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AUTISM
RESOURCE GUIDE

Dear Arkansas Autism Community,

Research supports early and intensive intervention using evidenced-based strategies for people with autism spectrum disorders. Access to these services is vital to improving life outcomes for persons who have autism spectrum disorders and their families. Therefore, it is imperative that parents and guardians are able to find professionals to serve their children. However, many times parents and guardians are overwhelmed with navigating the autism service system.

The need for access to autism services is the reason Project Connect has introduced its first Arkansas Autism Resource Guide. This collection of resources from across the state is an effort to identify needs and provide families with autism resources in their region.

The resources we have gathered and identified are in accordance with the National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders and the National Autism Center's evidence-based practices guides for families and professionals. Project Connect encourages professionals and families to use these resources to guide interventions for their children, or the children they serve.

The purpose of the guide is to provide professionals and families with a starting point. Agencies serving the autism community can be listed in the resource guide free of charge. Please note that Project Connect does not endorse or provide references for these agencies. All information provided is voluntarily submitted by the agencies. We encourage families of individuals with autism spectrum disorders to seek out evidenced-based strategies, to check references for service providers, and to use providers who make data-based treatment decisions.

On behalf of Project Connect, thank you for allowing us to serve the autism community.

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**Register today for the Arkansas Autism Resource & Outreach Center
Family Training Series in Fayetteville, Arkansas**

This series of three (3) workshops is FREE to parents of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and to their extended family. The workshops will be held on January 16th, February 20th, and March 12th of 2016, and by registering you are signing up for ALL THREE (3) of the following workshops:

January 16th, 2016 - Session 1: Understanding ASDs

So much about autism is puzzling. Many of the behaviors exhibited by individuals with autism spectrum disorders can be troubling, but understanding possible reasons why individuals exhibit such behaviors is key to addressing them. This workshop explains how individuals with ASDs process information in their environment, and gives examples of strategies that can be used to support these individuals in their everyday lives.

February 20th, 2016 - Session 2: Navigating Services in Arkansas

Individuals with autism are served in Arkansas by a number of different state agencies. So many, in fact, that families often report that they missed an opportunity to receive a service or benefit because they weren't aware such a program existed. Additionally, recent changes to insurance regulations mean that families have access to evidence-based treatments that were once out of reach. In this session we discuss which agencies are responsible for serving individuals with autism, what kinds of services they may provide, and regulations governing private insurance benefits.

March 12th, 2016 - Session 3: Understanding the Special Education Process & IEP

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) ensures that children with disabilities receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LEA). However, the process of developing an individualized education plan (IEP) can be a confusing (and at times, intimidating) experience for families. This session focuses on the IEP process, from identification and referral for special education services to implementation of the plan.

**Lunch will be provided to workshop attendees*

Register or get more information at
<https://aaroc-nwar-family-workshops.eventbrite.com>

*Want to schedule these trainings in your area?
Give Dianna Varady a call at (501) 454-8542, or email ddvarady@uark.edu*



Expands....

The Arkansas Autism Resource & Outreach Center (AAROC) was established January 2008 as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. The mission of the AAROC is to provide Hope, Direction & Support to families of individuals diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.

The AAROC mission is fulfilled through the following activities:

PARENTAL SUPPORT:

- Family Fun Days to defer the cost for families to enjoy a day at the Little Rock Zoo or an Arkansas Traveler's Game.
- Information and Referral Services to assist families with identifying available services, eligibility criteria, and necessary paperwork
- Emotional Support by connecting families to other families in their community who have similar experiences and by providing caring staff who are available to talk through issues, or simply listen, when they need it
- Technical Assistance by answering questions on a variety of topics including school issues, IEPs, Medicaid services, postsecondary options, behavioral challenges, etc.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

- Seminars and conferences for parents, therapists, educators, health care professionals, and first responders
- A four-part series offered quarterly for parents whose children have been newly diagnosed

AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY:

- Various fundraising and awareness activities
- Legislative Advocacy
- Participation on the Legislative Task Force on Autism

The AAROC's corporate headquarters are located in the offices of Partners for Inclusive Communities at 322 Main Street, Suite 501, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201. Dianna Varady, the AAROC Director and parent of a child with ASD, and an Administrative Staff person will be located in the Little Rock office. Dianna is available at 501-454-8542 or through email at ddvarady@uark.edu.

Effective September 1, 2015, the AAROC is initiating the first phase of expansion for state-wide coverage by adding satellite locations in NW Arkansas and Eastern Arkansas to address the needs of additional families across the state.

A part-time employee at the University of Arkansas/College of Education and Health Professions, Laura Reynolds, has been hired to serve as the AAROC Contact for Northwest Arkansas. **Laura is the parent of a child with ASD and has worked with Project Connect providing resource and referral services for families. Laura can be reached at projconn@uark.edu or by calling 479-575-3215.**

The AAROC is partnering with Dr. Becky G. Hall, Director, at the UAMS Delta Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Helena-West Helena, AR to identify needs and potential resources for that location of the state.

The AAROC is excited about the potential for reaching families in these locations and anticipated further expansion in the coming years. For additional information, go to www.aaroc.org

In order to make the best decisions for your child, you need to be an educated consumer of services. However, the seeking out of services for children with ASD can be overwhelming. Here we provide a list of questions that families can ask when seeking services. General Questions:

1. Is the agency and/or staff licensed or accredited?
2. How much experience does your staff have working with people with developmental disabilities?
3. What type of professional development is provided for your staff?
4. How much training and experience does your program director have?
5. How much staff turn-over do you have?
6. What is the staff-to-client ratio? Does this meet the established guide lines for this type of program?
7. Can I observe a therapy session?
8. Do you have references I can check?
9. How will you assess my child?

ABA Specific Questions:

1. Do you offer ABA based therapy?
2. What specific activities can be done at home to support my child's progress?
3. What happens during a typical treatment session?
4. How involved are parents and primary caregivers in the day-to-day delivery of my child's program?
5. Do you provide weekly/monthly reports on my child's progress? If so, what method will they use to keep parents in the loop regarding my child's therapy?
6. Do you provide training and support for families?
7. What type of data do you collect and how often do you collect data?
8. Do you have a BCBA on staff?
9. What is the BCBA's experience? (i.e. years of therapy, age groups.)
10. How much supervision will the BCBA provide each week for my child's therapy?

Billing Questions:

1. Do they accept insurance or Medicaid?
2. Is my insurance in network?
3. What if I cannot pay the amount I owe in full?
4. What if my insurance company does not authorize or cover services?
5. What if there was a mistake on my statement?
6. What if my insurance coverage changes?
7. How often will I receive a statement?
8. Who do I call if I have questions?

WHAT IS AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER?

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a range of developmental disabilities that cause impairments in multiple areas of development and typically appear within the first 3 years of life. ASD is a complex neurological disorder that affects brain function. The core areas of impairment include ***Social Interaction Communication and Behavior***.

Changes have been made to the DSM-5. The criteria for diagnosing now merges previously independent diagnoses of Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, and Pervasive Developmental Disorder–Not Otherwise Specified, into a single subtype, Autism Spectrum Disorder.

An individual's severity along the autism spectrum is now described according to the amount of required support and documents other issues commonly seen within the autism population. Sensory processing is now accessed within the behavior domain.

Currently, 1 in 65 children will be diagnosed with ASD in Arkansas (CDC, 2014). Currently prevalence studies suggest 1 out of 42 boys and 1 out of 189 girls will be diagnosed with an ASD.

Examples of Impairment	
<i>Social Communication</i>	<i>Restrictive, Repetitive Behavior</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of social- emotional reciprocity• Difficulties using or understanding nonverbal cues such as gestures, facial expressions, body language• Difficulties developing, maintaining, and understanding relationships• Lack of Joint Attention• Lack of or limitations in verbal communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repetitive or stereotyped movements and/or speech• Preoccupation with interest that is abnormally intense or focused• Inflexible adherence to routine• Hyper- or Hypo-reactivity to sensory input, or unusual interests in sensory aspects of environment

Source: American Psychiatric Association, (2013)

ABOUT US

DR. PEGGY J. SCHAEFER WHITBY Whitby is an associate professor and coordinator of the special education programs at the University of Arkansas. Prior to coming to Fayetteville, Dr. Whitby was an assistant professor at the University of Nevada Las Vegas and the director of the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders. She is a board certified behavior analyst at the doctoral level.

Dr. Whitby is the CDC's Learn the Signs. Act Early Ambassador to the state of Arkansas, serves as the co-chair of the state Learn the Signs. Act Early state team, and is the PI for Project Connect, a HRSA Combating Autism State Planning Grant.

Her research interests include the education of children with autism spectrum disorders. She has multiple publications in peer reviewed journals and book chapters on educating children with autism. Dr. Whitby is passionate about educational services for children with autism, as she believes this population has so much to offer yet is at great risk for not reaching their full potential unless proper educational supports are provided.

HOLLIE LAWLESS is the Autism Program Specialist and Program Coordinator for Project Connect at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Elementary Education from Arkansas State University in 1999 and her Master's Degree in Special Education in May 2015. She will complete her Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis at the University of Arkansas in autumn 2015.

Hollie's accomplishments include collaborating in the design and development of the Arkansas Autism Resource guide, organizing and directing Camp Connect in 2014 and 2015, and organizing and facilitating the Autism Symposium at the University of Arkansas in 2014 and 2015. She is active in the community and a member of Association for Behavioral Analysis International, in addition to maintaining her certification as a licensed K-6 teacher.

Hollie was a renowned classroom teacher for twelve years before following her passion to help families affected by autism by returning to school for her Master's Degree. In addition to teaching, she has a year of clinical experience and two years of in-home therapy experience as a line and lead therapist. She currently resides in Springdale, AR with her husband and two beautiful daughters. She can be contacted at projconn@uark.edu.

LAURA A. REYNOLDS, RN currently serves as the Parent Liaison for Project Connect. In addition to her work for Project Connect, Laura is mother to three children, including a beautiful boy who has autism. She knows first hand the challenging complexities and arduous work involved in negotiating the autism

journey, and she is dedicated to helping families navigate their journeys and obtain the necessary services along the way.

Originally from St. Louis, Missouri, Laura received her registered nursing degree from Missouri Baptist School of Nursing. She was an orthopedic nurse at Missouri Baptist Hospital for four years. In addition, she worked for Health South Surgery Center, where she was a pre-op and recovery nurse for three years. After relocating to northwest Arkansas in 2005 with her family, Laura dedicated herself to her family as both a full-time mother and novice therapist to her son.

Laura currently resides in Bentonville with her husband, Dan, and their three children. She can be reached at projconn@uark.edu.

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Project Connect is to

- (1) Identify the needs of families of children with ASD across the state
- (2) Provide input to systems on the development of ASD support infrastructure
- (3) Provide support to families who have children with ASD
- (4) Connect families of children with ASD to support systems across the state

This resource guide is designed as a resource to help parents identify and select services for their children with an autism spectrum disorder. The resource guide is divided into five different regions of the state and lists services in categories. The guide provides an overview of the findings from the NPDC for Autism's 2014 Report as a starting point for making informed treatment choices based upon scientific evidence. We advise all families to choose evidence-based services for their children.

Project Connect does not recommend, endorse, guarantee, or promote the service providers included in this guide. Any service provider indicating they use evidence-based practices can be listed in the guide free of charge. The sole purpose of the resource guide is to provide information to parents and guardians in need of services.

Although we made a concerted effort to identify local resources, we recognize that this list is not exhaustive. If you would like to be listed in future editions of this resource guide, contact us at (479) 575-3215 and projconn@uark.edu.

ARKANSAS AUTISM PARTNERSHIP (AAP)

The Arkansas Autism Partnership (AAP) is the Autism Waiver program for the state of Arkansas. It provides one-on-one, intensive home-based intervention for young children with ASD. To qualify for services, children must be between 18 months and 8 years of age (must enter the program before their 5th birthday) and receive a diagnosis of ASD from three separate providers: a psychologist, a speech-language pathologist, and a physician. Participation in the program is limited to 25 hours per week for 3 years. There is no cost to the family if they meet Medicaid eligibility requirements. The program can serve only 100 children at this point in time and currently has a small waiting list. An expansion of the program was approved by the Arkansas General Assembly in 2015 that should result in the addition of 50 children subsequent to federal approval. The program differs from the Alternative Community Services waiver in that it focuses exclusively on evidence-based practices for young children with ASD. It delivers services in the child's home and requires that parents be present and participate in the intervention. Specific services offered through the AAP include:

- Individual assessment/treatment development
- Provision of therapeutic aides and behavioral reinforcers
- Lead therapy intervention
- Line therapy intervention
- Consultative clinical and therapeutic services

For questions or to receive an application/instructions for submission, email Karan Burnette at kbburnet@uark.edu

ARKANSAS AUTISM INSURANCE MANDATE

HB 1315 was enacted March 4, 2011 and became effective October 1, 2011 requiring certain private health insurance plans to cover autism services. State Employee Health Plans and fully insured group plans are covered by this mandate and required to provide autism services. Individual plans and those regulated by federal law (ERISA plans) such as self-insured groups, are not subject to the mandate. Services covered by the mandate include:

- Diagnosis
- Applied Behavior Analysis (limited to \$50,000 annual cap for individuals under 18 years of age)
- Pharmacy care
- Psychiatric care
- Psychological care
- Therapeutic care (Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapies)
- Equipment necessary for evidence-based treatment
- Any medically necessary and evidence-based care determined necessary by a licensed physician

Insurance carriers determine reimbursement rates for providers of service and co-pays charged for claims.

For questions or additional information, email Dianna Varady at ddvarady@uark.edu

^{1,3} Individual insurance plans purchased on or after January 1st, 2014 must provide coverage mandated by Act 196 thanks to a provision of the Affordable Care Act. Individual plans may not impose a dollar limit on services, but may impose a limit on the number of visits that is comparable to the annual dollar cap for ABA

² To find out whether or not your employer-sponsored health plan is self-insured call your employer's human resources administrator.

2015 ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Act 46 Establishes the Health Reform Legislative Task Force, which is comprised of 16 members of the Arkansas General Assembly and is charged with examining how healthcare in Arkansas is funded and delivered and making recommendations for changes to healthcare services including all Medicaid programs. The task force is required to submit a written report with recommendations to the full Arkansas legislature and the Governor on or before December 30, 2016.

Act 410 establishes the Building Better Futures Program, the purpose of which is to “allow students with disabilities to broaden their career opportunities through education and job training in an inclusive and age-appropriate environment” at institutions of higher education that wish to establish a Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Program recognized by the United States Department of Education. A companion bill to Act 410, Act 931, allows high school students with intellectual disabilities to participate in Building Better Futures Programs at nearby institutions of higher education as part of his or her individualized education program (IEP).

Act 574 authorizes the Department of Finance and Administration to issue an autism awareness specialty license plate. Proceeds from the plate will go to the Arkansas Autism Resource & Outreach Center (AAROC).

Act 839 establishes the Legislative Task Force on the Best Practices for Special Education. The task force “shall study and research ways to improve special education and how special education can positively impact student education and achievement outcomes.” The task force is required to file a written final report with the Arkansas Legislature and the Governor on or before September 1, 2016.

Act 1178 establishes the Succeed Scholarship Program, which provides scholarships for eligible students with disabilities to attend eligible private schools beginning in the 2016-2017 school year.

Act 1238 creates the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program, which will allow families of individuals with disabilities (when the disability occurred before the individual’s 26th birthday) to open and make contributions to a special savings account (an ABLE account) similar to a 529-college savings account. Money accrued in ABLE accounts will not count against a person’s Medicaid benefits, and accounts with funds in excess of \$100,000 will count against a person’s social security income benefits. Distributions from the account may be used for qualified disability expenses including assistive technology and personal support services, education, employment training and support, expenses for oversight and monitoring, financial management and administrative services, funeral and burial expenses, health and wellness expenses, housing, legal fees, transportation, and other approved expenses.

Act 1268 modifies the requirements of school districts to screen students for dyslexia. The new law requires schools to follow a specific screening process for children in kindergarten through second grade, and requires all educational cooperatives to have on staff at least one specially-trained dyslexia interventionist.

NATIONAL STANDARDS REPORT FROM NATIONAL AUTISM CENTER

The purpose of this report was to enable parents, educators and service providers to make the most informed treatment choices. The National Autism Center has provided a list of established, emerging and un-established treatments for individuals with ASD.

Established Evidence Based Treatments for Individuals with ASD:	
Language Training (Production)	Peer Training Package
Behavioral Interventions	Pivotal Response Training
Comprehensive Behavioral Treatment	Schedules
Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Package	Self-Management
Modeling	Story Based Intervention
Naturalistic Teaching Strategies	Parent Training
Social Skills Package	Scripting
Emerging Treatments for Individuals with ASD:	
Augmentative and Alternative Communication Device	Music Therapy
Developmental Relationship-based Treatment	Picture Exchange Communication System
Exercise	Reductive Package
Exposure Package	Sign Instruction
Imitation-based Interaction	Social Communication Intervention
Initiation Training	Structure Teaching
Language Training (Production and Understanding)	Technology-Based Treatment
Massage/Touch Therapy	Therapy of Mind Training
Multi-component package	Therapy of Mind Training
Un-established Treatments for Individuals with ASD:	
Language Training (Production)	Peer Training Package
Behavioral Interventions	Pivotal Response Training
Comprehensive Behavioral Treatment	Schedules
Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Package	Self-Management
Modeling	Story Based Intervention
Naturalistic Teaching Strategies	Parent Training
Social Skills Package	Scripting

Source: National Autism Center, (2015)

The full guide can be found here: <http://www.nationalautismcenter.org/resources/>

Evidence-based practices identified by the National Professional Development Center (NPDC) on ASD and the National Standards Project (NSP)

Evidence based practices for children and youth with ASD:		
Antecedent-Based Interventions	Prompting	
Cognitive Behavioral Intervention	Reinforcement	
Differential Reinforcement of Alternative, Incompatible, or Other Behavior	Response Interruption/Redirection	
Discrete Trial Training	Scripting	
Exercise	Self-Management	
Extinction	Social Narratives	
Functional Behavior Assessment	Social Skills Training	
Functional Communication Training	Structured Play Group	
Modeling	Task Analysis	
Naturalistic Intervention	Technology-Aided Instruction and Intervention	
Parent-Implemented Intervention	Time Delay	
Peer-Mediated Instruction and Intervention	Video Modeling	
Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS)	Visual Supports	
Pivotal Response Training (PRT)		
Other focused intervention lacking sufficient evidence:		
Aided Language Modeling	Independent Work Systems	Sensory Diet
Auditory Integration Training	Joint Attention-Symbolic Play Instruction	Sensory Integration and Fine Motor Intervention
Behavioral Momentum Intervention	Music Intensity	Sentence-Combining Techniques
Collaborative Coaching	Music Therapy	Test Taking Strategy Instruction
Collaborative Learning Groups	Reciprocal Imitation Training	Theory of Mind Training
Direct Instruction	Removal of Restraints	Touch-Point Instruction
Exposure	Schema-Based Strategy Instruction	Touch Therapy
Handwriting Without Tears	Self-Regulated Strategy Development Writing Intervention	

Source: Wong, C., Odom, S. L., Hume, K. Cox, A. W., Fettig, A., Kucharczyk, S., Schultz, T. R. (2014). Evidence-based practices for children, youth, and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute, Autism Evidence-Based Practice Review Group.

