

# The Informer

DRTC Ability at Work

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## Fall Festival

Our Fall Festival is coming up on October 25. There will be 3 food trucks to choose from for lunch beginning at 11:00. Individuals will be released in shifts to avoid long waits. You can choose from hamburgers and hot dogs, tacos or Philly cheesesteaks. We will also have a dessert truck to soothe that sweet tooth at 12:30. We will have games and a D.J. with plenty of room for dancing.



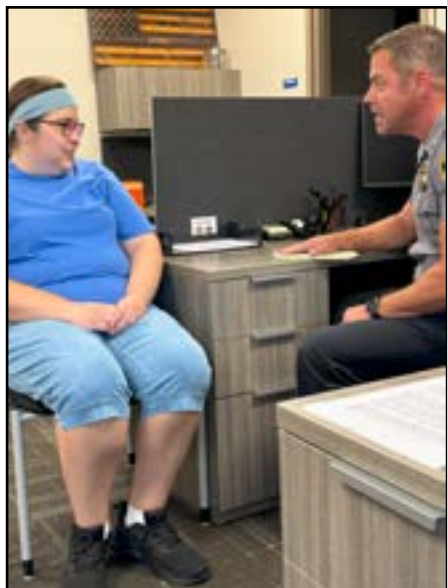
2022 Fall Festival

To support the United Way of Central Oklahoma, we will be taking orders for the recent tie-dyed DRTC shirts that were sold a few months ago. Anyone can order a shirt for \$20. Payment must be made at the time of the order. Shirts will be ready 2-3 weeks later.



## LearningQ

Some of our individuals are helping with a project working with IDD Safe and LearningQ to provide a video training course. The course will help people with disabilities understand the importance of safe interactions with law enforcement. Some of our individuals were paid actors for their participation in the videos and will be seen on a national platform.



Kolby



DRTC actors and IDD Safe



LaToya and Rob from IDD Safe

## Waiting List Updates

For those who are still on the waiting list for Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) and Community Based Waiver services, please update your contact information if there have been any changes to your address or phone numbers since applying. Updating your information will prevent delays in getting these services. Here are the three ways you can update this information:

Phone: Call DDS with your contact information, (405) 521-6268, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except state holidays 8:30 to 4:30

Email: [ddsd.waitlist@okdhs.org](mailto:ddsd.waitlist@okdhs.org)

Online: Update DDS Waiting List Contact Information: ([oklahoma.gov/okdhs/services/dds/ddswaitlist](http://oklahoma.gov/okdhs/services/dds/ddswaitlist))



## Outdoor Wellness Area Update

DRTC was approved for a grant through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) which means DRTC can begin the planning stage of our new Outdoor Wellness Center. We are so excited at the opportunity this will bring our folks for job training, events and a community-integrated space for all. Stay tuned for more updates.



## Weather Awareness



Charles dressed for winter weather



Steven staying warm

Fall typically comes with cooler temperatures, but in Oklahoma we all know a winter storm can come sooner than expected. Please keep your eye on the weather by watching your local newscast or listening to the radio station for weather updates daily. Make sure you have your winter clothes out and ready to go, umbrella and raincoat for cooler, rainy weather and a winter coat, beanie, scarf and gloves for those frigid temperatures.

Please remember to update your contact information with your case manager if you have made any changes. Winter often brings agency closings and schedule changes. DRTC will send text alerts with these changes for the agency and bus routes. Closures will also be announced on local TV channels. Should the agency close, your case manager will be responsible for calling the client list. The agency may adjust opening/closing times based on actual weather events or forecast. Possible changes are as follows:

Delay in morning program start times: Should the agency delay the start time; a text message will be sent to notify the group of the change.

Closure: Should the agency close the entire day, a notice will be posted to local television stations and an agency-wide test message sent.

Bus Route schedules canceled or modified: Should changes to the bus routes occur, a group transportation text message will be sent, and drivers will call their assigned passengers.

## Door Access

DRTC makes the safety of everyone a priority. When you enter the building with your access cards, please be aware of your surroundings. The doors stay open for ADA compliance, however we do not want any unknown visitors entering the buildings. Be sure no one follows you into the building who does not work at DRTC. Also, do not let anyone in with your badges. This will help to provide a safe environment for us all.



## DSACO Festival and 5K



LaToya, Johnny, Allie, Sandra, and James



Happy Trails Civitan



DSACO Festival Celebrating 30 Years



D'Oun and family



DRTC's booth

**Upcoming In-House Programs Closures**

Thanksgiving Holiday: November 28-29

Winter Holiday: December 24-25

**Thank you !**