



PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AWARENESS DAY 2016

When: Tuesday, April 5

Where: state Capitol,
2300 N. Lincoln, Oklahoma City

Time: Noon to 4:30 p.m.

Register online at
www.okdrs.org/drupal/pwdad-registration
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. This year's theme "Empower the People" supports the belief that all Oklahomans are equal and should be given the chance to live lives to their fullest including pursuing independence and re-entering the workforce.

Last year, more than 700 people participated in this free event hosted by the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services and friends.

Your story needs to be shared

On Tuesday, April 5, we have a chance to make our voices heard during the annual People with Disabilities Awareness Day. Individual participation in the event though is not enough. We need you to invite and bring others with you too. We have to bring our voices together.

We need to fill our vehicles with friends, co-workers and clients. We need to see that each seat is filled so that we are not just a crowd, but a wave that carries a message through the state Capitol. We need to invest in people with disabilities so they can then lead lives of independence and re-enter the workforce. We need lawmakers to "Empower the People."

So challenge yourself; challenge your co-workers and challenge your clients to fill your vehicles and attend People with Disabilities Awareness Day on April 5.

Please register yourself then register your friends, co-workers and clients, or they can register themselves.

Plan ahead

Please help us speed up check-in on April 5 by registering online at www.okdrs.org/drupal/pwdad-registration. We will look up your state senators and representatives and have that information ready for you when you check in at the event.

Agenda

Noon	Registration and Check-In
12:30 p.m.	Legislative Visits — Third, Fourth and Fifth Floors, Exhibits Open — Second and Fourth Floor
3:30 p.m.	Awards presentation
4:30 p.m.	End of Event

Make a difference

Advocacy in action is what awareness day 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.

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 see a lot of people in the halls or rotundas all wearing disability-awareness green, our efforts have an even greater impact.

*Will you increase
the impact of
PWDAD by calling
your senator and
representative
before April 5?
Every call matters.*

Registration:

Pre-register online at www.okdrs.org/drupal/pwdad-registration. Check in early at the registration table. Event day registrations will be accepted.

Entrance:

The Capitol's accessible entrance is on the south side of the building.

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 ID.

Parking:

Please park on the south side of the state Capitol. Accessible parking is located at the base of the south steps. Overflow parking may be available at the Jim Thorpe Building west of Lincoln Blvd. More parking information is available online at

www.okdrs.org/drupal/pwdad/home

PWDAD questions?: Call 405-951-3478 or 800-845-8476