This report is available online at <http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/sites/autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/files/2014-EBP-Report.pdf>

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ACCESSING AUTISM SERVICES

The purpose of the accessing services charts are to assist families in navigating the service delivery system in the state of Arkansas. Arkansas has created systems of supports for people with disabilities across the lifespan. However, navigating and accessing services can be overwhelming for families who have just received an autism diagnosis or are new to the state.

These maps present a model for how a family could proceed in navigating access to services. There are multiple steps to getting services for a child. Some steps need to be completed in order while others can be completed simultaneously. These maps create a starting point that will help navigate family members through the process of how and when to obtain services. Feedback from families and professionals was gathered to develop the most efficient process.

These maps define and communicate the sequence of services needed to help support your child. Every family is different and by using the maps you can individualize the process to meet your family's needs. A family reviews the maps, locate their child's current age and can follow the steps indicated. If a family has difficulty making referrals, they can contact Project Connect at (479) 575-3215 and a family liaison will assist them with the process.

Birth to 3 Years

Suspect a Delay

- Call Project Connect: 1-855-617-0013
- For local resources in your region
- Developmental screenings information
- Contact your Primary Care Physician (PCP)
- Contact First Connections: 1-800-643-8258

Obtain Diagnosis

- Contact insurance company, confirm that evaluation is covered
- Contact developmental pediatrician
- Ask Physician for referral to Cobalt (See resource guide for regional Cobalt Centers)
 - Dennis Developmental Center: 501-364-1830
 - Schmieding Developmental Center: 479 750-0125
- Evaluation requires a clinical psychologist, speech language pathologist, and medical doctor (see resource guide for local agencies).

After Developmental Delay is Confirmed

- Begin contacting public and private resources listed below
- Contact a local support group - (see resource guide).
- Have hope and always believe in your child

Accessing Public Services

- Call Arkansas Autism Partnership: 1-800-342-2923
- Call the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDS): 501-683-0870, ask about case management. You will need a case manager to follow your child through high school.
- Complete application for Medicaid waiver, TEFRA and ARHIPP

Accessing Private Services

- Call your insurance company to determine coverage for speech therapy evaluation and treatment, occupational therapy evaluation and treatment, and applied behavior analysis for autism treatment
- Interview agencies to provide services - (see resource guide)
- If your needs are not being met at anytime, refer back to Project Connect or your case manager with the DDS for assistance.

Age 3-14 Years

Suspected Delay

- Call Project Connect: 1-855-617-0013 or email @projconn@uark.edu
 - For local resources in your region
 - Developmental screenings information
- Contact your Primary Care Physician (PCP)
- Contact school and request special education evaluation in writing

Developmental Delay Confirmed

- Contact a developmental pediatrician
 - Dennis Developmental Center: 501-364-1830
 - Schmieding Developmental Center: 479-570-0125
- Contact Arkansas Department of Education CIRCUIT: 1-501-682-4221

Accessing Public Services

- Call the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDS): 501-683-0870
- Complete application for Medicaid waiver, TEFRA and ARHIPP

Accessing Private Services

- Call your insurance company to determine coverage for speech therapy evaluation and treatment, occupational therapy evaluation and treatment, and applied behavior analysis for autism treatment
- Interview agencies to provide services - (see resource guide).
- If your needs are not being met at anytime, refer back to Project Connect or your case manager with the DDS for assistance.

Age 14+

Suspected Learning Difficulties

- Call Project Connect: 1-855-617-0013
 - For local resources in your region
 - Developmental screenings information
- Contact your pediatrician
- Contact Arkansas Department of Education CIRCUIT: 1-501-682-4221

Learning Difficulty Confirmed

- Contact a developmental pediatrician
 - Dennis Developmental Center: 501-364-1830
 - Schmieding Developmental Center: 479-570-0125
- Contact school and request special education evaluation

Accessing Public Services

- Call the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDS): 501-683-0870
- Complete application for Medicaid waiver, TEFRA and ARHIPP
- Call the Arkansas Vocational Rehabilitation Services: 501-296-1600
- Contact school for transition services
- Contact the Department of Health and Human Services for disability services: 1-866-801-3435

Accessing Private Services

- Call your insurance company to determine coverage for speech therapy evaluation and treatment, occupational therapy evaluation and treatment, and applied behavior analysis for autism treatment
- Interview agencies to provide services - (see resource guide).
- If your needs are not being met at anytime, refer back to Project Connect or your case manager with the DDS for assistance.

ADULT AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

ABLE TALKS

Phone: 479-957-2121
Contact: Nancy Wells, LPC/Executive Director
Email: nancyewells@gmail.com
Website: abletalks.org
Address: 2254 Tall Oaks Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72703

Service Provided:

AbleTalks is an integrated, enhanced study program offered to young adults (21+) with autism, and other cognitive disabilities. Our goal is to reduce the barriers that affect reaching desired career goals and ultimately, a fulfilled life.

AbleTalks integrates independent learning, speech therapy, career counseling, and mental health therapy in order to assist adults with disabilities to achieve and enhance their career choices, leading to decreased dependency on services and increase quality of life.

ARKANSAS SUPPORT NETWORK

Phone: 479-927-4100
Contact: Andrea Hampton Hall or Noah Meeks
Email: SE@Supports.org
Website: www.supports.org
Address: 6836 Isaac's Orchard Rd. Springdale AR 72762

Service Provided:

Supported Employment, Placement Services, Ticket to Work

ARKANSAS SUPPORT NETWORK - CASE MANAGEMENT

Phone: 479-927-4100
Contact: Ashley Bradley
Email: abradley@supports.org
Website: www.supports.org
Address: 6836 Isaac's Orchard Rd. Springdale AR 72762

Service Provided:

Supported Employment, Placement Services, Ticket to Work

ELIZABETH RICHARDSON CENTER

Phone: 479-872-1800
Contact: Lynne Keller
Email: admin@ercinc.org
Website: www.ercinc.org
Address: Administrative office: 3917 S. Old Missouri Road, Springdale, AR 72764

Service Provided:

Arkansas Autism Adult and Employment Services

Richardson Industries: Participants earn a pay check and learn valuable job skills while they complete light assembly work at ERC's Richardson Industries. They also receive assistance with their job search with the ultimate goal of finding a meaningful job in the community.

Supported Employment: The Supported Employment team assists participants in their job search as well as providing a job coach to help with the transition into a community based position.

Ticket to Work: This federal program is designed to remove many of the employment barriers people with disabilities face, including the concern of losing health care. Under the Ticket to Work program, the Social Security Administration provides disability beneficiaries with a Ticket they may use to obtain the services and jobs they need from a group of organizations called Employment Networks. The Elizabeth Richardson Center is part of this Employment Network and is able to provide employment options in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. Beneficiaries receiving Tickets can contact ERC to discuss services and work together with our Community Employment Team. For more information, please call JoAnn Benson at (479) 601-1084 or (877) 868-6406 or email jbenson@ercinc.org.

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LIFE STYLES, INC.

Phone: 479-521-3581 ext.150
Contact: John Newman, Assistant Director
Email: jnewman@lifestylesinc.org
Address: 2590 W. Sycamore, PO Box 1114, Fayetteville, AR 72702

Service Provided:

Supportive Living – staffing for Alternative Community living.

Case Management – includes all paperwork and communication with funding sources

and assembly of available resources specific to individual needs.

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THE LIVING AND LEARNING COMMUNITY (LLC) PROGRAM OF THE JONES LEARNING CENTER (JLC), UNIVERSITY OF THE OZARKS - CLARKSVILLE

Phone: 479-979-1403 JLC; 479-979-1414 (Direct –LLC)
Contact: JLC Director, Julia Frost / LLC Coordinator, Betty R. Stockton
Email: jfrost@ozarks.edu / bstockton@ozarks.edu
Address: 415 N. College, Clarksville, AR 72830

Service Provided:

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PATHFINDER, INC. - BENTONVILLE

Phone: 479-254-6717
Email: debbie.stripling@pathfinderinc.org
Address: 1004 SE 5th Street, Bentonville AR 72712

Service Provided:

Pathfinder is an adult program that provides pre-vocational and social skills training in a workshop setting. Clients attending the program are also offered therapy services such as occupational, physical, speech and mental health.

PATHFINDER, INC. - CAVE SPRINGS

Phone: 479-254-6717

Email: debbie.stripling@pathfinderinc.org
Address: 1276 S. Main Street, Cave Springs AR 72718

Service Provided:

Pathfinder is an adult program that provides pre-vocational and social skills training in a workshop setting. Clients attending the program are also offered therapy services such as occupational, physical, speech and mental health.

ADVOCATES

ARKANSAS ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Phone: 479-927-9800
Email: apittman@aradvocates.org
Website: <http://www.aradvocates.org/>
Address: 614 East Emma, Suite 107 Springdale, AR 72764

Service Provided:

Provide support for children and families to attain resources and opportunities to lead healthy and productive lives, gather and analyze data to support public policy

COMMUNITY PARENT RESOURCE CENTER OF ARKANSAS SUPPORT NETWORK

Phone: 479-927-4100
Contact: Candia Nicholas
Email: cnicholas@supports.org
Website: www.supports.org
Address: 614 East Emma, Suite 107 Springdale, AR 72764

Service Provided:

Educational Advocacy and Community Resources

NANOS LAW FIRM, PLC

Phone: 479-372-6888
Contact: Christopher Nanos
Email: chris@nanoslawfirm.com
Website: www.nanoslawfirm.com
Address: 105 South 5th Street, Rogers, AR 72756

Service Provided:

Guardianship, Special Needs Planning

THE ARC FOR THE RIVER VALLEY

Phone: 479-783-5529
Email: arcrivervalley@gmail.com
Address: 2301 South 56th Street, Suite 107 Fort Smith, AR 72903

Service Provided:

The mission of The Arc for the River Valley is to provide advocacy, education, and recreation for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We do this through

a \$12 annual membership which provides our members with the ability to use our facility for the Wii, Xbox, computer lab, art class twice a week, cooking class once a month, bowling twice a week, our library, and outside events held once a month. These outside events include dances, parties, karaoke nights, movie nights, a talent show, trips to the water park, a fishing derby, and more.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COOPERATIVES

ARCH FORD EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

Phone: 501-208-5404
Contact: Tina Rooks
Email: tina.rooks@archford.org
Website: <http://www.archford.org/>
Address: 101 Bulldog Drive, Plumerville, AR 72127

Service Provided:

The 3-5 Early Childhood Program takes responsibility for coordinating efforts within the region to develop and establish programs providing special education and related services to identified preschool aged children (3-5 years) with developmental delays. The program collaborates in planning with the LEAs and superintendents in their districts for implementing activities to ensure the identification of eligible children. Provides services to such children in accordance with individual educational plans developed for children with the least restrictive environment being the primary concern.

ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 501-354-2269
Contact: Phillip Young, Director
Email: lindsey.williams@archford.org
Address: 101 Bulldog Drive Plumerville, AR 72127

Service Provided:

The following services are provided as needed at no cost to the family: screening, evaluation, preschool instruction, speech/language therapy, physical/occupational therapy, family training, other appropriate services.

GUY FENTER EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 479-965-2191, ext. 275
Contact: Tisha Ousley
Email: tisha.ousley@wscstarfish.com
Website: www.wscstarfish.com
Address: 3010 E. Hwy. 22, Suite A, Branch, AR 72928

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NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 479-267-5960
Contact: Colleen Mick – Early Childhood Coordinator
Email: cmick@starfishnw.org
Address: 4 Double Springs Road Farmington, AR 72730

Service Provided:

Early Childhood Special Education Services are activities designed to enhance the development of the preschool child and provide experiences in one or more of the following areas:

- Seeing
- Talking
- Hearing
- Learning
- Walking
- Behavior

These are special services individually planned to prepare the child for future school success. To find out what programs are available for a preschool child 3 through 5 years of age who is experiencing difficulties, contact your local school district. We serve preschool children in Bentonville, Rogers, Pea Ridge, Springdale, Gravette, Decatur, Gentry, Siloam Springs, Springdale, Fayetteville, Elkins, Prairie Grove, Farmington, Lincoln, Huntsville, Greenland, and West Fork school district's in Arkansas.

OZARKS UNLIMITED RESOURCE EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 870-429-9100
Email: rnance@oursc.k12.ar.us
Website: www.wscstarfish.com
Address: P.O. Box 610 Valley Springs, AR 72682 (Mail), 5823 Resource Drive Harrison, AR 72601 (Street Address)

Service Provided:

The Early Childhood Special Education Program involves identifying, screening, evaluating, and providing services for children before they enter a regular school setting. Services include pre-school instruction, diagnostic services, speech therapy, physical and occupational therapy.

WESTERN ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: (479)965-2191
Contact: Roy Hester - Director
Email: roy.hester@wscstarfish.com
Address: 3010 East Highway 22, Suite A, Branch, AR 72928

Service Provided:

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AUTISM SERVICES

99 BALLOONS

Contact: Matt Mooney
Email: info@99balloons.org
Website: www.99balloons.org
Address: PO Box 10934, Fayetteville AR 72703

Service Provided:

Monthly respite for families experiencing disability. Families who are interested should contact info@99balloons.org to obtain a Parent Packet form.

CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, JANISSA D. JACKSON, PH.D., PLLC

Phone: 479-242-4560, Fax: 479-242-4561
Contact: Janissa D. Jackson
Email: admin@centerforprofessionalpsych.com
Address: 5401 Rogers Ave, Suite 201 Fort Smith, AR 72903

Service Provided:

I provide functional behavioral assessment, pivotal response training, parent training and involvement, social skills instruction. I also perform comprehensive diagnostic evaluations for autism spectrum disorders as well as other issues of childhood. I begin these screenings and evaluations at 18 months through adulthood. The current wait time is approximately three months. I only take private insurance and patients should call ahead regarding which insurances I am contracted with for these services.

EQUESTRIAN BRIDGES

Phone: 479-747-2935
Contact: Jessie Kersh Program Director and PATH Intl Certified Instructor
Email: equestrianbridgestherapy@gmail.com
Website: www.equestrianbridges.org
Address: 3100 Oakland Zion Road Fayetteville AR 72703

Service Provided:

We offer a 6-week social skills group program for all ages and abilities. Clients are placed in a best-fit group based on age and ability. Our goal is to set a solid foundation for relationship building by teaching communication and social skills by way of the horse. We also work with the Arkansas Promise Grant, offering individuals with special needs a place to learn job skills and work.

THE GREGORY KISTLER TREATMENT CENTER, INC.

Phone: 479-785-4677
Contact: Jennifer Kistler, Executive Director
Email: jkistler@kistlercenter.org
Website: www.Kistlercenter.org
Address: 3304 South M Street Fort Smith, AR 72903

Service Provided:

Out-patient occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech-language therapy for children birth to 21 years of age.

In conjunction with the Arkansas Autism Partnership (AAP), the Kistler Center is a provider of Autism Waiver services. This is a statewide intensive intervention program for young children between the ages of 18 months and 7 years with a confirmed diagnosis of autism. One-to-one intervention is provided in the home for 20 to 30 hours per week. This program is designed to improve the child's skills in the area of communication, socialization, self-care, and behavior. A child must be accepted into the program by AAP.

INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC.

Phone: 870-741-6909
Email: info@i-living.org
Address: PO Box 2300, 206 S Cherry St, Harrison, AR 72601

Service Provided:

Waiver (Caregiving), Personal Care, Residential Group Home, Transportation, Case Management, Developmental Day Treatment Clinic

LIFE STYLES, INC.

Phone: 479-521-3581 ext.150
Contact: John Newman, Assistant Director
Email: jnewman@lifestylesinc.org
Address: 2590 W. Sycamore, PO Box 1114, Fayetteville, AR 72702

Service Provided:

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PEDIATRIC PLUS

Phone: 479-890-5494
Contact: Kara Elmore
Email: russellville@pediatricsplus.com, kelmore@pediatricsplus.com
Website: www.pediatricsplus.com
Address: 301 N Sidney, Russellville, AR 72802

Service Provided:

Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Therapy, Physical Therapy, Developmental Preschool, Learning and Diagnostic Center, Autism, Early Intervention, Community Connections, and Research

Description:

Pediatrics Plus is a specialized pediatric healthcare provider. We are committed to helping your child succeed in all stages of life through evidence-based therapy, state of the art facilities, specialized equipment, educational interventions based on proven research, family support, and community investment.

Pediatrics Plus outpatient therapy provides occupational, physical, and speech language therapy. Our therapists provide a comprehensive evaluation focused on the specific needs of your child and family and develop an individualized treatment plan based on those needs.

Pediatrics Plus developmental preschool offers specialty sensory classrooms comprised of an excellent, well-trained staff that operates under the supervision of ABA trained occupational therapists certified in RDI and in the process of obtaining BCBA certifications. Our autism classrooms offer low teacher to student ratios, low stimulation environment, structured curriculum, small group instruction, individualized visual schedules and transitional cues.

