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**Blind and Vision-Impaired Teens Learn Independent Living and Job-Readiness Skills**

*NewView Oklahoma hosts Keys to Work transition institute in Tulsa*

**Tulsa, OK (July 11, 2017)** - Teens who are blind and vision impaired are participating in NewView Oklahoma's Keys to Work transition institute for two weeks in Tulsa, Oklahoma. While participating in the program, fifteen students will learn independent living and job-readiness skills while interacting with leaders from the Tulsa community.

"The Keys to Work transition program was established to equip our students with job-readiness skills to lay a solid groundwork as they enter the professional world," said Lauren Branch, president and CEO of NewView. "After graduating from our program, teens will be career ready and know how to advocate for themselves in a competitive job market."

Keys to Work provides hands on experience with the latest assistive technology, teaches resume building, interview skills and self-advocacy, and offers networking opportunities with professionals in the Tulsa market. Participants in program will also learn independent living skills including cooking, cleaning, organization and independent travel. Upon completing the program, youth have the skills and an individualized plan that will serve as a road map for future success.

The Tulsa Keys to Work program runs Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 21 with a special graduation service and celebration Thursday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m.

To learn more, visit <http://www.newviewoklahoma.org/transition-program>.

**Media Opportunities:** photos/videos of students participating in program activities, interviews with teens and program leaders, Wednesday, July 12 to Thursday, July 20 from 8:00a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

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**NewView Oklahoma** is a private, not-for-profit organization founded in 1949 with a mission to empower people who are blind and visually impaired to achieve their maximum level of independence through employment, low vision rehabilitation, and community outreach. NewView Oklahoma is the leading employer of the blind and visually impaired individuals in Oklahoma and offers the only comprehensive Low Vision clinics in the state. Visit online at [www.newviewoklahoma.org](http://www.newviewoklahoma.org) or follow on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#).