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STATE SUPERINTENDENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

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**RE: Service Navigation Support for Students with Special Needs**

Dear Special Education Directors,

The State Department of Education has a partnership with Sooner SUCCESS at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center to provide service navigation support for students across Oklahoma who have special needs, ages birth to 21. Sooner success also includes statewide bilingual (Spanish) support.

In addition, Sooner SUCCESS has a statewide resource and referral option, including statewide bilingual (Spanish) support. Call 405-271-2710 or submit a referral at [www.soonersuccess@ouhsc.edu](mailto:www.soonersuccess@ouhsc.edu) for assistance. Additional program information is available at <http://soonersuccess.ouhsc.edu/Home.aspx>.

Sooner SUCCESS county coordinators are available to assist with resource information or refer families directly.

Sooner SUCCESS county coordinators provide navigation services for families raising a child with intellectual disabilities, physical disabilities, emotional and behavioral challenges, developmental delays, learning disabilities, abuse or neglect, or any medical diagnosis.

Sooner SUCCESS service navigation is provided at no cost to districts or families, no income guidelines, and no specific eligibility requirements.

Sooner SUCCESS provides:

- Presentations on the Sooner SUCCESS program and help coordinate trainings with other disability partners specifically related to resources and services for children with special needs.
- Specialized, community specific navigation assistance to parents of children with special needs
- Connection between families and available health, educational, and social services in a timely, compassionate, and efficient manner
- Assistance to families in obtaining information, considering options, and creating an action plan for obtaining needed community supports and services.
- Assistance to families in finding ways to close service gaps when needed services do not appear to be available

For program brochures or questions email [sooner- success@ouhsc.edu](mailto:sooner-success@ouhsc.edu) or call 405-271-2710.

Sincerely,

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