



Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women

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Oklahoma City, April 1, 2003 – Oklahomans are encouraged to participate in “Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day,” Thursday, April 24, Debbe Leftwich, chair of the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women, announced today. (“Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day” was formerly called “Take Your Daughters to Work Day.”) Leftwich noted that the experience can be valuable and an excellent way to communicate the important roles of women in the workplace.

Business leaders and supervisors can take a leadership role by asking employees to bring daughters and sons to work. A planning committee composed of a diverse group of employees can develop work-related experiences that will be worthwhile for all participants.

In addition, many teachers and principals who are contacted in advance of “Take Your Daughter and Sons to Work Day” will authorize the absence as excused to allow girls and boys to have this unique educational opportunity.

Vicki French, co-chair of “Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day,” noted that the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women supports the opportunity this special day gives girls and boys to explore careers and to be mentored by adults serving as important role models. She further stated that this real world experience coupled with classroom lessons helps girls and boys think about their goals and the options available to them.

Patricia Presley, vice-chair of the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women and Co-Chair of “Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day”, added that the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women is a National Sponsor of “Take your Daughters and Sons to Work Day” and would encourage Oklahomans to take their daughters, sons, nieces, nephews to work on April 24.

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