RICHARD LIVINGSTON, M.D.

Phone: 479-494-5700
Email: richard.livingston@valleybehavioral.com
Website: www.valleybehavioral.com
Address: 10301 Mayo Drive, Barling, AR 72923

Service Provided:

Diagnosis, Comprehensive treatment, planning, medication management

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUPS

AUTISM INVOLVES ME (AIM)

Phone:

Contact: Paula Towle

Email: paulat@autisminvolvesme.org

Website: www.autisminvolvesme.org

Address: 4 McKissic Creek Road Ste 1404, Bentonville, AR 72712

Service Provided:

Quarterly events for families to engage and participate in autism friendly activities in a safe environment, grant program, website with connections to community resources and forum for question/answer submission

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

Phone: 479-927-4100

Email: cprc@supports.org

Address: 614 E Emma Suite 219, Springdale, AR 72764

Service Provided:

- Information and resources via our library, website, internal database, and staff
- staff helps parents advocate for their children in school
- appointments with our staff to address specific questions and giving personalized information to help solve issues
- hold workshops and training on autism, sensory integration, puberty/sexuality, transition (prek to kinder, elem to middle school, HS to beyond), Medicaid waiver, special needs trust and guardianship, using ipads for children with special needs, and more.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AUTISM SUPPORT PROGRAM

Phone: 479-595-6071

Email: asgreene@uark.edu

Address: University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Service Provided:

We provide the intensive assistance students with high functioning autism, Asperger's Syndrome, PDD-NOS, and non-verbal learning disability need in order to be successful in college. Students enrolled in the program receive support in three areas: academics, transitioning to independent adult roles, and social skills. The goal for each student is to graduate from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville having had a full, typical, college experience. The scope of the support offered and skills taught not only help our students graduate, but also ensure that they will be successful, productive, and happy citizens while at the University of Arkansas and for the rest of their lives.

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

ARKANSAS AUTISM CONNECTION

Phone: 479-254-1995

Email: arkansasautismconnection.com

Address: 1005 Beau Terre Drive, Suite 308 Bentonville, Arkansas 72712

Service Provided:

We offer early intervention services, autism consultation for area schools, parent/caregiver education, case management, and personal assistance. Arkansas Autism Connection currently provides one-to-one Applied Behavior Analysis outpatient services.

ELIZABETH RICHARDSON CENTER

Phone: 479-872-1800
Contact: Lynne Keller
Email: admin@ercinc.org
Website: www.ercinc.org
Address: Administrative office: 3917 S. Old Missouri Road, Springdale, AR 72764

Service Provided:**Arkansas Autism Adult and Employment Services**

Richardson Industries: Participants earn a pay check and learn valuable job skills while they complete light assembly work at ERC's Richardson Industries. They also receive assistance with their job search with the ultimate goal of finding a meaningful job in the community.

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ELIZABETH RICHARDSON CENTER - FARMINGTON

Phone: 479-267-5760
Contact: Lynne Keller
Email: admin@ercinc.org
Website: www.ercinc.org
Address: 56 W. Main, Farmington, AR 72730

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ELIZABETH RICHARDSON CENTER - FAYETTEVILLE

Phone: 479-443-4420
Contact: Lynne Keller
Email: admin@ercinc.org
Website: www.ercinc.org
Address: 1760 N. Woodland, Fayetteville, AR 72703

Service Provided:

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ELIZABETH RICHARDSON CENTER - HUNTSVILLE

Phone: 479-738-1751
Contact: Lynne Keller
Email: admin@ercinc.org
Website: www.ercinc.org
Address: 913 N. College, Huntsville, AR 72740

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ELIZABETH RICHARDSON CENTER - SILOAM SPRINGS

Phone: 479-373-6488
Contact: Lynne Keller
Email: admin@ercinc.org
Website: www.ercinc.org
Address: 1300 N. Patriot, Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Service Provided:

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ELIZABETH RICHARDSON CENTER - SPRINGDALE

Phone: 479-927-1350
Contact: Lynne Keller
Email: admin@ercinc.org
Website: www.ercinc.org
Address: 2871 American St., Springdale, AR 72764

Service Provided:

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NORTHWEST PEDIATRIC THERAPY

Phone: 479-521-7337
Contact: Lynn Center
Email: nwpediatrictherapy@sbcglobal.net
Address: 2580 E Joyce Blv. Suite 12 Fayetteville, AR 72703

Service Provided:

We provide pediatric speech therapy services to children birth-21 months of age. We are an Arkansas Early Intervention Provider, and we accept Arkansas Medicaid. AR Kids A, AR Kids B, Blue Cross Blue Shield and other private insurances.

PEDIATRIC PLUS

Phone: 479-890-5494
Contact: Kara Elmore
Email: russellville@pediatricsplus.com, kelmor@pediatricsplus.com
Website: www.pediatricsplus.com
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UAMS/KIDS FIRST PROGRAM - FORT SMITH

Phone: 479-785-9091
Contact: Rick Newton, Clinic Director
Email: rnewton2@uams.edu
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/kidsfirst/>
Address: 6601 Phoenix Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72903

Service Provided:

- **Developmental Assessment and Early Intervention:** A developmental evaluation to highlight the child's strengths and needs and determine a plan of action for meeting developmental milestones.
- **Nutrition Services:** Assessment and consultation, therapeutic diets, and menu development.
- Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy
- **Medical and Registered Nurses:** A clinical coordinator will monitor and communicate the child's health needs to everyone involved with the child's care. All services at KIDS FIRST are provided under the direction of one of our medical directors, a faculty member of the UAMS Department of Pediatrics.
- **Social Work Services:** As part of a child's treatment team, social workers provide continued support and advocacy throughout the child's tenure in the program.
- **Project Nurture-Infant Mental Health:** Project that provides guidance for staff and families in working with infants/toddlers to promote and support optimal social-emotional development during the first three years of life.
- **Behavioral Consultation:** Incorporating the clinic staff and the child's family in the child's behavioral treatment plan so that each child is surrounded by encouragement in all of their living environments. Board Certified Behavioral Analyst on staff.

Services at **KIDS FIRST** clinics are tailored to meet the individual needs of children and families. Health monitoring, preventative health care, developmental intervention, positive early relationships, therapeutic services, and family centered-care are the core of the KIDS FIRST program.

UAMS/KIDS FIRST PROGRAM - LOWELL

Phone: 479-750-0130
Contact: Kimberly Cox, Clinic Director
Email: coxkimberlyk@uams.edu
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/kidsfirst/>
Address: 519 Latham Drive, Lowell, AR 72745

Service Provided:

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WESTERN ARKANSAS CHILD DEVELOPMENT - HIPPY

Phone: 866-538-9223 ext 0 (main office)
Contact: Michelle Ross or Krista Watts
Email: michellek@wacd.net or kristawatts@wacd.net
Website: www.wacd.net
Address: 14 West Cherry St, Alma, AR 72921

Service Provided:

HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) is a home-based early childhood education program for parents of three, four, and some five year old children. All HIPPY programs include the following components:

- A thirty wee curriculum that is developmentally appropriate
- A professional coordinator and staff of home-based educators
- Role-play as the technique for teaching parents the activities
- Service delivery through home visits and group meetings

LEISURE / AFTER SCHOOL / SUMMER CAMPS

AMC FIESTA SQUARE 16

Phone: 479-575-0026
Website: www.amctheaters.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films

Address: 3033 North College Fayetteville, AR 72703

Service Provided:

AMC is proud to partner with the Autism Society to bring you unique movie showings where you can feel free to be you! We turn the lights up, and turn the sound down, so you can get up, dance, walk, shout or sing!

We are now expanding our Sensory Friendly Film program into four showings per month. Monthly showings are every 2nd and 4th Tuesday and Saturday of the month. Saturday showings will still be family-friendly movies starting at 10:00am local time. Tuesday showings will now include movies that appeal to others on the autism spectrum, we want to continue to grow with our guests, starting at 10am local time.

BeSEEN

Phone: 479-254-1188

Contact: Libby Schaller

Email: bwschaller@yahoo.com

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/399460446887605/?fref=nf>

Service Provided:

BeSEEN is a network of parents and school staff and administrators working to facilitate participation in our schools and community by promoting an increased awareness and opportunities for children with special needs.

BRICKS 4 KIDZ

Phone: 479-439-9451

Contact: Shaista Sandhu

Email: ssandhu@bricks4kidz.com

Website: www.brick44kidz.com

Address: 5208 Village Parkway, Suite 5, Rogers, AR 72758

Service Provided:

Bricks 4 Kidz classes provide an extraordinary atmosphere for children, where we learn, we build, we play... with LEGO® Bricks. Programs are built around our proprietary model plans, designed by engineers and architects, with exciting themes such as space, construction, and amusement parks. Our specially designed project kits and theme-based models provide the building blocks for the Bricks 4 Kidz approach to educational play. At Bricks 4 Kidz, we believe that kids learn best through activities that engage their curiosity and creativity.

We offer activities for children ages 3-13+, including:

- After-school enrichment classes
- Week-long summer camps
- Birthday parties
- Preschool classes
- Kidz Night Out

Our programs provide a safe, relaxed learning environment where initiative is invited and self-expression is celebrated. Model building provides opportunities for problem-solving and helps kids develop an appreciation for how things work. All this takes place while kids are having fun and socializing in a non-competitive atmosphere.

CAMP CONNECT

Phone: 479-575-3215

Contact: Hollie Lawless

Email: projconn@uark.edu

Address: 410 Arkansas Ave, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Service Provided:

Camp Connect is a summer day camp program for children ages 5-12 with autism. The purpose of Camp Connect is for children with autism to have fun while connecting with other children who may or may not have autism. Each child with autism is paired with a peer mentor and a behavior technician student to maximize success. Each camper with autism will leave camp with an overview of performance and a support plan for extending the activities into the home or school setting. There are two separate weeks offered, one week is for advanced learners while the second week is for intermediate learners. All activities are observed by behavior technicians and Board Certified Behavior Analysts.

EGG DROP EXTRAVAGANZA

Phone: 479-273-3696

Website: www.flmbcbentonville.org and
<https://www.facebook.com/events/387176464794108/>

Address: 206 SE 28th St, Bentonville, AR 72712

Service Provided:

The Egg Drop Extravaganza is an Easter Egg Hunt provided by the First Landmark Baptist Church in Bentonville on the Saturday before Easter. One of the age groups offered is special needs kids.

EQUESTRIAN BRIDGES

Phone: 479-747-2935

Contact: Jessie Kersh Program Director and PATH Intl Certified Instructor

Email: equestrianbridgestherapy@gmail.com

Website: www.equestrianbridges.org

Address: 3100 Oakland Zion Road Fayetteville AR 72703

Service Provided:

We offer a 6-week social skills group program for all ages and abilities. Clients are placed in a best-fit group based on age and ability. Our goal is to set a solid foundation for relationship building by teaching communication and social skills by way of the horse. We also work with the Arkansas Promise Grant, offering individuals with special needs a place to learn job skills and work.

EQUESTRIAN ZONE

Phone: 479-970-9379

Email: equestrianzone@suddenlink.net

Address: P.O. Box 282, Russellville, AR 72811

Service Provided:

Hippotherapy- (Physical, Speech or Occupational) and Therapeutic Riding

HORSES FOR HEALING

Phone: 479-759-0570

Email: info@horsesforhealingnwa.org

Address: 14673 Daniels Rd. Bentonville, AR 72712

Service Provided:

Horses for Healing is a premier accredited center with PATH, International. Therapeutic riding lessons are provided to children with special needs, (we define as 2-20), including

many who have autism spectrum disorders

JUMP ZONE OF BENTONVILLE

Phone: 479-202-4476
Website: www.jumpzoneparty.com
Address: 206 SE 28th St, Bentonville, AR 72712

Service Provided:

Special Needs Night: Children with special needs and their families are invited to come to Jump!Zone on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 5:00pm-7:00pm for FREE Admission.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ANGELS PAGEANT

Email: nwarkangels@yahoo.com
Website: www.nwarkangelspageant.weebly.com and
<https://www.facebook.com/NorthwestArkansasAngelsPageant>

Service Provided:

NWA Angels Inc. provides a pageant experience for people with medically diagnosed disabilities in order to enhance public awareness and acceptance. The pageant is for anyone with special needs age 0-105. The pageants are not about ability, it is simply a chance for us to come together and celebrate these children. There is no one winner, all of the contestants will receive a crown, t-shirt, sash, and a goodie bag.

RISING PHOENIX SELF DEFENSE, INC.

Phone: 479-313-4119
Contact: Mitch Langston
Email: mlangston@risingphoenixselfdefense.com
Website: www.risingphoenixselfdefense.com
Address: PO Box 659, Farmington AR 72730

Service Provided:

Rising Phoenix Self Defense is dedicated to providing opportunities for students with mental, physical, or sensory challenges to benefit from the health, security, and confidence of traditional martial art and self defense training through programs of instruction specifically designed to work with or overcome each student's individual challenges.

SARAH SMITH SWIMMING LESSONS

Phone: 603-856-4870
Contact: Sarah Smith
Email: ses013@uark.edu

Service Provided:

Provide swimming instruction in small group or individual lessons. Red Cross WSI and CPR certified. Northwest Arkansas Area.

STRETCH-N-GROW OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

Phone: 479-616-8776
Contact: Lacey Lett
Email: operationrecreation@gmail.com
Address: P.O. Box 10702, Fayetteville, AR 72703-0047

Service Provided:

We provide weekly P.E. classes for preschool students ages 2 ½-5 years old. The classes are 30 minutes in length and help students develop abilities in all areas of exercise—flexibility, strength, aerobic fitness, and balance. We use music, props, games, and activities in a non-competitive atmosphere to help our students have fun and develop a positive view of exercise and healthy living. Students are also taught a short lesson each week on nutrition, safety, hygiene, muscles, and other health topics.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

THE GRACE SCHOOL (NORTHWEST ARKANSAS CENTER FOR AUTISM AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES)

Phone: 479-871-7994
Contact: Beth McKee
Email: beth.mckee@nwacenterforautism.com or
Ryanlawson@nwacenterforautism.com
Address: 2458 E. Joyce Blvd. Fayetteville, AR 72703

Service Provided:

Clinic: Treatment is provided in a 1:1 clinic setting with opportunities to engage with peers in small groups throughout the day. Students may attend a year round full day program 5 days a week (6 hours) or a half day program 5 days a week (4 hours). Sessions are based on availability and the students need, there is no age restriction for students eligible for the clinic. Based on your child's individual needs and learning style, the Clinic Director designs a unique treatment program that uses evidence based treatments derived from the principles and methods of Applied Behavior Analysis and Verbal Behavior. These may include: discrete trial teaching, pivotal response treatment, natural environment teaching, incidental teaching, direct instruction, social skills development, behavior reduction strategies and more, using these methods, treatment can improve communication, social, intellectual, and play skills. Services can also help with daily living skills, such as sleeping through the night and potty training. Children must also learn to generalize the new skills, that is, to perform them not just with their therapist, but for anyone in all appropriate situations. Each child's program is designed to promote generalization by teaching skills with a team of therapists, including children's first teachers, their parents.

The Grace School: The school program offers a year round center-based full-day program (6 hours) to students ages 6-18 with autism, learning disabilities, ADHD, and other developmental disabilities in a classroom based atmosphere. The goal of the program is to help each student achieve his or her full potential. Programming often includes goals in communication, academics, social skills, self-help skills, and the promotion of adaptive behavior. The philosophy of the school is to employ effective and efficient research based teaching strategies to support the success of the learner. Teaching practices such as precision teaching, direct instruction, self-management, discrete trial teaching, and video modeling are utilized to support each student's success. Monthly parent training is an integral part of treatment.

*****Training:** The Center and The Grace School acknowledge the importance of ongoing staff training to ensure quality services. Staff receive training with scholars in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis, Direct Instruction, and Precision Teaching. The Grace School staff have received training and consultation with Michael Maloney, author of the Teach Your Children Well curriculum as well as Kent Johnson, proprietor of The Morningside Model of Generative Instruction.

OTHER

99 BALLOONS (*Respite*)

Contact: Matt Mooney
Email: info@99balloons.org
Website: www.99balloons.org
Address: PO Box 10934, Fayetteville AR 72703

Service Provided:

Monthly respite for families experiencing disability. Families who are interested should contact info@99balloons.org to obtain a Parent Packet form.

ABLE TALKS (*Independent Continuing Special Education*)

Phone: 479-957-2121
Contact: Nancy Wells, LPC/Executive Director
Email: nancywells@gmail.com
Website: abletalks.org
Address: 2254 Tall Oaks Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72703

Service Provided:

AbleTalks is an integrated, enhanced study program offered to young adults (21+) with autism, and other cognitive disabilities. Our goal is to reduce the barriers that affect reaching desired career goals and ultimately, a fulfilled life.

AbleTalks integrates independent learning, speech therapy, career counseling, and mental health therapy in order to assist adults with disabilities to achieve and enhance their career choices, leading to decreased dependency on services and increase quality of life.

ARKANSAS SUPPORT NETWORK - CASE MANAGEMENT

(*Case Management and Community based services*)

Phone: 479-927-4100
Contact: Ashley Bradley
Email: a Bradley@supports.org
Website: www.supports.org
Address: 6836 Isaac's Orchard Rd. Springdale AR 72762

Service Provided:

Supported Employment, Placement Services, Ticket to Work

BeSEEN (*Community and school events serving special needs children*)

Phone: 479-254-1188
Contact: Libby Schaller
Email: bwschaller@yahoo.com
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/399460446887605/?fref=nf>

Service Provided:

BeSEEN is a network of parents and school staff and administrators working to facilitate participation in our schools and community by promoting an increased awareness and opportunities for children with special needs.

CAMP BARNABAS (*Summer Camp*)

Phone: 417-476-2565
Contact: Kelli Hinderliter
Email: kelli@campbarnabas.org
Website: www.campbarnabas.org
Address: PO Box 3200, Springfield, MO 65808

Service Provided:

Camp Barnabas offers life-changing opportunities to people with special needs, their siblings and to those who serve them. Through a Christian camp setting in two locations in Missouri, we adapt typical camp activities so that every camper can participate.

CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, JANISSA D. JACKSON, PH.D., PLLC (*Full Developmental Evaluations*)

Phone: 479-242-4560, Fax: 479-242-4561
Contact: Janissa D. Jackson
Email: admin@centerforprofessionalpsych.com
Address: 5401 Rogers Ave, Suite 201 Fort Smith, AR 72903

Service Provided:

I provide functional behavioral assessment, pivotal response training, parent training and involvement, social skills instruction. I also perform comprehensive diagnostic evaluations for autism spectrum disorders as well as other issues of childhood. I begin these screenings and evaluations at 18 months through adulthood. The current wait time is approximately three months. I only take private insurance and patients should call ahead regarding which insurances I am contracted with for these services.

COBALT - COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT - LOWELL MEDICAL CENTER (*Diagnostic and screening*)

Phone: 479-770-0700
Contact: Barry Allen, MD
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/specialties/developmental-pediatrics/cobalt-program>
Address: 325 South 6th Place, Lowell, AR 72745

Service Provided:

Comprehensive diagnostic assessments, early intervention services, and family support.

COBALT - COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT - PEDIATRIC PARTNERS PA (*Diagnostic and screening*)

Phone: 479-478-7200
Contact: Jon Hendrickson, MD
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/specialties/developmental-pediatrics/cobalt-program>
Address: 7303 Rogers Ave #201, Fort Smith, AR 72903

Service Provided:

Comprehensive diagnostic assessments, early intervention services, and family support.

DEWITT LAW FIRM, PLLC (*Law Firm*)

Phone: 479-717-6300
Contact: Gary or Winnie DeWitt
Email: winnie@dewittlawar.com
Website: dewittlawar.com
Address: 120 N. Commercial Street, Springdale, AR 72764

Service Provided:

- Special needs trust
- Guardianships
- Powers of Attorney
- Medical Power of Attorney
- Medicaid issues

NANOS LAW FIRM, PLC (*Legal Services*)

Phone: 479-372-6888
Contact: Christopher Nanos
Email: chris@nanoslawfirm.com
Website: www.nanoslawfirm.com
Address: 105 South 5th Street, Rogers, AR 72756

Service Provided:

Guardianship, Special Needs Planning

OCCUPATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS (OLS) PROGRAM AT NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE (*Associate degree for adults with cognitive disabilities*)

Phone: 479-619-4285
Contact: Karen O'Donohoe, OLS Director
Email: ols@nwacc.edu
Website: www.nwacc.edu/web/programs_ols/
Address: One College Drive, Bentonville, AR 72712

Service Provided:

The AOLS degree is designed to give adults with cognitive disabilities the opportunity to earn an associate degree, achieve gainful employment, and become self-sufficient, contributing citizens. To learn more, students should attend an OLS information session. Check out our website to learn more!

REECE MOORE PENDERGRAFT, LLP (*Legal/Legal Presentations*)

Phone: 479-443-2705
Contact: Nicolas J. Sasso, Attorney
Email: nsasso@rmpllp.com
Website: www.rmpllp.com
Address: 75 NE Ave., Ste. 500, PO Box 1788, Fayetteville, AR 72702-1788

Service Provided:

Special Needs Planning, Special Needs Trusts, Disability Planning, Guardianships, Special Needs Litigation, Advocate, represent and litigate for families with special needs children.

RICHARD LIVINGSTON, M.D. (*Physician Services / Child Psychiatrist*)

Phone: 479-494-5700
Email: richard.livingston@valleybehavioral.com
Website: www.valleybehavioral.com
Address: 10301 Mayo Drive, Barling, AR 72923

Service Provided:
Diagnosis, Comprehensive treatment, planning, medication management

SARAH SMITH SWIMMING LESSONS (*Swim Instructor*)

Phone: 603-856-4870
Contact: Sarah Smith
Email: ses013@uark.edu

Service Provided:
Provide swimming instruction in small group or individual lessons. Red Cross WSI and CPR certified. Northwest Arkansas Area.

SCHMIEDING DEVELOPMENT CENTER - CENTER FOR CHILDREN - UAMS (*Diagnostic and Screening Services*)

Phone: 479-750-0125
Contact: Mallory Weaver
Email: mweaver2@uams.edu
Address: 519 Latham Dr. Lowell, AR 72745

Service Provided:
Evaluation, diagnosis, medication management, behavioral therapy

TAMMY WHICKER / ARKANSAS SUPPORT NETWORK (*School-to-Work*)

Phone: 479-721-3679
Contact: Tammy Whicker
Email: s2w@supports.org
Website: www.supports.org
Address: Encore Kids 1349 East Henri Detonti Blvd, Suite A, Tontitown AR 72770

Service Provided:
Transition Services for high school students with disabilities.

THERAPY SERVICES

ABLE TALKS

Phone: 479-957-2121
Contact: Nancy Wells, LPC/Executive Director
Email: nancyewells@gmail.com
Website: abletalks.org
Address: 2254 Tall Oaks Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72703

Service Provided:
AbleTalks is an integrated, enhanced study program offered to young adults (21+) with

autism, and other cognitive disabilities. Our goal is to reduce the barriers that affect reaching desired career goals and ultimately, a fulfilled life.

AbleTalks integrates independent learning, speech therapy, career counseling, and mental health therapy in order to assist adults with disabilities to achieve and enhance their career choices, leading to decreased dependency on services and increase quality of life.

ARKANSAS AUTISM CONNECTION

Phone: 479-254-1995
Email: arkansasautismconnection.com
Address: 1005 Beau Terre Drive, Suite 308 Bentonville, Arkansas 72712

Service Provided:

We offer early intervention services, autism consultation for area schools, parent/caregiver education, case management, and personal assistance. Arkansas Autism Connection currently provides one-to-one Applied Behavior Analysis outpatient services.

ARKANSAS REGIONAL THERAPY SERVICES

Phone: 479-957-4595
Contact: Tara Call
Email: regionaltherapy@aol.com
Address: 2758 E. Millennium Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72703

Service Provided:

Speech therapy: clinicians trained in ABA, RDI, TEACCH, Floortime and social skills with 15 years experience. Social skills groups, counseling services.

CENTER FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DISORDERS

Phone: 479-439-4666
Email: info@centerforautism.com
Address: 911 S.E. 28th Street, Suite 5, Bentonville, AR 72712

Service Provided:

ABA Therapy for children, teens, and adults. Assessments. Professional Training.

CHILDREN'S THERAPY TEAM - BENTONVILLE

Phone: 479-254-4044
Email: referral@childrenstherapyteam.com
Website: www.childrenstherapyteam.com
Address: 103 SE 22nd Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

Service Provided:

Children's Therapy TEAM provides occupational therapy, speech therapy, developmental therapy and physical therapy. Services are provided at TEAM's clinics, in schools and preschools as well as in home-based settings. After school enrichment programs provide opportunities for children to improve their functional social skills while exploring visual arts, acting and modified gymnastics. TEAM's Family Support Staff offers advocacy at IEP meetings, funding expertise and ABA referrals.

CHILDREN'S THERAPY TEAM - FAYETTEVILLE

Phone: 479-521-8326

Email: referral@childrenstherapyteam.com
Website: www.childrenstherapyteam.com
Address: 2474 East Joyce Blvd, Suite 2 Fayetteville, AR 72703

Service Provided:

Children's Therapy TEAM provides occupational therapy, speech therapy, developmental therapy and physical therapy. Services are provided at TEAM's clinics, in schools and preschools as well as in home-based settings. After school enrichment programs provide opportunities for children to improve their functional social skills while exploring visual arts, acting and modified gymnastics. TEAM's Family Support Staff offers advocacy at IEP meetings, funding expertise and ABA referrals.

DIANNE BAER COUNSELING, LLC

Phone: 479-790-9779
Email: diannebaercounseling@gmail.com
Address: PO Box 10941 Fort Smith, AR 72917, Office Location: 9000 S. Dallas, Fort Smith, AR 72903

Service Provided:

Mental health therapy (**taught special education for 29 years*)

ELIZABETH RICHARDSON CENTER

Phone: 479-872-1800
Contact: Lynne Keller
Email: admin@ercinc.org
Website: www.ercinc.org
Address: Administrative office: 3917 S. Old Missouri Road, Springdale, AR 72764

Service Provided:

Arkansas Autism Adult and Employment Services

Richardson Industries: Participants earn a pay check and learn valuable job skills while they complete light assembly work at ERC's Richardson Industries. They also receive assistance with their job search with the ultimate goal of finding a meaningful job in the community.

Supported Employment: The Supported Employment team assists participants in their job search as well as providing a job coach to help with the transition into a community based position.

Ticket to Work: This federal program is designed to remove many of the employment barriers people with disabilities face, including the concern of losing health care. Under the Ticket to Work program, the Social Security Administration provides disability beneficiaries with a Ticket they may use to obtain the services and jobs they need from a group of organizations called Employment Networks. The Elizabeth Richardson Center is part of this Employment Network and is able to provide employment options in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. Beneficiaries receiving Tickets can contact ERC to discuss services and work together with our Community Employment Team. For more information, please call JoAnn Benson at (479) 601-1084 or (877) 868-6406 or email jbenson@ercinc.org.

Independent Living Options: The Elizabeth Richardson Center offers three group homes in Springdale for adults transitioning into a more independent lifestyle. Each home has ten private rooms with staff and a nurse on-site at all times. A Recreational Therapist

supports the residents as they participate in community outings, sports and recreational events. ERC also offers Waiver services for adults who would like to live independently in their community.

Life Skills Day Program: Life Skills is designed to teach participants how to live independent lives. Skills such as money management, personal hygiene, math and reading skills are taught individually and in small groups. A computer lab is available and leisure activities including drama classes, arts and crafts and a shop class are offered regularly. An exercise room equipped with weights, a treadmill, exercise bicycle and a Nintendo Wii assists in keeping Life Skills participants fit and active.

Arkansas Autism Therapy Services

Services Provided: The Elizabeth Richardson Center has been serving children with disabilities in Northwest Arkansas since 1963. Our five Child Development Centers, located in Fayetteville, Farmington, Huntsville, Springdale and Siloam Springs, offer a full-day developmental program for children from six weeks to five years of age. Each center provides on-site speech, physical and occupational therapy along with an on-site nurse for children with special medical needs. Free developmental screenings are provided. The Elizabeth Richardson Center is one of the oldest non-profit organizations serving Benton, Washington and Madison counties.

EQUESTRIAN ZONE

Phone: 479-970-9379
Email: equestrianzone@suddenlink.net
Address: P.O. Box 282, Russellville, AR 72811

Service Provided:
Hippotherapy- (Physical, Speech or Occupational) and Therapeutic Riding

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CARE, INC.

Phone: 479-967-2322
Contact: Theresa White
Email: whitet@fccare.org
Address: 920 North University Russellville, AR 72802

Service Provided:
Physical, occupational, speech, family therapy, early intervention Assessments, Behavioral Health Services, TEACCH for Autism

FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES

Phone: 479-967-2322
Email: traweeka@fccare.org
Address: P.O. Drawer 2109, Russellville, AR 72811

Service Provided:
At Friendship Pediatric Services, we provide not only Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy, but also specialized classrooms for children on the Autism Spectrum. In those rooms, we provide lower ratios of 1 adult for every 3 children, as well as follow the TEACCH methodologies for classroom set-up and skill development. We provide a language-rich environment to help promote both communication and social skills. We also use assessments such as the ABLLS-R, VB-MAPP, and the M-CHAT to develop plans and monitor progress.

FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - DANVILLE

Phone: 479-495-7332
Email: traweeka@fccare.org
Address: 1401 M Street Danville, AR 72833

Service Provided:

At Friendship Pediatric Services, we provide not only Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy, but also specialized classrooms for children on the Autism Spectrum. In those rooms, we provide lower ratios of 1 adult for every 3 children, as well as follow the TEACCH methodologies for classroom set-up and skill development. We provide a language-rich environment to help promote both communication and social skills. We also use assessments such as the ABLLS-R, VB-MAPP, and the M-CHAT to develop plans and monitor progress.

FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - LOWELL

Phone: 479-770-0744
Email: traweeka@fccare.org
Address: 212 South Lincoln Ste. A&D Lowell, AR 72745

Service Provided:

At Friendship Pediatric Services, we provide not only Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy, but also specialized classrooms for children on the Autism Spectrum. In those rooms, we provide lower ratios of 1 adult for every 3 children, as well as follow the TEACCH methodologies for classroom set-up and skill development. We provide a language-rich environment to help promote both communication and social skills. We also use assessments such as the ABLLS-R, VB-MAPP, and the M-CHAT to develop plans and monitor progress.

FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - MARSHALL

Phone: 870-448-5976
Email: traweeka@fccare.org
Address: 502 HWY. 27 South, Marshall, AR 72560

Service Provided:

At Friendship Pediatric Services, we provide not only Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy, but also specialized classrooms for children on the Autism Spectrum. In those rooms, we provide lower ratios of 1 adult for every 3 children, as well as follow the TEACCH methodologies for classroom set-up and skill development. We provide a language-rich environment to help promote both communication and social skills. We also use assessments such as the ABLLS-R, VB-MAPP, and the M-CHAT to develop plans and monitor progress.

FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - OZARK

Phone: 479-667-1127
Email: traweeka@fccare.org
Address: 100 South 30th Street, Suite B, Ozark, AR 72949

Service Provided:

At Friendship Pediatric Services, we provide not only Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy, but also specialized classrooms for children on the Autism Spectrum. In those rooms, we provide lower ratios of 1 adult for every 3 children, as well as follow the TEACCH methodologies for classroom set-up and skill development. We provide a

language-rich environment to help promote both communication and social skills. We also use assessments such as the ABLLS-R, VB-MAPP, and the M-CHAT to develop plans and monitor progress.

FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - POTTSVILLE

Phone: 479-890-6858
Email: traweeka@fccare.org
Address: 6924 State Road 247, Pottsville, AR 72858

Service Provided:

At Friendship Pediatric Services, we provide not only Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy, but also specialized classrooms for children on the Autism Spectrum. In those rooms, we provide lower ratios of 1 adult for every 3 children, as well as follow the TEACCH methodologies for classroom set-up and skill development. We provide a language-rich environment to help promote both communication and social skills. We also use assessments such as the ABLLS-R, VB-MAPP, and the M-CHAT to develop plans and monitor progress.

FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - RUSSELLVILLE

Phone: 479-967-2316
Email: traweeka@fccare.org
Address: 1301 Russell Road, Russellville, AR 72802

Service Provided:

At Friendship Pediatric Services, we provide not only Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy, but also specialized classrooms for children on the Autism Spectrum. In those rooms, we provide lower ratios of 1 adult for every 3 children, as well as follow the TEACCH methodologies for classroom set-up and skill development. We provide a language-rich environment to help promote both communication and social skills. We also use assessments such as the ABLLS-R, VB-MAPP, and the M-CHAT to develop plans and monitor progress.

FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - RUSSELLVILLE

Phone: 479-967-2316
Email: traweeka@fccare.org
Address: 1301 Russell Road, Russellville, AR 72802

Service Provided:

At Friendship Pediatric Services, we provide not only Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy, but also specialized classrooms for children on the Autism Spectrum. In those rooms, we provide lower ratios of 1 adult for every 3 children, as well as follow the TEACCH methodologies for classroom set-up and skill development. We provide a language-rich environment to help promote both communication and social skills. We also use assessments such as the ABLLS-R, VB-MAPP, and the M-CHAT to develop plans and monitor progress.

FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - SILOAM SPRINGS 1

Phone: 479-524-2456
Email: traweeka@fccare.org
Address: 918 South Mount Olive, Siloam Springs, AR 72801

Service Provided:

At Friendship Pediatric Services, we provide not only Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy, but also specialized classrooms for children on the Autism Spectrum. In those rooms, we provide lower ratios of 1 adult for every 3 children, as well as follow the TEACCH methodologies for classroom set-up and skill development. We provide a language-rich environment to help promote both communication and social skills. We also use assessments such as the ABLLS-R, VB-MAPP, and the M-CHAT to develop plans and monitor progress.

FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - SILOAM SPRINGS 2

Phone: 479-549-3528
Email: traweeka@fccare.org
Address: 920 South Carl Street Build 4 Ste. 2, Siloam Springs, AR 72801

Service Provided:

At Friendship Pediatric Services, we provide not only Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy, but also specialized classrooms for children on the Autism Spectrum. In those rooms, we provide lower ratios of 1 adult for every 3 children, as well as follow the TEACCH methodologies for classroom set-up and skill development. We provide a language-rich environment to help promote both communication and social skills. We also use assessments such as the ABLLS-R, VB-MAPP, and the M-CHAT to develop plans and monitor progress.

FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - WEST FORK

Phone: 479-968-5039
Email: traweeka@fccare.org
Address: 272 Schhol Street, West Fork AR 72801

Service Provided:

At Friendship Pediatric Services, we provide not only Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy, but also specialized classrooms for children on the Autism Spectrum. In those rooms, we provide lower ratios of 1 adult for every 3 children, as well as follow the TEACCH methodologies for classroom set-up and skill development. We provide a language-rich environment to help promote both communication and social skills. We also use assessments such as the ABLLS-R, VB-MAPP, and the M-CHAT to develop plans and monitor progress.

THE GREGORY KISTLER TREATMENT CENTER, INC.

Phone: 479-785-4677
Contact: Jennifer Kistler, Executive Director
Email: jkistler@kistlercenter.org
Website: www.Kistlercenter.org
Address: 3304 South M Street Fort Smith, AR 72903

Service Provided:

Out-patient occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech-language therapy for children birth to 21 years of age.

In conjunction with the Arkansas Autism Partnership (AAP), the Kistler Center is a provider of Autism Waiver services. This is a statewide intensive intervention program for young children between the ages of 18 months and 7 years with a confirmed

diagnosis of autism. One-to-one intervention is provided in the home for 20 to 30 hours per week. This program is designed to improve the child's skills in the area of communication, socialization, self-care, and behavior. A child must be accepted into the program by AAP.

