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

NewView Oklahoma hosts Keys to Work Transition Institute in Oklahoma City

Oklahoma City, OK (June 5, 2018) - Teens who are blind and vision impaired are participating in NewView Oklahoma's Keys to Work Transition Institute for one week in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. While participating in the program, the students will learn independent living and job-readiness skills while interacting with leaders from the Oklahoma City community.

"The Keys to Work Transition Institute 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 Oklahoma. "By participating in our program, teens will gain the skills necessary to assist them on their career journey and they will 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, self-advocacy and offers networking opportunities with professionals in the Oklahoma City 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 Oklahoma City Keys to Work Institute runs Wednesday, June 13 to Wednesday, June 20 with a special graduation service and celebration Tuesday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Media Opportunities:

Tuesday June 19 - Photos/videos of students volunteering at Citizens Caring for Children, make-overs at DK Salon and mock job interviews with community leaders.

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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 or follow on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#).