

*Welcome to the
Oklahoma Parents Center's
11th Annual Conference*

*Wednesday, May 17th, 2017
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*

*“Building Relationships...
Creating Successful Change”*

Hosted by
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AGENDA

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast
Receive Name tags, Packets, Etc.
- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Welcome
Sharon Coppedge Long, Executive Director
Oklahoma Parents Center, Inc.
- 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. Special Education Updates
Todd Loftin, Executive Director
Oklahoma State Department of Education – Special Education Services
This presentation will be an overview of what's new in Special Education in Oklahoma and the Special Education Services Division at the State Department of Education.
- 9:15 – 10:30 a.m. The Building Blocks of Special Education Law
Perry Zirkel, Attorney
University Professor Emeritus of Education and Law
Lehigh University
This session canvasses (1) the basic concepts, including terminology and acronyms, under the IDEA and, to a secondary extent, Section 504 and the ADA; (2) the limited legal additions in Oklahoma laws, and (3) the Supreme Court decisions that fill further gaps in special education law.
- 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Oklahoma Legislative Update
Andrea Kunkel, General Counsel/Executive Director
CCOSA/Oklahoma Directors of Special Services
Learn what the Oklahoma Legislature has been doing this year to address special education issues.
- 11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Oklahoma Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project
Lisa Lawter, PhD, Project Coordinator
Oklahoma Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project
This presentation will describe the purpose of the Oklahoma Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project. This statewide project assists children with losses in vision and hearing. The technical assistance available to families and educators will be explained. In addition, participants will learn about professional development opportunities provided through this project.
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided
Exhibit Hall (1st floor)

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12:30 – 12:45 p.m. Awards Ceremony

Educator of the Year Award
Congratulations to Jeremy Malwick

Parent of the Year Award
Congratulations to Karen Richmond

Art Contest Winners:

Birth – 7 years:

Bailey S. – Marietta Primary School – age 7 (**1st Place**)

Riley A. – Elgin Public School – age 7 (**Runner-Up**)

8 years – 13 years:

Crystal C. – Marietta Elem. School – age 12 (**1st Place**)

Annalise V. – Marietta Elem. School – age 9 (**Runner-Up**)

14 years – 26 years:

Tyler S. – Kingston Middle School – age 16 (**1st Place**)

Destry L. – Kingston Middle School – age 14 (**Runner-Up**)

12:45 – 2:45 p.m. Key Issues in Special Education Law

Perry Zirkel, Attorney

University Professor Emeritus of Education and Law
Lehigh University

This session identifies Zirkel's Top Twenty major current legal issues under the IDEA and Section 504/ADA, providing the present legal status and the emerging likely development for each one.

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. **Break – All questions must be turned in at this time**

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Question and Answer Session

Each participant has note cards in the handout packet. Please take time to write down any questions throughout the day and return to the registration desk. As many questions as possible will be answered during this session.

3:30 – 3:45 p.m. **Break – Final opportunity to bid on Silent Auction Items**

3:45 – 4:45 p.m. They Are Who They Are, They Are Not Broken

Jan Moss

Parent and Disability Expert

4:45 – 5:00 p.m. **Closing/Door Prizes/Evaluations - Silent Auction Winners Announced**

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Change.” We hope you all had a great time, while taking away some
great ideas from the educational sessions!*

*Please take a minute to fill out the enclosed **Evaluation** (on green
paper)
and return it to the registration table before you leave.*

*Handouts from the conference will be available on our website at
www.OklahomaParentsCenter.org.*

*We enjoyed seeing all of you and are already looking forward to next
year!!!*

Sincerely,

The Oklahoma Parents Center

*Sharon Coppedge Long, Executive Director,
Board of Directors, And Staff*