



OK-AHEAD

The voice and vision of special education

The **Oklahoma Council for Exceptional Children (OKCEC)** and the **Oklahoma Association of Higher Education and Disability (OK-AHEAD)** are proud to announce their partnership in a spring conference.

Is post-secondary education in my future? What will help me transition to higher education? These are the questions that drive the mentality of this conference. Our goal is to help students with disabilities, educators, and parents. The conference will encourage educators to see past their specialized area and into students' potential future as active members in society. Educators will learn how to promote positive mental health practices in helping K-12 students transition to postsecondary education which in turn connects to employability and by extension, promotes productive employable citizens in Oklahoma. Each organization will host various sessions specific to their membership needs. In this partnership, sessions will be planned within a strand structure, so that educators can find information pertinent to their specific educational demographic (whether K-12 or postsecondary), as well as information that assists them in better serving their students with their next educational step. We hope participants will find this transitional partnership helpful.

The OKCEC and OK-AHEAD spring 2017 conference will feature Mike Veny as the Keynote speaker, provided by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. It will include seminars, poster sessions, vendor booths, a discussion panel, toastmaster entertainment, students with disabilities drumming sessions, and LUNCH. The theme of this conference is promotion of Mental Health and Transitioning from K-12 to Higher Education. We are working hard to make this conference an event that everyone will enjoy and remember.

“Transition: Where K-12 and Higher Education Meet!”

March 30th and March 31st

8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Tulsa Tech Owasso Conference Center

10800 North 140th East Ave., Owasso, OK 74055

918-828-5000

Meet our Keynote Speaker: <https://youtu.be/4taB7OMxE0g>

Keynote Bio: <http://www.transformingstigma.com/about>

Keynote Website: <http://www.TransformingStigma.com>

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