluate the feasibility of implementing the Medicaid (MA) buy-in program, increasing eligibility for MA services, allowing behavioral health specialists with only a master's degree to provide services under MA, and establishing a durable medical equipment retrieval system.

DDSD Contracting

HB 1926 by McDaniel establishes a system of reimbursement review for DHS community services that helps assure adequate and reasonable

funding, open and equitable negotiation between contracting parties, and employee compensation competitive with state employees.

Children's Competency

A bill filed by Senator Tom Adelson of Tulsa, SB 619, would establish a procedure for evaluating children who are charged in Juvenile Court as a delinquent to determine if they are competent to stand trial – able to understand the nature of the charges brought against them and able to assist in their defense. According to the bill, if a child is found not competent because of mental illness, they will be committed to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse for treatment; if they are found not competent because they are “mentally retarded or developmentally disabled,” they can be committed to the Department of Human Services for treatment, or if they are found incompetent for other reasons and are not dangerous they can be referred to the Department of Human Services for voluntary assistance. The bill establishes an evaluation and disposition process that mirrors that established for adults in a bill passed two years ago.

Accessibility

Making all learning material used by schools available in formats accessible to students with disabilities is the goal of SB 648 that creates the Oklahoma Instructional Materials Accessibility Act. The act creates a Coordinating Council that advises and coordinates procurement.

The following is the most current status of all the bills discussed, as of 3/2/07:

Bill	Principal Authors	Status	Last Status Change	Committee	Description
HB1010	McDaniel, Jeannie (H) & Paddock, Susan (S)	Committee Reassignment	2/6/07	Rules (H)	Providing sales tax exemption on sale of hearing aids
HB1084	Wesselhoft, Paul (H) & Wilcoxson, Kathleen (S)	Senate Introduction and First Reading	2/27/07	N/A	“Office of Handicapped Concerns” becomes “Office of Disability Concerns”
HB1494	Sullivan, Daniel (H)	General Order-House	2/27/07	N/A	Authorizes sales tax exemption on sale of hearing aids

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HB1586	Lamons, Lucky (H)	Will Not Be Heard	2/13/07	Rules (H)	Modifies the Protective Services for Vulnerable Adults Act.
HB1643	Inman, Scott (H)	Subcommittee-Laid Over	2/13/07	Human Services (H) Social Services	Expands definitions of abuse to vulnerable adults
HB1668	Dorman, Joe (H)	General Order-House	3/1/07	N/A	Authorizes tax credit for the fee charged for fishing and hunting licenses for certain individuals
HB1695	Enns, John (H) & Anderson, Patrick (S)	General Order-House	2/28/07	N/A	Provides services to agricultural workers with disabilities.
HB1926	McDaniel, Jeannie (H) & Riley, Nancy (S)	General Order-House	2/27/07	N/A	Establishes system of reimbursement review for DHS providers
HB1933	Steele, Kris (H)	General Order-House	2/22/07	N/A	Addresses the operation of the Olmstead Strategic Planning Committee and creates an Office of Ombudsman for Persons with Disabilities
HB1934	Steele, Kris (H)	General Order-House	2/27/07	N/A	Providing sales tax exemption on sale of hearing aids
SB0164	Nichols, Jonathan (S) & Lamons, Lucky (H)	General Order-Senate	2/21/07	N/A	Modifies the Protective Services for Vulnerable Adults Act.
SB0398	Adleson, Tom (S) & Sullivan, Daniel (H)	General Order-Senate	2/20/07	N/A	Modifies the Protective Services for Vulnerable Adults Act.
SB0619	Adelson, Tom (S)	General Order-Senate	2/20/07	N/A	Establishes procedures for evaluating children who are charged in Juvenile Court as a delinquent to determine if they are competent to stand trial
SB0648	Garrison, Earl (S)	Subcommittee	2/14/07	Appropriations (S) Education	Requires all learning materials used by schools be available in formats accessible to students with disabilities
SB1020	Johnson, Constance (S)	Carryover	2/22/07	N/A	Creates a task force on Medicaid Issues that would evaluate the feasibility of certain changes in Medicaid

POSSIBILITIES

FOR EVERY ABILITY

2007 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day

Thursday, March 22nd, 11 a.m.

