### OKLAHOMA INCLUSIVE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

For Students with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities



Why Consider IPSE Programs after High School?



- Continue learning about your interests
- Learn to speak up for yourself
- Develop a Path to your Goals
- Learn about what you like

- Learn to be more independent
- Do Life! surrounded by your peers
- Try out Different Jobs
- Learn about what you don't like

#### \*GENERALLY:

\*Refer to specific program websites for detailed information

- 2 4 year program length
- Ages 18-26
- Certificate rather than Degree
- Audit Courses (See Note)
- Alternate Admissions Process
- On Campus Housing

Note: The Neill-Wint Center for Neurodiversity at USAO is for students with autism taking courses for credit working towards a degree.

#### EDUCATE IN AREAS OF:

- Independence
- Social/Campus Community
- **Academic Enrichment**
- **Employment**

#### **SUPPORTS:**

- Individualized
- **Peer Mentors**
- **Tutors/Student Assistants**

#### COMPREHENSIVE TRANSITION PROGRAM:

Programs for students with Intellectual Disability that have received a CTP designation allow students to apply for Federal Financial Aid.

#### HELP WITH FINANCING:

- Vocational Rehabilitation
- PELL Grants (if applicable)
- Scholarships (Refer to OKIPSEAlliance.org for resources)
- OK STABLE Saving Account
- 529 College Saving Account
- **Work Study**
- Loans

#### WHERE TO START?

**Attend Program Open Houses** Talk to students and families Visit Program Websites and become familiar with application information





OKIPSE Alliance is a partnership with Department of Rehabilitation Services,

Sooner SUCCESS and OK State Department of Education







# STUDENT READINESS



## Students that are successful in college programs generally....

- Can use a smartphone
- Ask for help when needed
- Convey their opinions
- Attend and actively participate in classes
- Have basic literacy skills
- Can learn to navigate an area such as a college campus with some supports (maps, smartphone, signage)
- Use a computer
- Can be safe on their own for a period of time without supervision
- Follow a schedule that can change from day to day
- Follow rules/take instruction
- Understand they have a disability



# Most Important:

# Want to go to College! Want to be Independent! Want to I

## **Preparation begins before High School!**

In IEP meetings - incorporate as many inclusive opportunities as possible In Classrooms - incorporate functional activities, following directions, organization, communication skills, self-advocacy, decision making

At Home - opportunities for responsibilities, household chores, self-care

Away from Home - look for opportunities to spend time away overnight

Transition preparation - interest inventories, sign up for Vocational Rehabilitation

For more detailed information; www.okipsealliance.org