HOPE 4 AUTISM

Phone: 479-926-4673
Email: Sheila.Barnes@Hope4Autism.us
Address: 641 Highway 71 North, Suite 5, Alma, Arkansas 72921

Service Provided:

Applied Behavior Analysis by BCBA-D, BCBA, and RBT (including all practices from the National Autism Center's Evidence Based Practice and Autism in the Schools, 2011 and the National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorder's Evidence-Based Practices for Children, Youth, and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder such as PRT, DTT, Antecedent Based Interventions, NCR, Differential Reinforcement, Prompting, and other ABA approaches).

HORSES FOR HEALING

Phone: 479-759-0570
Email: info@horsesforhealingnwa.org
Address: 14673 Daniels Rd. Bentonville, AR 72712

Service Provided:

Horses for Healing is a premier accredited center with PATH, International. Therapeutic riding lessons are provided to children with special needs, (we define as 2-20), including many who have autism spectrum disorders

JARVIS PEDIATRIC THERAPY, INC.

Phone: 479-750-7778
Contact: Wendy Jarvis
Email: jarvispediatric@sbcglobal.net
Address: 2070 McKenzie St, Suite C Springdale, AR 72762

Service Provided:

Out-patient physical therapy, occupation therapy and speech therapies

KIDS UNLIMITED LEARNING ACADEMY - FARMINGTON

Phone: 479-300-6400
Email: shellykeller@mymiraclekids.com
Address: 120 Southwinds, Suite 2, Farmington, AR, 72730

Service Provided:

Educational/Classroom Intervention, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychological/Development Testing, nursing services

KIDS UNLIMITED LEARNING ACADEMY - HACKETT

Phone: 479-638-7400
Email: shellykeller@mymiraclekids.com
Address: 103 Choctaw Hackett, AR 72937

Service Provided:

Educational/Classroom Intervention, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychological/Development Testing, nursing services

NORTHWEST PEDIATRIC THERAPY

Phone: 479-521-7337
Contact: Lynn Center
Email: nwpediatrictherapy@sbcglobal.net
Address: 2580 E Joyce Blv. Suite 12 Fayetteville, AR 72703

Service Provided:

We provide pediatric speech therapy services to children birth-21 months of age. We are an Arkansas Early Intervention Provider, and we accept Arkansas Medicaid. AR Kids A, AR Kids B, Blue Cross Blue Shield and other private insurances.

THE GRACE SCHOOL (NORTHWEST ARKANSAS CENTER FOR AUTISM AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES)

Phone: 479-871-7994
Contact: Beth McKee
Email: beth.mckee@nwacenterforautism.com or
Ryanlawson@nwacenterforautism.com
Address: 2458 E. Joyce Blvd. Fayetteville, AR 72703

Service Provided:

Clinic: Treatment is provided in a 1:1 clinic setting with opportunities to engage with peers in small groups throughout the day. Students may attend a year round full day program 5 days a week (6 hours) or a half day program 5 days a week (4 hours). Sessions are based on availability and the students need, there is no age restriction for students eligible for the clinic. Based on your child's individual needs and learning style, the Clinic Director designs a unique treatment program that uses evidence based treatments derived from the principles and methods of Applied Behavior Analysis and Verbal Behavior. These may include: discrete trial teaching, pivotal response treatment, natural environment teaching, incidental teaching, direct instruction, social skills development, behavior reduction strategies and more, using these methods, treatment can improve communication, social, intellectual, and play skills. Services can also help with daily living skills, such as sleeping through the night and potty training. Children must also learn to generalize the new skills, that is, to perform them not just with their therapist, but for anyone in all appropriate situations. Each child's program is designed to promote generalization by teaching skills with a team of therapists, including children's first teachers, their parents.

The Grace School: The school program offers a year round center-based full- day program (6 hours) to students ages 6-18 with autism, learning disabilities, ADHD, and other developmental disabilities in a classroom based atmosphere. The goal of the program is to help each student achieve his or her full potential. Programming often includes goals in communication, academics, social skills, self-help skills, and the promotion of adaptive behavior. The philosophy of the school is to employ effective and efficient research based teaching strategies to support the success of the learner. Teaching practices such as precision teaching, direct instruction, self-management, discrete trial teaching, and video modeling are utilized to support each student's success. Monthly parent training is an integral part of treatment.

*****Training:** The Center and The Grace School acknowledge the importance of ongoing staff training to ensure quality services. Staff receive training with scholars

in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis, Direct Instruction, and Precision Teaching. The Grace School staff have received training and consultation with Michael Maloney, author of the Teach Your Children Well curriculum as well as Kent Johnson, proprietor of The Morningside Model of Generative Instruction.

OPEN DOORS ABA SERVICES, LLC/CAMILE LENDERMAN, MS, BCBA

Phone: 479-747-7055
Email: odas@arkansas.net
Website: www.opendoorsabaservices.com
Address: PO Box 11491 Russellville, AR 72812
2426 West Main St. Suite A, Russellville, AR 72801

Service Provided:

Applied Behavior Analysis: Verbal Behavior, Social Skills, Toileting Skills and other Domestic Skills, Positive Reinforcement with Acoustical Signals, Community Based Skills, Transitioning to New Environments, Natural Environment Training, Discrete Trial Training

Assessment: VBMAPP, ABLLS-R, Functional Behavior Assessment/Analysis

Consultation and Training in School Setting or Other Agency

Direct Services in the home setting or community setting

PEDIATRIC PLUS

Phone: 479-890-5494
Contact: Kara Elmore
Email: russellville@pediatricsplus.com, kelmore@pediatricsplus.com
Website: www.pediatricsplus.com
Address: 301 N Sidney, Russellville, AR 72802

Service Provided:

Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Therapy, Physical Therapy, Developmental Preschool, Learning and Diagnostic Center, Autism, Early Intervention, Community Connections, and Research

Description:

Pediatrics Plus is a specialized pediatric healthcare provider. We are committed to helping your child succeed in all stages of life through evidence-based therapy, state of the art facilities, specialized equipment, educational interventions based on proven research, family support, and community investment.

Pediatrics Plus outpatient therapy provides occupational, physical, and speech language therapy. Our therapists provide a comprehensive evaluation focused on the specific needs of your child and family and develop an individualized treatment plan based on those needs.

Pediatrics Plus developmental preschool offers specialty sensory classrooms comprised of an excellent, well-trained staff that operates under the supervision of ABA trained occupational therapists certified in RDI and in the process of obtaining BCBA certifications. Our autism classrooms offer low teacher to student ratios, low stimulation environment, structured curriculum, small group instruction, individualized visual schedules and transitional cues.

PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING ASSOCIATES

Phone: 479-443-5575

Contact: Lavonna Latta
Email: llatta@pca-nwa.com
Address: 1 W. Sunbridge Dr. Fayetteville, AR 72703

Service Provided:

Individual and family therapy as well as medication management for the majority of mental health disorders including, but not limited to, Autism Spectrum Disorders, OCD, ADHD, PTSD, anxiety, depression, and relationship issues. Also a full scope of psychological testing.

RECOVERY ZONE

Phone: 479-968-1198
Contact: Jodie Kusturin - Director
Email: rzdirector@centurytel.net
Address: Physical: 1915 W Main St. Russellville, AR 72801
Mailing: 500 East 3rd Street Russellville, AR 72801

Service Provided:

Developmental therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy

STEPPING STONE SCHOOL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN, INC.

Phone: 479-632-3813
Email: twilson@steppingstonearkansas.com
Address: P.O. Box 2389 Alma, AR 72921, 1036 Hwy 64 East Alma, AR 72921

Service Provided:

Preschool services, Jobs plus – Vocational services, Cedar Ridge – Residential services, Medicaid waiver services, personal care services, occupational therapy and speech therapy.

SUNSHINE SCHOOL AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Phone: 479-636-3190 X 118 and 479-636-3190 X 126 Fax: 479-636-4587
Email: Cyndi.bilyeu@nwasunshineschool.org
leighkate.ochieng@nwasunshineschool.org
adminasst@nwasunshineschool.org
Address: 3400 Woods Lane, Rogers, AR 72756

Service Provided:

Day Habilitation Services, Occupational, Speech, Physical, and Developmental Therapies; Arkansas Autism Waiver; regular waiver services for adults.

THRIVE AUTISM SOLUTIONS

Phone: 479-802-4798
Contact: Jennifer Kirby, Raelynn Hillhouse
Email: kirbyj@ThriveASD.org
Address: 1310 W. Walnut St., Ste. A Rogers, AR 72756

Service Provided:

A CARF accredited organization, Thrive Autism Solutions delivers Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy to children 24 months to 21 years old. All therapy is overseen by Board Certified Behavior Analysts.

Kids have no limits. Thrive Autism Solutions is a science-based organization that not only collects data, but applies it, improving the functioning of children, families and our

company. Using evidence-based interventions, we optimize a child's potential and increase his families' happiness, one celebrated step at a time.

This is our mission and we are zealous about it. We believe it. We live it. It's the reason Thrive Autism Solutions exists.

Thrive Autism Solutions' core values shape our actions at all times:

- Give hope through knowledge;
- Create fun and happiness;
- Be passionate and determined;
- Learn from everyone and everything;
- Celebrate growth and success;
- Set standards for integrity; and
- Apply science--make data-based decisions.

And we do all of this because of our cornerstone value: kids have no limits. Every one of us is here because we passionately believe that kids have the capacity to learn, grow and thrive.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SPEECH AND HEARING CLINIC

Phone: 479-575-4509
Website: <http://cdis.uark.edu/spcl.php>
Address: 606 N. Razorback Road Fayetteville, AR 72701

Service Provided:

Evaluation and treatment of communication disorders for children and adults. Evaluation and treatment sessions are conducted by university graduate students in the program in Communication Disorders under the direct supervision of licensed/certified audiologists and speech-language pathologists on the program faculty and staff.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COOPERATIVES

CROWLEY'S RIDGE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

Phone: 870-578-0310
Contact: Kandie Morrison
Email: cmorrison@crmail.k12.ar.us
Website: <http://crowleys.cpsc.k12.ar.us>
Address: 1606 Pine Grove Lane, Harrisburg Arkansas 72432

Service Provided:

The 3-5 Early Childhood Program takes responsibility for coordinating efforts within the region to develop and establish programs providing special education and related services to identified preschool aged children (3-5 years) with developmental delays. The program collaborates in planning with the LEAs and superintendents in their districts for implementing activities to ensure the identification of eligible children. Provides services to such children in accordance with individual educational plans developed for children with the least restrictive environment being the primary concern.

NORTHCENTRAL ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 870-368-7955
Contact: Dr. Gerald Cooper - Director
Email: gerald.cooper@northcentral.k12.ar.us
Address: 99 Haley Street, Melbourne, AR 72556

Service Provided:

Early Childhood Special Education Services are activities designed to enhance the development of the preschool child and provide experiences in one or more of the following areas: talking, seeing, hearing, learning, walking behavior. The following services are provided as needed at no cost to the family: screening, evaluation, preschool special education instruction, speech/language therapy, physical/occupational therapy, and other appropriate services.

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

Phone: 870-886-3212
Contact: Mandy Durham
Email: mdurham@nea.k12.ar.us
Website: nea.k12.ar.us
Address: 211 West Hickory, Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

Service Provided:

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districts for implementing activities to ensure the identification of eligible children. Provides services to such children in accordance with individual educational plans developed for children with the least restrictive environment being the primary concern.

WILBUR D. MILLS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 501-882-3852
Email: jwilliams@wilbur.k12.ar.us
Address: P.O. Box 850, Beebe, AR 72012

Service Provided:

The goal of the WDMESC Early Childhood Special Education Program is to locate, identify, and evaluate three, four, and five-year-old children with developmental delays and to provide special education services until they transition to kindergarten. These services are provided free to the parent/guardian in the four-county area of White, Woodruff, Lonoke and Prairie Counties. The Early Childhood Staff works closely with school districts, head start programs, day care facilities, and parents in these counties in order to meet the goal of the program.

AUTISM SERVICES

FOCUS, INC.

Phone: 870-935-2750
Email: rhafer@focusinc.org
Address: Main office - 504 Flint Street, Jonesboro AR 72401

Service Provided:

Focus, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization helping children and adults with disabilities in Arkansas. Our programs consists of Autism Waiver (between the ages of 18 months and 5 years); Arkansas Medicaid Waiver Program (Case Management and Integrated Supports); Early Childhood; Adult Development; Transportation Program

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUPS

AUTISM ASSOCIATION OF NORTHEAST ARKANSAS (AANE)

Phone: 870-336-2786
Contact: Aimee McDonald
Email: info@aanea.org
Address: 1702 Stone Street, Ste. A, Jonesboro, AR 72401

Service Provided:

AANE provides help, information, resources and events for the local communities affected by all forms of autism. Stipend and Grant programs are also available to send local families and educators to conferences that are offered outside Northeast Arkansas and for other qualifying services with which families might need assistance. AANE also has a library which people can come and browse through the selection of movies or books and can also check them out like a library. AANE is proud to be serving the parents, teachers, professionals, and children of the following Arkansas counties: Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Independence, Jackson, Lawrence, Lee, Poinsett, Randolph, Sharp, and St. Francis.

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

FOCUS EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM (FOCUS INC.) - BLYTHEVILLE

Phone: 870-763-2390
Email: mhill@focusinc.org
Address: 1202 S. Division Blytheville, AR 72315

Service Provided:

Early intervention program for children with developmental disabilities that includes language development, instruction in cognitive skills, math, art, gross and fine motor skills, Better Chance Program and provides speech, physical and occupational therapies

FOCUS EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM (FOCUS INC.) - OSCEOLA

Phone: 870-563-0199
Email: lheard@focusinc.org
Address: 447 S. Country Club Road Osceola, AR 72370

Service Provided:

Early intervention program for children with developmental disabilities that includes language development, instruction in cognitive skills, math, art, gross and fine motor skills, Better Chance Program and provides speech, physical and occupational therapies

UAMS/KIDS FIRST PROGRAM - MOUNTAIN VIEW

Phone: 870-269-2110
Contact: Erin Bright, Co-Adminstrator / Sandra Withers, Co-Administrator
Email: brighterinc@uams.edu / witherssandra@uams.edu
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/kidsfirst/>
Address: 1810 Ozarka College Dr., Mountain View, AR 72560

Service Provided:

- **Developmental Assessment and Early Intervention:** A developmental evaluation to highlight the child's strengths and needs and determine a plan of action for meeting developmental milestones.
- **Nutrition Services:** Assessment and consultation, therapeutic diets, and menu development.
- Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy
- **Medical and Registered Nurses:** A clinical coordinator will monitor and communicate the child's health needs to everyone involved with the child's care. All services at KIDS FIRST are provided under the direction of one of our medical directors, a faculty member of the UAMS Department of Pediatrics.
- **Social Work Services:** As part of a child's treatment team, social workers provide continued support and advocacy throughout the child's tenure in the program.
- **Project Nurture-Infant Mental Health:** Project that provides guidance for staff and families in working with infants/toddlers to promote and support optimal social-emotional development during the first three years of life.
- **Behavioral Consultation:** Incorporating the clinic staff and the child's family in the child's behavioral treatment plan so that each child is surrounded by encouragement in all of their living environments. Board Certified Behavioral Analyst on staff.

Services at **KIDS FIRST** clinics are tailored to meet the individual needs of children and families. Health monitoring, preventative health care, developmental intervention,



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Master of Education in Special Education

This master's program prepares teachers to work with students with disabilities. It is delivered via the Internet, allowing for the opportunity to pursue educational goals at a time and place that fits individual schedules. The practicum course takes place in the public schools.

36 credit hours, GRE required

Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis

This certificate program offers a coursework sequence that has been pre-approved by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board™, as well as the opportunity to enroll in practicums for the completion of supervision hours. The courses align with the current course requirements set forth by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board™.

18 credit hours, GRE required

Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders

This certificate program will enable current teachers and education professionals to gain much needed information and skills that will translate into a positive impact on the education of students with autism spectrum disorders.

15 credit hours, GRE required

Application deadlines

Spring *December 1*

Summer *April 15*

Fall *Aug. 1*

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positive early relationships, therapeutic services, and family centered-care are the core of the KIDS FIRST program.

UAMS/KIDS FIRST PROGRAM - NEWPORT

Phone: 870-523-2124
Contact: Erin Bright, Co-Administrator / Sandra Withers, Co-Administrator
Email: brighterinc@uams.edu / witherssandra@uams.edu
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/kidsfirst/>
Address: 221 Lindley , Newport, AR 72112

Service Provided:

- **Developmental Assessment and Early Intervention:** A developmental evaluation to highlight the child's strengths and needs and determine a plan of action for meeting developmental milestones.
- **Nutrition Services:** Assessment and consultation, therapeutic diets, and menu development.
- Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy
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UAMS/KIDS FIRST PROGRAM - POCAHONTAS

Phone: 870-892-0027
Contact: Erin Bright, Co-Administrator / Sandra Withers, Co-Administrator
Email: brighterinc@uams.edu / witherssandra@uams.edu
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/kidsfirst/>
Address: 410 Camp Road, Pocahontas, AR 72455

Service Provided:

- **Developmental Assessment and Early Intervention:** A developmental evaluation to highlight the child's strengths and needs and determine a plan of action for meeting developmental milestones.
- **Nutrition Services:** Assessment and consultation, therapeutic diets, and menu development.
- Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy
- **Medical and Registered Nurses:** A clinical coordinator will monitor and communicate the child's health needs to everyone involved with the child's care. All services at KIDS FIRST are provided under the direction of one of our medical directors, a faculty member of the UAMS Department of Pediatrics.
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UAMS/KIDS FIRST PROGRAM - SEARCY

Phone: 501-305-3305
Contact: Erin Bright, Co-Administrator / Sandra Withers, Co-Administrator
Email: brighterinc@uams.edu / witherssandra@uams.edu
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/kidsfirst/>
Address: 118 Central Avenue, Searcy, AR 72143

Service Provided:

- **Developmental Assessment and Early Intervention:** A developmental evaluation to highlight the child's strengths and needs and determine a plan of action for meeting developmental milestones.
- **Nutrition Services:** Assessment and consultation, therapeutic diets, and menu development.
- Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy
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EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES - BATESVILLE FIELD OFFICE

Phone: 870-793-4153
Contact: District Manager: Kimberly Clayborn
Email: Kimberly.clayborn@arkansas.gov
Address: 111 N. 12th Street, Batesville, AR 725012

Service Provided:

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division assists persons with disabilities so they are empowered to become employed. Arkansas Rehabilitation Services help individuals

focus on ABILITY rather than DISABILITY. ARS provides a number of services such as: Transition Services for students finishing high school; Services for those with special communications needs such as the deaf and hearing impaired; Specialized assessment and treatment; Vocational training at Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI); Educational and vocational training; and job placement.

ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES - JONESBORO FIELD OFFICE

Phone: 870-972-0025
Contact: District Manager: Kimberly Clayborn
Email: Kimberly.clayborn@arkansas.gov
Address: 2920 Longview Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72401

Service Provided:

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division assists persons with disabilities so they are empowered to become employed. Arkansas Rehabilitation Services help individuals focus on ABILITY rather than DISABILITY. ARS provides a number of services such as: Transition Services for students finishing high school; Services for those with special communications needs such as the deaf and hearing impaired; Specialized assessment and treatment; Vocational training at Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI); Educational and vocational training; and job placement.

ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES - SEARCY FIELD OFFICE

Phone: 501-268-4542
Contact: Phyllis Seaton
Email: Kimberly.clayborn@arkansas.gov
Address: 501 West Arch Street, Searcy, AR 72143

Service Provided:

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division assists persons with disabilities so they are empowered to become employed. Arkansas Rehabilitation Services help individuals focus on ABILITY rather than DISABILITY. ARS provides a number of services such as: Transition Services for students finishing high school; Services for those with special communications needs such as the deaf and hearing impaired; Specialized assessment and treatment; Vocational training at Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI); Educational and vocational training; and job placement.

OTHER

COBALT - COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT - EAST ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S CLINIC (*Diagnostic and screening*)

Phone: 870-699-0880
Contact: Curt Patton, MD
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/specialties/developmental-pediatrics/cobalt-program>
Address: 901 Holiday Drive, Forrest City, AR 72335

Service Provided:

Comprehensive diagnostic assessments, early intervention services, and family support.

COBALT - COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT - MOUNTAIN VIEW CLINIC (*Diagnostic and screening*)

Phone: 479-394-7301
Contact: Ron Beckel, MD
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/specialties/developmental-pediatrics/cobalt-program>
Address: 1102 Crestwood Circle, Mena, AR 71953

Service Provided:

Comprehensive diagnostic assessments, early intervention services, and family support.

COBALT - COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT - OZARK MEDICAL PEDIATRIC CLINIC (*Diagnostic and screening*)

Phone: 501-745-3388
Contact: Holly Hink, APN
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/specialties/developmental-pediatrics/cobalt-program>
Address: 2526 Highway 65 S., Clinton, AR 72301

Service Provided:

Comprehensive diagnostic assessments, early intervention services, and family support.

COBALT - COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT - THE CHILDREN'S CLINIC (*Diagnostic and screening*)

Phone: 870-935-6012
Contact: David Matthews, MD / Jane Sneed, MD
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/specialties/developmental-pediatrics/cobalt-program>
Address: 800 S. Church Suite 400, Jonesboro, AR 72401

Service Provided:

Comprehensive diagnostic assessments, early intervention services, and family support.

THERAPY SERVICES

COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL SERVICES / YAN LONG, MS, BCBA

Phone: 870-503-2072
Contact: Yan Long
Email: cbsmemphis@gmail.com
Address: 1702 Stone Street Suite A, Jonesboro, AR 72401

Service Provided:

Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy (ABA therapy)

JONESBORO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Phone: 870-932-4043
Contact: Forrest Steele – Superintendent, Melody Robinson - Admissions
Email: ann.marie.hatcher@dhs.arkansas.gov
Address: 4701 Colony Dr, Jonesboro, AR 72404

Service Provided:

24 Hour total care facility for people (adults) with developmental disabilities. We have on staff a speech therapist, as well as a physical therapist. An occupational therapist is a contract employee. We serve several of our residents who are diagnosed with autism.

KIDS UNLIMITED LEARNING ACADEMY

Phone: 501-268-3400
Contact: Shelly Decker
Email: shellykeller@mymiraclekids.com
Address: 501 East Race Street, Searcy, AR, 72143

Service Provided:

Educational/Classroom Intervention, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychological/Development Testing, nursing services

MIRACLE KIDS SUCCESS ACADEMY

Phone: 870-932-3600
Email: shellytucker@mymiraclekids.com
Address: 1900 Stillwater Dr. Jonesboro, AR 72404

Service Provided:

Educational/Classroom intervention, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychological/Development Testing

MONROE COUNTY HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Phone: 870-734-1155
Contact: Mary Harlin
Email: maryharlin@hotmail.com
Address: 1116 N New York, Brinkley, Arkansas 72021

Service Provided:

Habilitation, Speech, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Preschool, School-Age

THE LEARNING CENTER

Phone: 870-932-4245
Fax: 870-931-4457
Contact: Barbara Pitcock – Director, Sara Tinsley – Coordinator of Children’s Services
Email: stinsley@tlcnea.com, bpitcock@tlcnea.com cwilkes@tlcnea.com
Address: 2808 Fox Meadow, Jonesboro, AR 72404

Service Provided:

Day Habilitation/Preschool_5 days a week, 7:30-3:30, Speech/Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, one on one intervention strategies provided by technicians supervised by BCBA, including: Evidence based teaching strategies such as Pivotal Response Training, Visual schedules, and Discrete trail training (DTT) as outlined in the STAR program, positive behavior support, Natural Environment Training (NET) , Verbal Behavior training and PECS. We also provide children enrolled in our program with Augmentative Communication Device Assessments and partner with Mid-South Health to provide other assessments to children with characteristics of ASD.

ADULT AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

FIRST STEP - HOT SPRINGS

Phone: 501-624-6468
Contact: Leigh Ann VanGorder
Email: firststep@fstep.org
Website: <http://www.firststeparkansas.com/>
Address: 407 Carson Street PO Box Hot Springs, AR 71914

Service Provided:

- Children services-Early intervention, developmental treatment and school-age developmental treatment programs
- Adult services-various programs and services, day program, supported employment and residential living

FIRST STEP - MALVERN

Phone: 501-337-7622
Website: <http://www.firststeparkansas.com/>
Address: 1625 South Main Street Malvern, AR 72104

Service Provided:

- Children services-Early intervention, developmental treatment and school-age developmental treatment programs
- Adult services-various programs and services, day program, supported employment and residential living

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF ARKANSAS

Phone: 501-492-5550 / 501-372-5100
Contact: Tenille Hunter
Email: thunter@goodwillar.org
Website: www.goodwillar.org
Address: 7400 Scott Hamilton, Little Rock, AR 72209

Service Provided:

Vocational and job placement program that will allow individuals with autism the opportunity to identify their strengths, learn new skills, and prepare to find a productive niche in the workforce and in their communities.

INDEPENDENT CASE MANAGEMENT, INC.

Phone: 501-228-0063
Contact: Cindy Alberding
Email: LR.office@icm-inc.org, cindy.alberding@icm-inc.org
Address: 13310 Kanis Rd Little Rock, AR 72115

Service Provided:

- Case Management
- Consultation
- Respite
- Supported Living
- Medical Supplies
- Adaptive Equipment

- Environmental Modifications
- Personal Care
- Supported Employment
- Day support Program

We also provide autism waiver supports.

PARTNERS FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES - U OF A

Phone: 1-800-342-2923
Contact: David Deer - Director
Email: partners@uark.edu, deere@uark.edu
Address: UA Mann Building 322 Main Street, Suite 501 Little Rock, AR 72201

Service Provided:

Community based training and technical assistance on a wide variety of topics, provides research and evaluation services to social service organizations, provides interdisciplinary training to graduate students

ADVOCATES

ARKANSAS ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Phone: 501-371-9678
Email: connect@aradvocates.org
Website: http://www.aradvocates.org/
Address: Union Station, Suite 306 1400 West Markham Little Rock, AR 72201

Service Provided:

Provide support for children and families to attain resources and opportunities to lead healthy and productive lives, gather and analyze data to support public policy

ARKANSAS DISABILITY COALITION (ADC)

Phone: 501-614-7020, Fax: 501-614-9082
Contact: Wanda Horton
Email: adcinfo@adcpti.org, wanda.horton@adcpti.org
Address: 1501 N. University Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72204

Service Provided:

Parent Training and Information Center: for parents who are seeking a free appropriate public education or 504 services for their child with a disability. Family2Family Health Information Center providing health related resources to parents having children with disabilities.

ARKANSAS GOVERNOR’S DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

Phone: 501-661-2589, 501-682-2897
Contact: Mr. Eric Munson – Director
Email: ddcstaff@dfa.arkansas.gov
Website: www.ddcouncil.org
Address: Room 320, 1515 W Seventh St Little Rock, AR 72201

Service Provided:

Program referrals and information, resource materials and publications, trainings, self-advocacy grants, parent-advocacy grants, transition grants, advocacy

DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER OF ARKANSAS

Phone: 501-296-1775
Email: panda@arkdisabilityrights.org
Address: 1100 N University, Ste. 201 Little Rock, AR 72207

Service Provided:

Information and referral, short term and technical assistance, medication/negotiation, direct representation and legal representation

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COOPERATIVES

ARKANSAS RIVER SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 870-534-6129
Contact: Barbara Warren
Email: warrenb@aresc.k12.ar.us
Address: 912 W 6th St Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Service Provided:

The Early Childhood Special Education Program provides special education services for children with disabilities from 3 to 5 years of age who meet eligibility under Public Law 99-457. Early Childhood Special Education Services are provided in a manner which meet the individual developmental/educational needs of each child, which may include screening, evaluation, speech/language therapy, direct or consulting developmental instruction, counseling, physical therapy, and occupational therapy.

AUTISM SERVICES

ARTISTIK SALON AND SENSORY SAVVY

Phone: 501-249-5190
Email: artistikhairsalon@gmail.com
Address: 1102 W. South St. Ste.13 Benton, AR 72015

Service Provided:

Salon Services for children and adults with special needs/Sensory store with therapy aids, developmental toys

AUTISM MULTI-SPECIALTY CLINIC

Phone: 501-364-5465
Contact: Marie Tippett
Email: mltpett@uams.edu
Website: <http://www.archildrens.org/Services/Autism-Multispecialty-Clinic.aspx>
<http://www.arkansasautismalliance.org/>
Address: 13 Children's Way, Slot 512-41B, Little Rock, AR 72202

Service Provided:

The Autism Multispecialty clinic (AMC) provides comprehensive medical evaluations for possible underlying biological causes of autistic behavior and mannerisms and provides target treatments to try and address these underlying abnormalities through medical intervention in hopes of improving biological function and in turn improve behavior. The AMC also provides a wide range of research opportunities to parents for their children

to enroll to further the science and understanding of the causes of and best practices for treating Autism Spectrum Disorders. Interested families are encouraged to contact the clinic at the number listed above and/or to go to www.arkansasautismalliance.org and complete the research registry form in order to be contacted for possible research opportunities that may pave the way for new and improved innovative treatments for autism.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Phone: 501-733-1627
Email: Courtney@CommunityConnectionsAR.org
Address: 2740 College Avenue, Conway, AR 72034

Service Provided:

Community Connections' Autism Resource Center of Arkansas offers:

- Parent Consultations
- Camp Connect (Summer Day Camp)
- The Young Adults with Autism/Other Disabilities Group
- An Autism Resource Guide
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CORNERSTONE ABA SERVICES

Phone: 501-940-4435
Email: CornerstoneABAServices@gmail.com
Website: CornerstoneABA.com
Address: 505 Amity, Suite 504, Conway AR 72032

Service Provided:

Cornerstone ABA Services provides individualized Applied Behavior Analysis services. Services are provided in home and clinic settings based on the needs of the child.

DDS CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Phone: 501-682-2277, 501-682-8687
Contact: Tracy Harris – Assistant Director
Email: Iris.Goacher@dhs.arkansas.gov, Tracy.Turner@dhs.arkansas.gov
Address: PO Box 1437, Slot S-380, Little Rock, AR 72203-1437(Title V);
PO Box 1437, Slot N-504, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437 (First Connections)

Service Provided:

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INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES, INC.

Phone: 501-327-5234
Email: lisa@indliving.org
Address: P. O. Box 1070, Conway, AR 72033

Service Provided:

Specialized day services for individuals with autism. Sensory therapy (OT,SLP, PT) with specialized nutrition counseling. Specialized vestibular activities provided (Autism diet) Squeeze machine on premises.

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Contact: David Deer - Director
Email: partners@uark.edu, deere@uark.edu
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Service Provided:

Community based training and technical assistance on a wide variety of topics, provides research and evaluation services to social service organizations, provides interdisciplinary training to graduate students

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUPS

ARKANSAS AUTISM RESOURCE AND OUTREACH CENTER (AAROC)

Phone: 501-454-8542
Contact: Dianna D. Varady
Email: ddvarady@uark.edu
Address: 322 main Street, Suite 501 Little Rock, AR 722015

Service Provided:

Information & referral services to assist families with identifying available services, understanding eligibility criteria, and completing necessary paperwork; technical assistance to families with questions on topics such as school issues, IEPs, private insurance coverage, Medicaid services, post-secondary options, behavioral challenges, etc.; seminars and conferences for parents, therapists, educators, and health care professionals; family & parent workshops; legislative advocacy and participation on the Legislative Task Force on Autism; awareness activities and Family Fun events

ARKANSAS PROMISE

Phone: 855-649-0022
Contact: Philip Adams, Project Director or Cathy Fox, Program Specialist
Email: promisear@uark.org
Website: www.promisear.org
Address: 322 Main Street, Suite 501 Little Rock, AR 72201

Service Provided:

Arkansas PROMISE is a research project open to youth ages 14 to 16 who currently receive SSI benefits. For 1000 youth, PROMISE will provide additional services to youth and their families to support their education and career goals. Services include: Intensive case management, two paid competitive work experiences, education and employment training and support for youth and families, health and wellness training, and benefits counseling.

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THE ACADEMY AT RIVERDALE

Phone: 501-663-6965
Contact: Timothy H. Thomas
Email: Timothy@academyatriverville.com
Website: www.academyatriverville.com
Address: 1600 Riverfront Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72202-3157

Service Provided:

Outpatient therapy services in Speech, Occupation and Physical Therapy.

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

ARKANSAS AUTISM PARTNERSHIP (AAP)

Phone: 1-800-342-2923
Contact: Karan Burnette
Email: kbburnet@uark.edu, abradley@supports.org
Website: <http://www.firststeparkansas.com/>
Address: 322 Main Street, Suite 501, Little Rock, AR 72201

Service Provided:

In-home Medicaid waiver services for children between 18 months and 7 years diagnosed with ASD by a physician, psychologist and speech-language pathologist. Services include 20- 25 hours per week of evidence-based intervention as outlined in an individualized treatment plan developed for the child. Parental presence and participation is required as a condition of the program. Services are limited to 3 years and must be initiated prior to the child's 5th birthday.

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FIRST CONNECTIONS ARKANSAS EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

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Contact: Tracy Turner
Email: Tracy.Turner@dhs.arkansas.gov, iris.goacher@dhs.arkansas.gov
Address: PO Box 1437, Slot N-504, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437

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SAMMIE GAIL SANDERS CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER / AEDD

Phone: 501-666-0246
Contact: Mary Giles
Email: mary.giles@aeddinc.org
Address: 105 E. Roosevelt Rd. Little Rock, AR 72206

Service Provided:

Early Intervention, Developmental Day Treatment Clinic Services, Early Childhood, Transportation, Nursing, Evaluations, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Child Care, Nutrition Services

UAMS / KIDS FIRST PROGRAM - LITTLE ROCK

Phone: 501-526-8770
Contact: Robyn Wessels, Clinic Director
Email: rewessels@uams.edu
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/kidsfirst/>
Address: 333 Executive Court, Little Rock, AR 72205

Service Provided:

- **Developmental Assessment and Early Intervention:** A developmental evaluation to highlight the child's strengths and needs and determine a plan of action for meeting developmental milestones.
- **Nutrition Services:** Assessment and consultation, therapeutic diets, and menu development.
• Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy
- **Medical and Registered Nurses:** A clinical coordinator will monitor and communicate the child's health needs to everyone involved with the child's care. All services at KIDS FIRST are provided under the direction of one of our medical directors, a faculty member of the UAMS Department of Pediatrics.
- **Social Work Services:** As part of a child's treatment team, social workers provide continued support and advocacy throughout the child's tenure in the program.
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UAMS / KIDS FIRST PROGRAM - MORRILTON

Phone: 870-269-2110
Contact: Erin Bright, Co-Administrator / Sandra Withers, Co-Administrator
Email: brighterinc@uams.edu / witherssandra@uams.edu
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/kidsfirst/>
Address: 1810 Ozarka College Dr., Mountain View, AR 72560

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Email: brighterinc@uams.edu / wITHERSSANDRAL@uams.edu
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/kidsfirst/>
Address: 3450 34th Street, Pine Bluff, AR 71603

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LEISURE / AFTER SCHOOL / SUMMER CAMPS

BEST BUDDIES ARKANSAS

Phone: 501-975-1040
Contact: Dr. Angela Kremers
Email: angelakremers@bestbuddies.org
Website: www.bestbuddiesarkansas.org
Address: 10310 W. Markham St., Suite 211, Little Rock, AR 72205

Service Provided:

Best Buddies Arkansas provides school friendship programs matching students with intellectual and developmental disabilities with nondisabled peers through school Best Buddies chapters. Students commit to one-to-one friendships for at least one academic year. Chapter officers receive leadership training along with the chapter buddy director who attend a national leadership conference each year. As Best Buddies expands in Arkansas, future programs can include a citizens program for adults and a jobs program.