State Capitol, south steps

N.E. 23rd St./ Lincoln Blvd., OKC

- This is the day that people with developmental disabilities, families, advocates and providers join together to make their voices heard!

- The day begins with speeches and a rally on the south steps at 11 a.m. Then you're off to visit with your legislators and see all the exhibitors. (call your legislators now to schedule an appointment!)

- Accessible parking is located at the base of capitol's south steps.

Autism Workshop
Co-Sponsored by TARC
*Social Integration for Children on
the Autistic Spectrum*

Where: OSU-Tulsa, 700 N. Greenwood
When: March 20-21
Cost: March 20th-free/March 21st-\$30
Presenter: Phil Strain, Ph.D.

Partner Sponsors:

Tulsa Healthy Start, Child Care Resource Center,
Tulsa Public Schools, Tulsa Autism Foundation,
Sooner Success and TARC.

*For more details call 918.834.2273 or register online at:
[https://www.ccrctulsa.org/
LeadershipForums.htm.](https://www.ccrctulsa.org/LeadershipForums.htm)*

**OSDE to Hold
Policies and
Procedures
Public Comment Meetings**



In the February edition of the TARC newsletter, it was incorrectly reported that the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), Special Education Services Division was to hold IDEA 2004 Public Comment Meetings in Oklahoma City and Tulsa in April. **The meetings are actually Policies and Procedures Public Comment Meetings.** Dates, times and locations are listed below:

Tulsa

Friday, April 20, 2007
6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Tulsa Technology Center, *Riverside Campus*
801 E. 91st St.

Oklahoma City

Monday, April 23, 2007
6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Metro Technology Center, *Main Bldg., Big Dipper Room*
1600 Springlake Dr.

For more information, contact OSDE at 405-521-4862.



**Telephone Technology
Solutions for People
with Hearing
Impairments**

The Job Accommodations Network (JAN) has highlighted information on a variety of telephone technology solutions available to people who are deaf or hard of hearing. The tools discussed include amplification, clarity technology, Bluetooth devices that provide wireless communication, text telephone communication, a voice-carry-over phone, and videophone. Read the full story at http://www.jan.wvu.edu/enews/2006/Telephone_Technology.htm.

Source: JAN

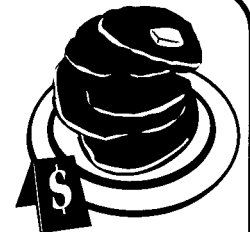


**Major Developmental
Disability Groups Reveal
Legislative Goals**

Five disability groups, including the Arc of the US, have published critical goals to be accomplished with the 110th Congress of the United States on behalf of persons living with a developmental disability. Download *Legislative Goals for the 110th Congress* at <http://www.thearc.org/Legislative%20Goals.pdf>.

Source: The Arc

**Civitan Pancake
Breakfast to
Benefit TARC**



Enjoy delicious pancakes and help TARC continue helping individuals with developmental disabilities and their families!

What: 15th Annual Metro Tulsa Civitan Pancake Breakfast
When: Saturday, April 21
Where: Southwood Baptist Church,
4020 S. 102nd E. Ave
Cost: \$4 for All-You-Can-Eat
Children under 3 eat free

*Call Amanda Turner at TARC,
918-582-8272, to purchase tickets*

Folic Acid May Prevent Cleft Lip and Palate

A new study finds that women who take folic acid supplements early in their pregnancy can substantially reduce their baby's chances of being born with a facial cleft.

Researchers at the National Institutes of Health found that 0.4 milligrams (mg) a day of folic acid reduced by one third the baby's risk of isolated cleft lip (with or without cleft palate).

"These findings provide further evidence of the benefits of folic acid for women," said Allen J. Wilcox, M.D., Ph.D., lead author on the study. "We already know that folic acid reduces the risk of neural tube defects, including spina bifida. Our research suggests that folic acid also helps prevent facial clefts, another common birth defect."

