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This newsletter was created to keep our community informed, empowered, and connected as we work collectively to advance awareness, policy solutions, and support for individuals and families impacted by rare disease across Oklahoma.

What better time to launch this effort than during Rare Disease Awareness Month and as we near Rare Disease Day, when attention is focused on the urgent needs and powerful voices of the rare community.

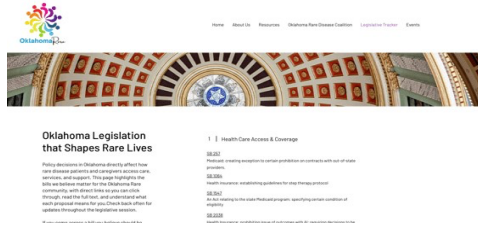
The mission of the Oklahoma Rare Disease Coalition is to push for meaningful change - advancing policies, strengthening connections, and ensuring individuals and families affected by rare diseases are seen, heard, and supported.



Rare Disease Day Official Site

Coalition Connect:

Join, Learn, Advocate

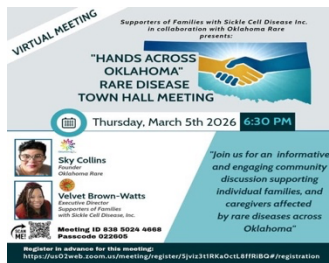


Oklahoma Rare Legislative Tracking

Policy decisions in Oklahoma directly affect how rare disease patients and caregivers access care, services, and support. This page highlights bills that matter for the Oklahoma Rare Disease community, with direct links so

you can click through, read the full text, and understand what each proposal means for you. Check back often for updates throughout the legislative session.

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"Hands Across Oklahoma" Virtual Rare Disease Town Hall

Mark your calendars! A virtual town hall on **March 5th at 6:30 PM - be sure to join for** an informative and engaging community discussion supporting individual families, and caregivers affected by rare diseases across for an engaging conversation about the rare disease community in Oklahoma. Don't forget to **invite your networks** — the more voices, the stronger our impact!

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Capitol Conversation

Fully virtual Capitol Conversation on Monday, March 9, 2026 from 5:30-7:30pm. Join Democratic Legislators online for a discussion about the legislative session.

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Oklahoma State Department of Health Infant & Children's Health Advisory Council Meeting

- Currently scheduled for February 25th, 2026 (Oklahoma State Department of Health 28th floor) ***subject to change*** • For more information about the Council:

<https://oklahoma.gov/health/health-education/children---familyhealth/infant-and-childrens-health-advisory-council.html>

Rare Resource Highlight

Sam the I Can Man Foundation, "I Can Too" Grant Application

Sam The I Can Man Foundation offers funding to provide small equipment, items, activities, and experiences to individuals with differing abilities in an effort to enhance their lives and enable inclusive experiences for them individually and/ or with their family. Funds are awarded to individuals with differing abilities and organizations who believe they can carry forth Sam's legacy of "I Can Too". Inspiring people to believe "I Can Too" was a very important part of Sam's life. These funds are an extension of Sam's message that you can do anything you set your mind to.

The next granting cycle applications will be open from March 1-31st, 2026.



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Upcoming Coalition Meetings:

- **Wednesday April 1st, 12:00 pm:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85169485368?pwd=aFF1gjwHaZcx6gy81On4VUQbfg61mr.1>

Meeting ID: 851 6948 5368 Passcode: 260108

- **Wednesday May 6th, 12:00 pm:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84508735048?pwd=nMNQQNo2TGHhbP6624b3EFzHTgTwXZ.1>

Meeting ID: 845 0873 5048 Passcode: 493951