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Young Adults Group

The Conway Young Adults with Autism Group exists to provide individuals aged 15-25 an opportunity to come together and socialize with people who share similar experiences. This group meets to socialize, form friendships, engage in activities, and enjoy outings together! This group meets the first Saturday of the month from 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Faulkner County Library in Conway. For more information, contact Tommy Brown at (501) 514-2817 or tommybrowncc@gmail.com.

Autism Resource Guide

Our Autism Resource Guide is an easy-to-read manual for families who have a child recently diagnosed with an ASD, or who have recently moved to the state of Arkansas. This handbook addresses financial aid, therapy interventions, school services, and much more. Download the resource guide at www.communityconnectionsar.org.

Educational/Support Workshops

We offer a fall and spring educational/support workshops covering various topics related to raising a child with autism/related disorders. We welcome recommendations on topics that would help you in your walk with a child with ASD. Information on the spring workshop will be coming soon.

Resource Library

Community Connections has over 100 books/dvds available to check out, free of charge. We will mail materials anywhere in the state & do take recommendations for additions to the library. A list of materials can be viewed at www.communityconnectionar.org. To check out a book, or for more information, please contact Courtney at Courtney@CommunityConnectionsAR.org.

In addition to our Autism Resource Center, Community Connections also provides free extra-curricular activities for children with special needs. Our programs include soccer, art, football, theater, golf, cheerleading, music, and martial arts.

MIRACLE LEAGUE OF ARKANSAS

Phone: 501-940-3405
Email: miracleleaguear@yahoo.com
Webside: www.miracleleaguear.com
Address: PO Box 7372 Little Rock, Ar. 72217

Service Provided:

Baseball league for children and adults who have a disability.

Please note: Project Connect will publish evidence based autism services only along with traditional therapies (speech and occupational therapy) and uses the National Autism Center's Evidence Based Practices Resource guide to establish evidence base.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ARKANSAS (SOAR)

Phone: 501-771-0222
Contact: Camie Powell
Email: camie@specialolympicsarkansas.org
Webside: <http://www.specialolympicsarkansas.org/athletes.html>
Address: 2115 Main Street North Little Rock AR, 72114

Service Provided:

Special Olympics:

Special Olympics Arkansas (SOAR) operates in all counties across the State. SOAR offers year-round sports training and competition in 20 different sports free of charge to adults and children with intellectual disabilities, to include autism. Special Olympics Arkansas also offers free Health Screenings, leadership training and additional opportunities for Adults and children with Autism to participate in throughout the year. SOAR offers a positive environment where athletes gain confidence, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and begin lifelong friendships.

More information to become an athlete:

<http://www.specialolympicsarkansas.org/athletes.html>

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

PATHFINDER ACADEMY

Phone: 501-259-8736 extension 1504
Contact: Lindsey McDaniel
Email: lindsey.mcdaniel@pathfinderinc.org
Webside: <http://www.pathfinderinc.org/pfacad.htm>
Address: 2611 West Main Street, Jacksonville AR 72076 (physical address)
P.O. Box 647, Jacksonville AR 72078 (Mailing address)

Service Provided:

- Year round Special Education services for middle and high school students
- On-site therapy services for enrolled students (physical, speech, and occupational therapies along with mental health services on an as needed basis) - Parent support and education for parents of enrolled students
- Transition services including spending time on-site and training staff at the transition site specific to the needs for a transitioning student if transferring into a Pathfinder Adult program
- Frequent trips into the community to work on community skills

THE ACADEMY AT RIVERDALE

Phone: 501-663-6965
Contact: Timothy H. Thomas
Email: Timothy@academyatrivertdale.com
Website: www.academyatrivertdale.com
Address: 1600 Riverfront Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72202-3157

Service Provided:

Outpatient therapy services in Speech, Occupation and Physical Therapy.

OTHER

ABA+THERAPY, LLC (*Parent Training, Home Modification Consulting*)

Phone: 501-952-9142
Contact: Sara Smith, BCBA, OTR/L
Email: iabaplustherapy@gmail.com
Website: www.abaplustherapy.com
Address: 1818 N Taylor St Suite B #226, Little Rock, AR 72207

Service Provided:

Applied behavior analysis, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech language therapy. Services are provided in home and school settings.

AUTISM MULTI-SPECIALTY CLINIC (*Diagnostic and Screening Services*)

Phone: 501-364-5465
Contact: Marie Tippett
Email: mltippett@uams.edu
Website: <http://www.archildren.org/Services/Autism-Multispecialty-Clinic.aspx>
<http://www.arkansasautismalliance.org/>
Address: 13 Children's Way, Slot 512-41B, Little Rock, AR 72202

Service Provided:

The Autism Multispecialty clinic (AMC) provides comprehensive medical evaluations for possible underlying biological causes of autistic behavior and mannerisms and provides target treatments to try and address these underlying abnormalities through medical intervention in hopes of improving biological function and in turn improve behavior. The AMC also provides a wide range of research opportunities to parents for their children to enroll to further the science and understanding of the causes of and best practices for treating Autism Spectrum Disorders. Interested families are encouraged to contact the clinic at the number listed above and/or to go to www.arkansasautismalliance.org and complete the research registry form in order to be contacted for possible research opportunities that may pave the way for new and improved innovative treatments for autism.

BEST BUDDIES ARKANSAS (*School Friendship Programs*)

Phone: 501-975-1040
Contact: Dr. Angela Kremers
Email: angelakremers@bestbuddies.org
Website: www.bestbuddiesarkansas.org
Address: 10310 W. Markham St., Suite 211, Little Rock, AR 72205

Service Provided:

Best Buddies Arkansas provides school friendship programs matching students with intellectual and developmental disabilities with nondisabled peers through school Best Buddies chapters. Students commit to one-to-one friendships for at least one academic year. Chapter officers receive leadership training along with the chapter buddy director who attend a national leadership conference each year. As Best Buddies expands in Arkansas, future programs can include a citizens program for adults and a jobs program.

ESTATE PLANNERS OF ARKANSAS, P.A. (Legal Services)

Phone: 501-414-8965
Contact: Margaret R. Ward
Email: estateplanners@att.net
Website: www.estateplannersofarkansas.com
Address: 2504 McCain Blvd, Suite 224, N. Little Rock, AR 72116

Service Provided:

Estate planning (will, trusts, special needs trusts, probate, asset protection)

UALR BOWEN SCHOOL OF LAW (Mediation Services)

Phone: 501-324-9939
Email: tkell@ualr.edu
Address: 1201 McMath Ave, Little Rock, AR 72202

Service Provided:

Under the Arkansas Special Education Mediation Project and the Arkansas Early Intervention Mediation Project, mediation is available to parents and school professionals free of charge. Facilitated Individualized Education Plan meetings are also available. Please see our website for more information.

UAMS/ACH - JAMES L. DENNIS DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

(Developmental Pediatric Evaluation Clinic)

Phone: 501-364-5402
Contact: Michelle Sparling
Email: MLsparling@uams.edu
Website: www.arpediatrics.org/clinicalprograms/dennis-developmental-center
Address: 1301 Wolfe Street Little Rock, AR 72202
(corner of Wolf and 13th on ACH campus)

Service Provided:

Assessment of developmental conditions that result in delayed milestones, difficulty with social interactions/communication, learning problems and difficulties with attention and hyperactivity/impulsivity. Primarily a diagnostic clinic for children ages 12 years and younger, however, neuropsychological testing is also available for most pediatric and adolescent patients, if needed. Limited availability for feeding and behavioral therapy (specific to those with ADHD and autism). ***Please note that we do not offer psychiatric services; no psychiatrist on staff.**

THERAPY SERVICES

ABA+THERAPY, LLC

Phone: 501-952-9142
Contact: Sara Smith, BCBA, OTR/L
Email: iabaplustherapy@gmail.com
Website: www.abaplustherapy.com
Address: 1818 N Taylor St Suite B #226, Little Rock, AR 72207

Service Provided:

Applied behavior analysis, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech language therapy. Services are provided in home and school settings.

ABOUT PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, PLLC

Phone: 501-868-4900, 501-868-4901 (fax)
Contact: Angela K Etchison, MS, LPEI
Email: angela@aboundpsych.com
Address: 16623 Cantrell Road, Suite 1B, Little Rock, AR 72223

Service Provided:

Comprehensive psychological assessment of autism spectrum disorders as well as other developmental or psychological issues.

Individual, family, group therapy (cognitive-behavioral therapeutic approach – may be integrated with family systems, solution-focused and play therapy techniques. Trauma Focused-CBT also provided where appropriate).

ACCESS

Phone: 501-217-8600
Contact: Beth Rice, Kellie Wilhite
Email: info@accessgroupinc.org
Website: www.AccessGroupInc.org
Address: 10618 Breckenridge Dr. , Little Rock, AR 72211

Service Provided:

Psychological and Psycho-educational evaluations; therapy evaluations; speech, physical and occupational therapy (including feeding and sensory integration therapy); preschool, academy, academic therapy (specialized tutoring), pragmatics, young adults day program, UAMS Project SEARCH young adults vocational program

ACCESS is a 501c3 nonprofit offering evaluation services, full-time education, therapy, training and activities for individuals ages 0-35 with language and learning disabilities. Founded in 1994, the center comprises ACCESS Preschool; ACCESS Academy; ACCESS Therapy; ACCESS Academic Therapy (specialized tutoring); ACCESS Life (a young adults day program); and the ACCESS Evaluation and Resource Center. In 2013, the organization launched the UAMS Project SEARCH® program, a yearlong, on-the-job internship program for young adults with developmental disabilities.

ALLIED THERAPY & CONSULTING SERVICES, P.A.

Phone: 501-941-5630
Contact: Stacey McMinn

Email: smcminn@allied-therapy.com
Address: 1500 Wilson Loop Drive, P.O. Box 333, Ward, AR 72176 and
5532 JFK Blv., North Little Rock, AR 72120

Service Provided:

Physical, Occupational, Speech, & Developmental Therapies, Hippotherapy, Astronaut Training, Therapeutic Listening, Sensory Feeding, Sensory Diets, Sensory "Bootcamp", Aquatics, ABA Therapy, & "Mothers' Day Out" Programming for socialization of clients and preparation of attending school

ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S THERAPY GROUP

Phone: 501-241-0410, Fax: 501-241-0125
Contact: Quinn Fountain, Rachel Stickney
Email: actg@att.net
Address: 2701 T P White Drive, Jacksonville, AR, 72076

Service Provided:

Arkansas Children's Therapy Group is a therapist-owned outpatient therapy clinic in Jacksonville, Arkansas. We provide Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapies to children and families in the central Arkansas area. ACTG has been successful in changing children's lives for over nine years. Our mission is to enhance the lives of the children we serve and the families who love them by providing a fun, nurturing and supportive therapeutic environment. We have built a strong therapy team consisting of some of the most well trained and highly motivated Speech, Occupational, and Physical therapists in the state. We make a difference. One family at a time.

AUTISM MULTI-SPECIALTY CLINIC

Phone: 501-364-5465
Contact: Marie Tippet
Email: mltippet@uams.edu
Website: <http://www.archildrens.org/Services/Autism-Multispecialty-Clinic.aspx>
<http://www.arkansasautismalliance.org/>
Address: 13 Children's Way, Slot 512-41B, Little Rock, AR 72202

Service Provided:

The Autism Multispecialty clinic (AMC) provides comprehensive medical evaluations for possible underlying biological causes of autistic behavior and mannerisms and provides target treatments to try and address these underlying abnormalities through medical intervention in hopes of improving biological function and in turn improve behavior. The AMC also provides a wide range of research opportunities to parents for their children to enroll to further the science and understanding of the causes of and best practices for treating Autism Spectrum Disorders. Interested families are encouraged to contact the clinic at the number listed above and/or to go to www.arkansasautismalliance.org and complete the research registry form in order to be contacted for possible research opportunities that may pave the way for new and improved innovative treatments for autism.

BEYOND BOUNDARIES

Phone: 501-941-1522
Email: beyondboundarie@centurytel.net OR bboundaries@allied-therapy.com
Address: 2195 Peyton/Hwy. 319, Ward, AR 72176

Service Provided:

Our facility provides both therapeutic riding and hippotherapy services. . Hippotherapy is a treatment strategy utilized by licensed speech, occupational and physical therapists using the horse as an actual therapy aid. The horse is the only animal whose pelvic movement mimics that of a human. Due to the multidimensional movement created by the horse which is rhythmic and repetitive, the horse provides a foundation and base for our riders to improve balance, trunk control and core strength. The dynamic outdoor environment also makes hippotherapy an ideal tool for children with sensory issues such as autism spectrum disorders. Therapeutic riding instruction is performed by a certified instructor and follows the format of a modified riding lesson taking into consideration safety measures specific to each rider's abilities. Beyond Boundaries is partnered with Allied Therapy who provides licensed therapists all of whom are certified level one hippotherapists.

COBALT - COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT - THE CHILDREN'S CLINIC

Phone: 870-534-6210

Contact: Horace Green, MD

Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/specialties/developmental-pediatrics/cobalt-program>

Address: 1420 W 43rd Ave, Pine Bluff, AR 71603

Service Provided:

Comprehensive diagnostic assessments, early intervention services, and family support.

CORNERSTONE ABA SERVICES

Phone: 501-940-4435

Email: CornerstoneABAServices@gmail.com

Website: CornerstoneABA.com

Address: 505 Amity, Suite 504, Conway AR 72032

Service Provided:

Cornerstone ABA Services provides individualized Applied Behavior Analysis services. Services are provided in home and clinic settings based on the needs of the child.

FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES

Phone: 479-847-9711

Email: traweeka@fccare.org

Address: 908 North Reynolds Road, Bryant, AR 72022

Service Provided:

At Friendship Pediatric Services, we provide not only Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy, but also specialized classrooms for children on the Autism Spectrum. In those rooms, we provide lower ratios of 1 adult for every 3 children, as well as follow the TEACCH methodologies for classroom set-up and skill development. We provide a language-rich environment to help promote both communication and social skills. We also use assessments such as the ABLLS-R, VB-MAPP, and the M-CHAT to develop plans and monitor progress

HARMONY IN HOOVES, INC.

Phone: 501-317-6748

Contact: Shana Rawlings

Email: admin@harmonyinhooves.com
Address: 1300 Jimmy Ln, Benton, AR_72019

Service Provided:

We offer therapeutic horsemanship and riding for children and young adults with special needs. HippoTherapy is also provided through locally certified therapists.

HEARTS AND HOOVES

Phone: 501-834-8509
Contact: Pat White
Email: info@heartssandhooves.com
Address: 2308 Kellogg Acres Rd. Sherwood, AR 72120 9

Service Provided:

- Hippotherapy with OT and PT, horses handled and supervised by trained PATH Instructors with the help of volunteers.
- Therapeutic Riding (group or private lessons) with a PATH International, Certified instructor
- Private lessons with a CTRS (Recreational Therapist) to support therapy goals more comprehensively, during riding instruction.

HELPING HAND LEARNING CENTER

Phone: 501-791-3331
Contact: Julia Washburn
Email: Julia.Washburn@Helpinghandcc.com
Address: 4901 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118

Service Provided:

- Autism Waiver through the Arkansas Autism Partnership
- Occupational, speech and physical therapy
- Developmental therapy and preschool services
- Outpatient therapy up to age 21

HIPPOS AND FISH THERAPY SERVICES

Phone: 501-246-5191
Contact: Stacy Alberson
Email: admin@hipposandfish.com
Address: 304 Sorenson Street North Little Rock, AR 72118

Service Provided:

OT, PT and ST services including hippotherapy, aquatic therapy, canine disabled therapy, school/home/clinic and community based therapy. Specialized therapeutic services and deep pressure programs.

INNOVATIVE BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS SUPPORT SYSTEMS, LLC

Phone: 800-536-4592
Email: info@innovativeaba.com
Address: P.O. Box 241331, Little Rock, AR 72223

Service Provided:

Innovative Behavior Analysis Support Systems, LLC, is a comprehensive full service behavioral consultation and training firm. We specialize in providing behavior analytic

services for children in their homes and schools. Innovative Behavior Analysis Support Systems, LLC, only uses evidence-based behavioral interventions. All behavioral program development is individually tailored to meet the specific needs of our clients.

KIDS UNLIMITED LEARNING ACADEMY

Phone: 501-941-3500
Email: shellykeller@mymiraclekids.com
Address: 2792 S 2nd St. Cabot, AR 72023

Service Provided:

Educational/Classroom Intervention, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychological/Development Testing, nursing services

KIDSOURCE THERAPY

Phone: 501-315-4414
Email: adiehl@Kidsourcetherapy.com
Address: 17706 I-30 Benton, AR 72019

Service Provided:

Developmental, Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy. Sensory and Feeding Therapy and Hippo-therapy.

NASH THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

Phone: 501-231-9962
Contact: Jennifer Nash, BCBA and Chris Nash, LCSW
Email: info@nashtherapy.net
Address: 1920 Main Street Suite 218 North Little Rock, AR 72114

Service Provided:

Provide clinical counseling to youth and families, in-home ABA program design/supervision, and school consultation

ONSITE THERAPIES

Phone: 501-687-2000
Contact: Kim Jones
Email: ccurtis@onsitetherapies.net
Address: 400 Natural Resources Dr. Little Rock, AR 72034

Service Provided:

Speech-Language, Occupational and physical therapies and evaluations Birth 18yrs old

PEDIATRICS PLUS - CONWAY

Phone: 501-329-5459
Contact: Diana Caldwell
Email: conway@pediatricsplus.com
Website: www.pediatricsplus.com
Address: 2740 College Ave, Conway, AR 72034

Service Provided:

Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Therapy, Physical Therapy, Developmental Preschool, Learning and Diagnostic Center, Autism, Early Intervention, Community Connections, and Research

Description:

Pediatrics Plus is a specialized pediatric healthcare provider. We are committed to helping your child succeed in all stages of life through evidence-based therapy, state of the art facilities, specialized equipment, educational interventions based on proven research, family support, and community investment.

Pediatrics Plus outpatient therapy provides occupational, physical, and speech language therapy. Our therapists provide a comprehensive evaluation focused on the specific needs of your child and family and develop an individualized treatment plan based on those needs.