The researchers examined the association between facial clefts and mothers' intake of folic acid supplements, multivitamins, and folates in diet. The researchers found that folic acid supplementation of 400 micrograms or more per day reduced the risk of isolated cleft lip with or without cleft palate by one-third, but had no apparent effect on the risk of cleft palate alone.

This population-based study was conducted in Norway, which has one of the highest rates of facial clefts in Europe and does not allow foods to be fortified with folic acid. The investigators contacted all families of newborn infants with clefts (either cleft lip with or without cleft palate (CLP) or cleft palate only (CPO)) born between 1996 and 2001 in Norway. The study included 377 babies with CLP and 196 with CPO; as well as 763 control babies randomly selected from all live births in Norway.

The researchers mailed two questionnaires to each of the mothers participating in the study. The first questionnaire focused on general health information and information about environmental exposures including smoking, alcohol and vitamins; whereas the second questionnaire focused on nutrition and diet during the pregnancy.

The researchers estimated that 22 percent of isolated CLP cases in Norway could be averted if all pregnant women took 0.4 mg of folic acid per day.

Source: NIH



ADA Best Practices Tool Kit Available for State and Local Governments



The Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice issued the first installment of a new technical assistance document designed to assist state and local officials to improve compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in their programs, services, activities, and facilities. The new technical assistance document is entitled "The ADA Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments."

The Tool Kit is designed to teach state and local government officials how to identify and fix problems that prevent people with disabilities from gaining equal access to state and local government programs, services, and activities. It will also teach state and local officials how to conduct accessibility surveys of their buildings and facilities to identify and remove architectural barriers to access. To view the toolkit, visit: <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/pcatoolkit/abouttoolkit.htm>.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Justice

Free Caregiving Seminar Offered



The Grace-Abilities Ministry of Grace Church in Broken Arrow is providing a free seminar to assist caregivers with information and resources to make care decisions for loved ones.

Representatives from state and local agencies and community advocacy groups will be present, including TARC, Ability Resources, OK DD Council, OK Long-Term-Care, OK DHS Recreation and more.

Date: Saturday, March 17

Time: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Place: Grace Church Chapel (*use south parking area*)
9610 S. Garnett Road, Broken Arrow

No transportation, respite care, or childcare provided. RSVP preferred at 918-371-5111 or 918-252-1611. Registration also available at the door.



PBS Documentary Explores 200 Years of Deaf Life in America

“Through Deaf Eyes,” a two-hour PBS documentary exploring nearly 200 years of Deaf life in America, will air early next year. The film was inspired by the exhibition, “History Through Deaf Eyes,” curated by Jack R. Gannon of Gallaudet University.

The documentary will air nationally on PBS on Wednesday, March 21 at 9 p.m. ET (check local listings).

The film presents the shared experiences of American history - family life, education, work, and community connections - from the perspective of deaf citizens. Interviews include community leaders, historians, and deaf Americans with diverse views on language use, technology and identity.

Bringing a Deaf cinematic lens to the film are six artistic works by Deaf media artists and filmmakers: Wayne Betts, Renee Visco, Tracey Salaway, Kimby Caplan, Arthur Luhn, and Adrean Mangiardi.

Poignant, sometimes humorous, these films draw on the media artists’ own lives and are woven throughout the documentary. But the core of the film remains the larger story of Deaf life in America — a story of conflicts, prejudice and affirmation that reaches the heart of what it means to be human.

As part of the outreach campaign, numerous local organizations, some in association with their public television stations, will mount events and discussions exploring the issues raised in the film.

A comprehensive Web site, found at www.pbs.org, accompanies the film. The site includes interviews with the deaf filmmakers whose work is featured in the documentary, while also inviting viewers to submit their own stories, photographs, and films. These will become part of the archival collection of Gallaudet University. A companion book is being published by Gallaudet University Press.



