

NEWSLETTER

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OKLAHOMA STATE OFFICE OF DISABILITY CONCERNS

REPRESENTING
THE CONCERNS OF
OKLAHOMANS WITH
DISABILITIES



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THE OKLAHOMA OFFICE OF DISABILITY CONCERNS

The Office of Disability Concerns (ODC) is an independent State agency whose purpose is to help State government develop policies and services that meet the needs of Oklahomans with disabilities.

ODC serves as a resource to disabled people who want to present their views and recommendations to the Governor, the State Legislature and State agencies.

CONSUMER INVOLVEMENT

Disabled Oklahomans themselves advise ODC in setting goals and developing programs. By law, one half of the members of ODC's Advisory Committee are disabled persons or the parents of disabled individuals.

ODC PROGRAMS

If you are:

- Disabled
- Related to a disabled person
- A state agency
- An organization or business
- Or and interested individual

The following programs may be of interest to you:

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Call or write ODC for information on:

- Specific Disabilities
- Housing
- Adaptive Aids
- Financial Assistance
- Transportation
- Support Groups
- Disability laws & regulations
- Social Services
- Accessibility
- Awareness
- Independent Living
- Recreation
- Civil Rights
- Other disability related subjects

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Comply with laws and regulations that pertain to disability.
- Answer questions and provide information regarding ADA, reasonable accommodation, education, parking and housing.
- Develop policies, procedures and programs to better serve employees and the public.
- Schedule mediation through the ODC Alternative Dispute Resolution Program

EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION

- Staff support to the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.
- Assistance in connecting job ready employees with potential employers.
- Guidance and referrals for identifying employment adaptive aids and devices.
- Sponsors and award program that recognizes outstanding employers, employees and media.
- Offers advocacy and counseling for job seekers.
- Provides information on employment programs with the State and federal Government.
- Addresses the need to improve services to Oklahomans with disabilities in the areas of education, employment, housing, and health care.
- Development of educational materials for public distribution on disability awareness/disability etiquette.

CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

CAP assists people who are seeking or receiving services from programs funded by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended.

CAP can help you:

- Obtain services for which you are eligible.
- Understand your rights and responsibilities as an applicant or client of programs under the Rehab Act of 1973.
- Understand and use the appeals and fair hearing process.