

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

State Capitol
2300 N. Lincoln
Oklahoma City

Noon to
4:30 p.m.

Oklahoma State Capitol ★ April 17, 2012

People with Disabilities Breaking Barriers

★ 2012 Awareness Day

People With Disabilities

Register online at www.okdrs.gov/pwdad/
or call 405-951-3478 or 800-845-8476

People with Disabilities Awareness Day at the State Capitol gives people with disabilities and advocates like you a chance to talk with decision-makers who can preserve or expand services that make a critical difference in the lives of Oklahomans with disabilities. Last year, 550 people participated in this free event, which is hosted by the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services and friends. This year, our goal is for you and a friend to visit your state senators and representatives or their staff on April 17. Volunteers will be available to take you on legislative visits and provide other assistance.

Strength in Numbers

The more people that the legislators see, the bigger the impact. If each person who comes brings just one other person, our effect will be much greater. Talk to your friends - find out who you can bring with you to People with Disabilities Awareness Day 2012. Who knows - you may find you have many people who would support this great awareness opportunity.

Plan ahead

Please help us plan for PWDAD by registering online at www.okdrs.gov/pwdad/. We will look up your state senators and representatives and have that information for you when you check in on the first floor of the State Capitol on PWDAD.

Agenda

- Noon Registration and Check-In
— First Floor Rotunda
- 12:30 p.m. Legislative Visits — Third, Fourth and Fifth Floors, Exhibits Open — Second and Fourth Floor Rotundas
- 3:30 p.m. Welcome by DRS Director Mike O'Brien, PWDAD Awards Presentation with DRS Commissioners Steve Shelton, Ray F. Kirk, and Lynda Collins
— South Steps outside State Capitol
- 4:30 p.m. End of Event

Make a difference

Advocacy in action is what PWDAD is all about, but we can't get that message across without you! Attend this event, invite others to come and plan now to visit your legislators. Experienced volunteers can demonstrate how legislative visits work and take you to talk to your legislators on a first come, first served basis. If legislative visits are new to you, call 405-951-3478 or e-mail sburton@okdrs.gov, or ask for help at the registration desk.

Tip: You have a better chance of talking to your legislator in person if you call to make an appointment at least two weeks before Awareness Day. Find out who your legislators are at www.capitolconnect.com/oklahoma/. Then call for appointments: Senate: 800-865-6490, House of Representatives: 800-522-8502

Be seen, wear green!

To stand united, we encourage PWDAD participants to wear green, if you can. When decision-makers at the State Capitol see a lot of people in the halls or rotundas all wearing disability-awareness green, our efforts have an even greater impact.

Registration:

Pre-register online at www.okdrs.gov/pwdad/. Check in early at the registration table on the first floor. Late registrations will be accepted the day of the event.

Entrance:

Please enter the building at the accessible south east entrance, on the first floor.

Security:

Every capitol visitor is required to pass through a metal detector and run all purses and bags through an x-ray scanner. Also, please bring a government-issued photo I.D.

Parking:

Please park on the south side of the State Capitol. Accessible parking is located at the base of the south steps. Overflow parking is available at the Jim Thorpe Building west of Lincoln Blvd. More parking information is available online at www.okdrs.gov/pwdad/.

PWDAD questions?

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