Special Education Law Blogs

Blogs are one of the latest on-line interactive tools used to communicate with a group of people. The following are some of the blogs that focus on special education law that might be of interest to parents and education advocates:

Board Buzz

Covers No Child Left Behind, privatization, religion, school law, special education and more. By the National School Boards Association.

<http://boardbuzz.nsba.org/>

Special Education Law Blog

Covers case law, news, practical advocacy advice, and developments in state and federal statutes and regulations regarding special education law. By Charles Fox.

<http://specialedlaw.blogs.com/home/>

The FAPE Page

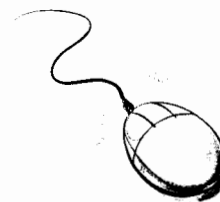
Covers special education law and free appropriate public education. By Sanford Hausler.

<http://fapepage.blogspot.com>

The Buck Stops Here

Covers education law, politics, and the judiciary. By Stuart Buck.

<http://stuartbuck.blogspot.com>



Office on Disability Website Redesigned

The Office on Disability (OD) has introduced a completely redesigned website. The new site provides comprehensive, yet easy-to-access information supporting the seven domains; housing, education, information technology, transportation, health, employment, and community integration; identified by the President’s New Freedom Initiative - plus, information on advocacy, entitlements, and emergency preparedness. Visit the site at www.hhs.gov/od.

Source: OD

AAID Offers Free Teleconference



AAID will offer a free teleconference, "Prenatal Alcohol Exposure and the Developing Fetus: Links to Developmental Disabilities," a presentation focusing on children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and their high risk for developing secondary conditions such as difficulties in school, trouble with the law, substance abuse problems and mental health problems.

Dr. Ann P. Streissguth, PhD, Professor Emeritus in the department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington School of Medicine, will lead the discussion.

The teleconference will take place on March 13, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST. To participate, dial 1-800-868-1837, and enter pass code # 521-54-967. You may download the presentation at www.ehinitiative.org. For more information, contact Laura Abulafia at Laura@aaidd.org.

Source: AAID

Free Resources for People With Developmental Disabilities

The Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities offers the following free resources to help increase independence, productivity, self-determination, integration, and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities and their families:

"**Parallels in Time, Part 2**," is packed with hundreds of photos, videos and documents associated with the important societal and legislative milestones from 1950 through 2005. Sections include *A Place To Call Home*, *Definitions and Perspectives on Disability*, *A Place To Learn*, *Real Work*, and much, much more. This resource is available anytime, at <http://www.mncdd.org/parallels2/index.htm>

"**Partners in Education**," a six-hour, self-directed e-learning course to help parents with children with developmental disabilities better understand and maximize the benefits of special education services and inclusion for their children, is now available. Go to <http://www.partnersinpolicymaking.com/education> to review the course and give us your comments and feedback.

"**Making Your Case**," a three-hour, self-directed course on how to communicate with public officials by effectively telling your personal story, writing a letter, providing testimony, and communicating in positive ways. Go to <http://www.partnersinpolicymaking.com/makingyourcase> to review the course. We welcome your comments and feedback.

"**Partners in Employment**," a six-hour, self-directed course created to give users the practical skills needed to find real, competitive employment in their own community. Participants will receive helpful information on how to find a job, writing a resume, participating in an interview, and planning for their career. Go to <http://www.partnersinpolicymaking.com/employment> to get started.

Source: Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities



Few People With Disabilities Use Cell Phones

A new study published in the February issue of the journal *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* (formerly *Mental Retardation*) finds that expense, lack of perceived need, and difficulty in use are the main factors why only 28% of people with intellectual disabilities in the United States use cell phones. The national use of cell phone use in the United States is 60%. Visit http://www.aamr.org/Reading_Room/pdf/IDDcellphoneuse_Feb07.pdf to read the report.

Source: AAID



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New Autism Prevalence Study Underscores Need for Research, Services, and Supports



SILVER SPRING, MD - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released a new study on the prevalence of Autism and related disabilities. According to the recent study, approximately 1 in every 150 American children has a potential diagnosis of Autism, a higher rate than previously reported just a year ago.

