People with Disabilities Awareness Day 2018

March 13, 2018, Oklahoma state Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City

Get Ready!

Register on the first floor

TALK WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS at their offices

Visit Exhibitors on the 2nd and 4th floors

Awards Ceremony 3 p.m., South Plaza of state Capitol

Talk to your state lawmakers. Visit them today!

Graphic: People with Disabilities Awareness Day 2018 logo

Schedule

10 a.m., Join the Oklahoma People First Developmental Disability Rally, South Plaza of state Capitol

Noon, Registration and check in. Location: First floor rotunda

Noon to 4 p.m., Meet with lawmakers. Location: Second, third, fourth and fifth floors

Visit exhibitors, Location: Second and fourth floor rotundas

3 p.m., Awareness Day Awards South Plaza of state Capitol

4 p.m., End of the event

Graphic of invitation card with words: You’re invited to the People with Disabilities Awards Ceremony, 3 p.m., South Plaza of state Capitol

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Exhibitors

Please note that the Yellow, Brown, Purple and Black Sections are located on the second floor rotunda. White, Red, Blue and Green Sections are located on the fourth floor rotunda.

A New Leash on Life - Purple

Ability Connection Oklahoma - Black

ABLE Tech- Red

ALS Association - Blue

A-Daptive Solutions & Consulting- Yellow

ALS Association - Blue

Assist2Hear – Purple

Blinded Veterans Association - Purple

Center for Learning and Leadership – Yellow

Dale Rogers Training Center - Red

DHS Adoption and Foster Care Recruitment - Brown

DHS Aging Services - Red

DHS Developmental Disability Services - Purple

DRS AIM Center, Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped - White

DRS Business Advisory Council - Green

DRS Disability Determination Services - Green

DRS Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped - White

DRS Oklahoma School for the Blind - Blue

DRS Oklahoma School for the Deaf - Blue

DRS Oklahoma School for The Deaf - Equipment Distribution Program - Blue

DRS Transition: School to Work - White

DRS Visual Services – White

DRS Visual Services Assistive Technology - White

DRS Visual Services Business Enterprise Program – White

DRS Visual Services Older Blind Program - White

DRS Vocational Rehabilitation - Green

DRS Vocational Rehabilitation Assistive Technology - Green

DRS Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits Planning - Green

DRS Vocational Rehabilitation Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Green

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East Central University - Brown

EMBARK - Yellow

Epilepsy Foundation of Oklahoma - Purple

Goodwill Industries of Central Oklahoma - Yellow

Governor’s Oklahoma United We Ride - Green

Hanger Clinic - Red

HOPE Community Services, Inc. - Red

HPC Specialty Pharmacy - Brown

IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service - Brown

Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, Inc. - Black

LogistiCare Solutions – SoonerRide - Red

Medicare Assistance Program - Red

NanoPac, Inc. - Red

National Federation of the Blind of Oklahoma - White

National MS Society - Brown

Newby-Vance Mobility - Brown

NewView Oklahoma – Brown

Office of Disability Concerns - Yellow

OKC Mayor’s Committee on Disability Concerns - Yellow

OKC West Side Lions - Purple

Oklahoma Adaptive Sports Association - Yellow

Oklahoma Autism Center - Blue

Oklahoma Council of the Blind - White

Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council - Purple

Oklahoma Durable Medical Equipment Reuse - Red

Oklahoma Parents Center - Purple

Oklahoma People First - Purple

Oklahoma Relay - Black

Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council – Red

Oklahoma State Department of Education - Black

Oklahoma Statewide Independent Living Council - Yellow

Oklahoma Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Council – Green

Oklahoma Veterans Council - Yellow

Oklahoma Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Project - Black

OMES State Use Program - Black

Paralyzed Veterans of America; Mid-America Chapter - Yellow

Santa Fe Family Life Center - Yellow

Sight Hearing Encouragement Program - Purple

SLRS, Inc - Blue

Sooner SUCCESS - Blue

Supporters of Families with Sickle Cell Disease - Purple

TARC - Red

Tech-Now Inc. - Blue

Tourette Association of America - Oklahoma Chapter - Brown

TSHA, Inc. – Brown

Tulsa Community College/Education Access Center/Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Black

WovenLife – Blue

Please let us know your thoughts on this event. Take a survey at www.okdrs.org/pwdad/survey2

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2018 Award Winners

State Agency Partner of the Year, Oklahoma Department of Education, Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Matt Holder, Deputy superintendent of Finance and Federal Programs.

Business of the Year, Cintas, Tulsa, Jonathan Mackey, Plant Manager and Holly Fisher, Senior Resource Manager

Legislator of the Year, State Sen. A. J. Griffin, District 20

Excellence in Communication, Ted Streuli, Journal Record Associate Publisher

Transition Employee of the Year, Drew Whitlow

Client of the Year, Jennifer Pellat-Finet

Access for All Partner of the Year, Office of Workforce Development at OSU-OKC

At your service

ASL Interpreters are available at the information desk on each floor. Look for the flags. Graphic of ASL feather flag.

Graphic: Words let’s talk in communication bubble

How to talk to your lawmakers

Tell your story - Share how disability programs have helped make a difference in your life.

Thank lawmakers for supporting you and disability programs.

Talk issues - Talk about proposed laws that impact people with disabilities.

Explain why you attend People with Disabilities Awareness Day.

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This is the accessible transcript for a new video that will be played at the Awards Ceremony. The transcript also includes descriptions of the pictures and video clips on screen.

GO ALL IN

Voice Over: 680,000 Oklahomans with disabilities DESERVE equal access to employment, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Images: Hundreds of different small pictures of people with disabilities slide across the screen.

Voice Over: DRS GOES ALL IN to make access for all happen. Every day. Everywhere.

Images: Seven images of people with disabilities at their workplaces, one is arranging flowers, one is decorating a cake, two are smiling at the camera, one is at his computer and one is standing in front of his power washer. A star floats across the screen

Voice Over: People know that buildings should have ramps, accessible parking and elevators that work.

Image of handicapped parking sign.

Voice Over: They may NOT know that people with disabilities also deserve equal access to job opportunities, shopping, government services, transportation and recreation.

Image: background image of a man in a wheelchair outside near a lake.

Graphic: GO ALL IN in large letters floats across the screen.

Voice Over: DRS goes all in to spread the word.

Voice Over: Since 1897, DRS’ Oklahoma School for the Blind and Oklahoma School for the Deaf have prepared thousands of students to succeed in life after high school.

Images of students who are deaf in a science lab, students who are deaf listen to teacher read a book using sign language and students who are deaf posing in front of their buddy bench.

Images of a student who is blind holding up a medal, band members who are blind practicing, and students who are blind dressed in the same tee shirts holding up a poster.

Voice Over: DRS schools offer free evaluations and consultation to help students from other public schools across the state.

Image of a student who is blind sitting in front of a project and an adult sitting next to him looking over the project with him.

Image of a teacher and a student who is deaf sitting a table and the teacher is smiling big and engaging the student.

Voice Over: Logan Deaton, Oklahoma School for the Blind Class of 2017.

Deaton: “Public school, they don’t offer as many accommodations, rather than here.

So that means a lot. Cause here they provide you with so much help and so much support and all that.

It just feels great, you know, mixed feelings like I said. Whole new chapter ahead of me.

It tastes symbolic. The next thing in life.

I am going to head off to college at MidAmerican Christian University.”

Voice Over: DRS Vocational Rehabilitation and Visual Services GO ALL IN to help jobseekers go to work in careers of their choice.

Graphic: The braille representation of go all in slides in over the top of the word GO ALL IN.

Buddy Thomas, Oklahoma School for the Deaf graduate and former Vocational Rehabilitation client.

Video with no speaking but Thomas pounding on red hot glowing piece of metal.

In the next video clip, Thomas signs using American Sign Language. A sign language interpreter, speaks what he signs: “I just want to urge the Deaf community to keep in mind, there is nothing you cannot do. We are not limited. If there is something you aspire to do -- take a leap and try it.

Don’t sit back and think you can’t do it or allow someone else to tell you can’t do it or think the barriers are just too high.

You can achieve whatever it is to aspire to do. You can do it, just step out there and give it a try. That is your opportunity. Reach out and take it.”

Voice Over: In the past year, DRS’ Disability Determination Services cleared almost 81,000 cases for Oklahomans who had applied for Social Security disability benefits.

Graphic: a starburst slowly evolves in the left corner of the frame and GO ALL IN emerges from it.

Male Voice Over: Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services has helped 2,035,212 Oklahomans with disabilities achieve their dreams since 1994.

No one else can do what DRS does. But we cannot do it alone. We need YOU to GO ALL IN for access for all. It is the right thing to do.

Images: Hundreds of different small pictures of people with disabilities slide across the screen.

Female Voice Over: Brought to you by the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services.

Find our more at www.okdrs.gov, info@okdrs.gov or call 800-845-8476.

Produced by the Communications Office at the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services in 2018.

Stars drifting in and out of the screen.