This study was based on in depth review of medical and school records for children who were 8 years of age at multiple sites across the country. Several Centers across the AUCD network collaborated with CDC on this important study. It is one of the largest and most intensive studies to date. As Catherine Rice, one of the lead researchers with CDC's Birth Defects

Division, stated, "There's been a lot of concern about what the prevalence of autism is in the United States and we haven't really had the data systems to answer that completely."

The new study expands our knowledge about the explosive growth in Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) witnessed over the last few decades.

Clearly, continued research is needed to document trends in the growth of Autism, as well as research into the causes, early identification and determination of effective interventions for Autism. Late last year, the President signed into law the Combating Autism Act of 2006, PL 109-416. The Act would authorize an additional \$1 billion, primarily for research on Autism through the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and CDC. The Act also provided the first step to expand the interdisciplinary training of professionals to identify and support children with ASD and their families. Unfortunately, no money was proposed in the recently released President's FY 2008 Budget to implement the provisions of the Act. Lu Zeph, Chair of the AUCD Legislative Committee said,

"Hopefully Congress will provide the necessary funds to focus our country's researchers on explaining the apparent increase in prevalence, on finding the causes, and on determining the most effective ways of supporting children and adults with ASD.

George Jesien, Executive Director of AUCD called for further action when he said, "Additional congressional and federal action is needed to address the service and training needs associated with this increasing number of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Greater commitments are clearly needed to expand access to services such as

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early identification, diagnosis, early intervention, education, family support, and long-term services and supports to better meet the needs of individuals with ASD and their families. The training of a wide range of interdisciplinary professionals also needs to be a top priority

so that the findings coming out of our research institutions can be translated and made available to parents and providers across the country as quickly as possible." AUCD is committed to working with members of Congress, Federal agencies and advocacy organizations to expand research, training and services for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families.

The Association of University Centers on Disabilities, located in Silver Spring, MD, is a national, non-profit organization that promotes and supports the national network of interdisciplinary university centers advancing policy and practices through research, education and services for and with individuals with developmental and other disabilities, including ASD, their families, and communities.

Source: AUCD



TULSA ADVOCATES FOR THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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HELP TARC HELP FAMILIES – BECOME A MEMBER TODAY



Hispanic Parents Support Group
El Grupo Hispano de Apoyo a Padres de Familia

Next Meeting: Monday, March 26
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett
For information, call:
Zaida Castro-Kepford, 918-582-8272



Activities Group for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Thursdays • 1:00-2:30 p.m.
McClure Recreation Center
7740 E. 7th Street in Tulsa
Contact: Amie, 918-582-8272



TULSA PEOPLE FIRST

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, March 13

Dinner-5:30 p.m.
Meeting-6:30 p.m.

For information,
call Amie
at 918-582-8272

Asperger's Syndrome S.O.S.

A project of Tulsa Public Schools
in conjunction with TARC

Next Meeting:
Thursday, March 1
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Kendall Whittier Elementary

S.O.S. is a social group for kids with Asperger's Syndrome and a support group for their parents, both of which are open to all families — not just those in Tulsa Public Schools.

To sign up, call Stephanie Orban at 746-8747. For more information, contact Sherilyn Walton at TARC, 918-582-8272.

Connections

Asperger's Group

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 28 - 4:30 p.m.
Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd St.

The "Connections" Asperger's Group is a social skills group for adolescents and young adults with Asperger's Syndrome.

The group meets monthly. Contact Sherilyn Walton or Amie Farinella at 918-582-8272 for information.



Next Meeting:
Thursday, March 29
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church,
4102 E. 61st St., Room B-8
Contact: Sherilyn Walton, 918-582-8272
• No child care provided

The mission of the Moms & Dads Support Group is to nurture and support families whose children have a developmental disability, to encourage positive strategies in dealing with challenges, and to share in the joy of raising our children.



Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 20
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Owasso, 13307 E. 96th Street North, Room 700
For more information, contact Sherilyn Walton at 918-582-8272.