Pediatrics Plus developmental preschool offers specialty sensory classrooms comprised of an excellent, well-trained staff that operates under the supervision of ABA trained occupational therapists certified in RDI and in the process of obtaining BCBA certifications. Our autism classrooms offer low teacher to student ratios, low stimulation environment, structured curriculum, small group instruction, individualized visual schedules and transitional cues.

PEDIATRICS PLUS - LITTLE ROCK

Phone: 501-821-5459

Email: littlerock@pediatricsplus.com

Website: www.pediatricsplus.com

Address: 1900 Aldersgate Road, Little Rock, AR 72205

Service Provided:

Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Therapy, Physical Therapy, Developmental Preschool, Learning and Diagnostic Center, Autism, Early Intervention, Community Connections, and Research

Description:

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PEDIATRICS PLUS - NORTH LITTLE ROCK

Phone: 501-753-5459
Email: nlr@pediatricsplus.com
Website: www.pediatricsplus.com
Address: 2400 Crestwood, Ste. 107, North Little Rock, AR 72116

Service Provided:

Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Therapy, Physical Therapy, Developmental Preschool, Learning and Diagnostic Center, Autism, Early Intervention, Community Connections, and Research

Description:

Pediatrics Plus is a specialized pediatric healthcare provider. We are committed to helping your child succeed in all stages of life through evidence-based therapy, state of the art facilities, specialized equipment, educational interventions based on proven research, family support, and community investment.

Pediatrics Plus outpatient therapy provides occupational, physical, and speech language therapy. Our therapists provide a comprehensive evaluation focused on the specific needs of your child and family and develop an individualized treatment plan based on those needs.

Pediatrics Plus developmental preschool offers specialty sensory classrooms comprised of an excellent, well-trained staff that operates under the supervision of ABA trained occupational therapists certified in RDI and in the process of obtaining BCBA certifications. Our autism classrooms offer low teacher to student ratios, low stimulation environment, structured curriculum, small group instruction, individualized visual schedules and transitional cues.

RESTORED LIFE COUNSELING

Phone: 501-499-8699
Contact: Chrystal McChristian, PhD.
Email: chrystal@restoredlifecounseling.com
Address: 710 S. Country Club R, Conway, AR 72034

Service Provided:

Psychological Assessment, Therapy (behavioral, social skills), Parenting Skills

SAMMIE GAIL SANDERS CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER / AEDD

Phone: 501-666-0246
Contact: Mary Giles
Email: mary.giles@aeddinc.org
Address: 105 E. Roosevelt Rd. Little Rock, AR 72206

Service Provided:

Early Intervention, Developmental Day Treatment Clinic Services, Early Childhood, Transportation, Nursing, Evaluations, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Child Care, Nutrition Services

SUE LYN GREEN, M.A., BCBA

Phone: 318-455-6716
Email: sjohnson.appliedbx@yahoo.com

Address: 9 Lenon Dr. Little Rock, AR 72202

Service Provided:

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services

- Early Childhood Behavioral Intervention (EIBI)
- Discrete Trial Training (DTT)
- Pivotal Response Treatment (PRT)
- Verbal Behavior (VB)
- Home-Based Service (School-Aged Children & Adolescents)

Related Services

- Behavior Consultation – (In-Home or School-Based)
- Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA)
- Skills Assessment – to identify academic areas of strength & concern, target behaviors that impede academic progress and develop data-based and data-driven goals and objectives (e.g. ABLLS-R, VB-MAPP)
- Training – (Staff, Therapists, Educators, Parents)
 - Introduction to ABA
 - Functional Analysis of Behavior
 - Functional Behavior Assessment
 - Behavior Support Plans
 - Discrete-Trial Instructional Procedures
 - Understanding and Using Reinforcement Procedures
 - Overview of Autism and Related Disorders
 - Data Collection and Analysis

THE ACADEMY AT RIVERDALE

Phone: 501-663-6965

Contact: Timothy H. Thomas

Email: Timothy@academyatrivertdale.com

Website: www.academyatrivertdale.com

Address: 1600 Riverfront Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72202-3157

Service Provided:

Outpatient therapy services in Speech, Occupation and Physical Therapy.

THE ALLEN SCHOOL

Phone: 501-664-2961

Email: sara@francisallenschool.com

Address: 824 N Tyler, Little Rock, AR 72205

Service Provided:

At The Allen School, occupational therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy, and special education services are provided to children ages birth to 5 years old. We are also a provider for the AR Medicaid Autism Waiver program.

THERAPY 4 KIDS - CONWAY

Phone: 501-514-3722

Email: info@therapy4kids.net

Website: therapy4kids.net

Address: 306 Salem Conway, AR 72032

Service Provided:

Occupational therapy, Speech therapy, physical therapy

THERAPY 4 KIDS - GREENBRIER

Phone: 501-514-3722

Email: info@therapy4kids.net

Website: therapy4kids.net

Address: 92 S. Broadview/HWY 65, Greenbrier, AR 72058

Service Provided:

Occupational therapy, Speech therapy, physical therapy

UALR PRAGMATICS GROUP/UALR SPEECH AND HEARING CLINIC

Phone: 501-569-3155, 501-569-3156

Contact: Diana Weed

Email: ddweed@uams.edu

Address: UALR Speech and Hearing Clinic, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 2801 S, University Avenue, Little Rock, AR, 72204

Service Provided:

The UALR Pragmatics Groups are provided by the UALR Speech and Hearing Clinic and are designed for children seven to sixteen years of age. One group is for children 7-9 years of age and is offered during the fall and spring terms. Another group is for children 10-12 years of age and is also offered during the fall and spring terms. The Teen Group is for children 13-16 years of age and is offered in the summer term. The program stresses the social use of language during social interactions and social skills are taught in a group setting of six to eight children. The groups are designed to provide a safe yet challenging environment within which a full range of relationship skills and competencies can develop in the context of games and fun activities. Close contact with parents is maintained through weekly letters to help support the social skills the children are working to achieve.

UAMS/ACH - JAMES L. DENNIS DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

Phone: 501-364-5402

Contact: Michelle Sparling

Email: MLsparling@uams.edu

Website: www.arpediatrics.org/clinicalprograms/dennis-developmental-center

Address: 1301 Wolfe Street Little Rock, AR 72202
(corner of Wolf and 13th on ACH campus)

Service Provided:

Assessment of developmental conditions that result in delayed milestones, difficulty with social interactions/communication, learning problems and difficulties with attention and hyperactivity/impulsivity. Primarily a diagnostic clinic for children ages 12 years and younger, however, neuropsychological testing is also available for most pediatric and adolescent patients, if needed. Limited availability for feeding and behavioral therapy (specific to those with ADHD and autism). ***Please note that we do not offer psychiatric services; no psychiatrist on staff.**

ADULT AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

FIRST STEP - FORDYCE

Phone: 870-352-7975
Website: <http://www.firststeparkansas.com/>
Address: 1717 Industrial Drive Fordyce, AR 71742

Service Provided:

- Children services-Early intervention, developmental treatment and school-age developmental treatment programs
- Adult services-various programs and services, day program, supported employment and residential living

FIRST STEP - GLENWOOD

Phone: 870-356-3622
Website: <http://www.firststeparkansas.com/>
Address: 167 South Spur Eight Glenwood, AR 71943

Service Provided:

- Children services-Early intervention, developmental treatment and school-age developmental treatment programs
- Adult services-various programs and services, day program, supported employment and residential living

FIRST STEP - SPARKMAN

Phone: 870-678-2201
Website: <http://www.firststeparkansas.com/>
Address: 213 East Main Sparkman, AR 71763

Service Provided:

- Children services-Early intervention, developmental treatment and school-age developmental treatment programs
- Adult services-various programs and services, day program, supported employment and residential living

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COOPERATIVES

DAWSON EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 870-534-6129
Email: ronw@dawsonesc.com
Address: 711 Clinton Street, Suite 201, Arkadelphia, AR 71923

Service Provided:

The Early Childhood Special Education Program provides special education services for children with disabilities from 3 to 5 years of age who meet eligibility under Public Law 99-457. Early Childhood Special Education Services are provided in a manner which meet the individual developmental/educational needs of each child, which

may include screening, evaluation, speech/language therapy, direct or consulting developmental instruction, counseling, physical therapy, and occupational therapy.

DEQUEEN MENA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE

Phone: 870-386-2251
Contact: Diana Hicks
Email: diana.hicks@dmesc.org
Website: www.dmesc.net
Address: PO Box 110 / 305 S Hornberg Ave, Gillham, AR 71841

Service Provided:

The 3-5 Early Childhood Program takes responsibility for coordinating efforts within the region to develop and establish programs providing special education and related services to identified preschool aged children (3-5 years) with developmental delays. The program collaborates in planning with the LEAs and superintendents in their districts for implementing activities to ensure the identification of eligible children. Provides services to such children in accordance with individual educational plans developed for children with the least restrictive environment being the primary concern.

SOUTH CENTRAL EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 870-836-1600
Email: marsha.daniels@scscoop.org
Address: 2235 California Ave SW, Camden, AR 71701

Service Provided:

The goal of the Early Childhood Department is to identify, locate, and provide services to children ages 3-5 in our co-op area. Children may qualify for services under IDEA or the Arkansas Better Chance/Arkansas Better Chance for School Success programs. Available Services: Hearing Screening, Vision Screening, Speech/Language Screening, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Developmental Instruction in reasoning/thinking skills, large and small muscle skills, self-help skills, social skills and language skills.

SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

Phone: 870-777-3076
Email: phoebe.bailey@swaec.org
Address: 2502 South Main, Hope, AR 71801

Service Provided:

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EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

FIRST STEP - FORDYCE

Phone: 870-352-7975
Website: <http://www.firststeparkansas.com/>
Address: 1717 Industrial Drive Fordyce, AR 71742

Service Provided:

- Children services-Early intervention, developmental treatment and school-age developmental treatment programs
- Adult services-various programs and services, day program, supported employment and residential living

FIRST STEP - GLENWOOD

Phone: 870-356-3622
Website: <http://www.firststeparkansas.com/>
Address: 167 South Spur Eight Glenwood, AR 71943

Service Provided:

- Children services-Early intervention, developmental treatment and school-age developmental treatment programs
- Adult services-various programs and services, day program, supported employment and residential living

FIRST STEP - SPARKMAN

Phone: 870-678-2201
Website: <http://www.firststeparkansas.com/>
Address: 213 East Main Sparkman, AR 71763

Service Provided:

- Children services-Early intervention, developmental treatment and school-age developmental treatment programs
- Adult services-various programs and services, day program, supported employment and residential living

UAMS/KIDS FIRST PROGRAM - MAGNOLIA

Phone: 870-231-1597
Contact: Tommye Doherty, Clinic Director
Email: TGDoherty@uams.edu
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/kidsfirst/>
Address: 301 West Calhoun, Magnolia AR 71753

Service Provided:

- **Developmental Assessment and Early Intervention:** A developmental evaluation to highlight the child's strengths and needs and determine a plan of action for meeting developmental milestones.
- **Nutrition Services:** Assessment and consultation, therapeutic diets, and menu development.
- Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy
- **Medical and Registered Nurses:** A clinical coordinator will monitor and communicate the child's health needs to everyone involved with the child's care. All services at KIDS FIRST are provided under the direction of one of our medical directors, a faculty member of the UAMS Department of Pediatrics.
- **Social Work Services:** As part of a child's treatment team, social workers provide continued support and advocacy throughout the child's tenure in the program.
- **Project Nurture-Infant Mental Health:** Project that provides guidance for staff and families in working with infants/toddlers to promote and support optimal social-emotional development during the first three years of life.
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OTHER

COBALT - COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT- ALL FOR KIDS PEDIATRIC CLINIC *(Diagnostic and screening)*

Phone: 870-779-6120
Contact: Belinda Hutchinson, MD
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/specialties/developmental-pediatrics/cobalt-program>
Address: 300 E 6th Street, Texarkana, AR 71854

Service Provided:

Comprehensive diagnostic assessments, early intervention services, and family support.

COBALT - COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT - EL DORADO CLINIC *(Diagnostic and screening)*

Phone: 870-862-8221
Contact: Robin Ray, MD
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/specialties/developmental-pediatrics/cobalt-program>
Address: 403 W Oak Street #301, El Dorado, AR 71730

Service Provided:

Comprehensive diagnostic assessments, early intervention services, and family support.

THERAPY SERVICES

MILLCREEK OF ARKANSAS

Phone: 870-352-8203 EXT. 202
Email: nathan.chennault@millcreekcenters.com
Address: 1828 Industrial Dr Fordyce, AR 71742

Service Provided:

Individualized therapy, social skills, community interaction, spiritual enrichment, DBT, ABA, medication management, PRTF, residential, ICFIID residential, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech language therapy

ADULT AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

FIRST STEP - HAMBURG

Phone: 870-853-0857
Website: <http://www.firststeparkansas.com/>
Address: 1036 South Main Hamburg, AR 71646

Service Provided:

- Children services-Early intervention, developmental treatment and school-age developmental treatment programs
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ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COOPERATIVES

GREAT RIVERS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

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Service Provided:

The 3-5 Early Childhood Program takes responsibility for coordinating efforts within the region to develop and establish programs providing special education and related services to identified preschool aged children (3-5 years) with developmental delays. The program collaborates in planning with the LEAs and superintendents in their districts for implementing activities to ensure the identification of eligible children. Provides services to such children in accordance with individual educational plans developed for children with the least restrictive environment being the primary concern.

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UAMS/KIDS FIRST PROGRAM - WARREN

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Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/kidsfirst/>
Address: 206 North Bragg, Warren, AR 71671

Service Provided:

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GLOSSARY

Academic Interventions - the use of traditional teaching methods to improve academic performance.

Adapted Physical Education (APE) – a program that provides instruction to meet individual student needs in the development of motor skills, physical fitness, and self-image.

Advocate – a person that works for the rights and needed services of a disabled individual. That person can be the parent, guardian, or a professional.

Antecedent Based Intervention - Modification of situational events that typically precede the occurrence of a target behavior.

Assessment – an assessment provides an accurate and thorough understanding of a child’s strengths and weaknesses. There are several tests used to determine cognition/developmental levels, social and emotional skills, sensory regulation, motor skills, behavior, play/leisure activities, pre-academic/academic skills, self-help, independent living skills, pre-vocational/vocational skills, and community based skills. The results of the assessment are integrated into the IFSP and IEP.

Assessment Team – a team that gathers information for decision-making. In addition to parents, this team can include a Psychologist, Speech Therapist, Adapted Physical Education Specialist, Nurse, Family Facilitator, Teacher and Administrator.

Augmentative & Alternative Communication Device - use of a high or low tech device to assist with communication.

Behavioral Package - Interventions designed to reduce problem behavior and teach functional alternative behaviors or skills through the application of basic principles of behavior change.

Case Manager – the primary person responsible for coordinating a child’s services; works in partnership with the family and providers of special programs.

Child Find - A federal program that requires states to actively identify children, birth to age 21, with developmental disabilities or who are at risk for developmental disabilities, focusing on individuals not enrolled in school programs.

- Cognitive/Cognition** – term that describes the mental process people use for remembering, reasoning, understanding, and using judgment.
- Cognitive Behavioral Intervention** - Instruction on management or control of thoughts that lead to changes in behavior
- Comprehensive Behavioral Treatment for Young Children** - a combination of applied behavior analytic procedures that are delivered to young children.
- Curriculum** – a master teaching plan in which the specific features reflect the skills, tasks, and behaviors that a school or program has decided are important for children to acquire.
- Developmental Relationship-based Treatment** - a combination of procedures based on developmental theory and emphasizes the importance of building social relationships (e.g. the Denver Model, Relationship Development Intervention, Responsive Teaching).
- Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, 5th edition (DSM-V)** – Most recent version of the American Psychological Association’s classification and description of all mental health disorders for children and adults.
- Differential reinforcement** – providing a desirable consequence only for an appropriate replacement behavior and withholding a consequence for an undesired behavior that results in a reduction
- Discrete Trial Training (DTI)** – specific training procedures based on principles of applied behavior analyses that simplify learning into small segments that a child can more easily master. This form of therapy can be beneficial in eliminating unwanted behaviors as well as encouraging positive behaviors.
- Due Process** – a legal statement that certain principles and practices exist and must be respected in order to ensure that each child is treated in a manner that guarantees his/her rights to equal education opportunities.
- Early Intervention** – program or services designed to identify and treat a developmental problem as early as possible, usually before the age of 3.
- Echolalia** - the immediate or delayed involuntary repetition of words or phrases just spoken by others.
- Evaluation** – a way of collecting information about a student’s learning needs, strengths, and interests. An evaluation is part of the process of determining whether a student qualifies for special education programs and services.

- Exercise Intervention** - involves increasing physical exertion as a means of reducing problem behaviors and increasing appropriate behaviors.
- Exposure Package** - increasingly exposing an individual with ASD to anxiety-provoking situations and preventing the use of maladaptive strategies.
- Expressive Language** – what is said or written to communicate an idea or a question.
- Extinction** - withdrawal or removal of a consequence that maintains a challenging behavior that results in its reduction. Typically used with differential reinforcement, functional behavior assessment, and/or functional communication training.
- Facilitated Communication** - involves having a facilitator support the arm/hand of an individual with limited communication skills as they use a communication board or typing device.
- Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** - Federal law that protects the privacy and transfer of student education records.
- Fine Motor** – in physical development, the use of the small muscles of the body, especially the hands and fingers.
- Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA)** - process for collecting data on the child's behaviors and the environment in order to determine the possible causes of the problem behavior and to identify specific strategies to address those behaviors.
- Functional Communication Training (FCT)** – Teaching an individual to use an appropriate communicative behavior that serves the same purpose as the challenging behavior. Typically used with functional behavior assessment, extinction, and differential reinforcement.
- Gluten- and Casein-Free Diet** - the elimination of one's intake of naturally occurring proteins gluten and casein.
- Gross Motor** – in physical development, the use of the large muscles of the body for activities such as running, climbing, throwing and jumping.
- Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA)** - Federal regulation outlining the confidentiality and protection of medical records.
- Home Visit** – the visit of an intervention staff member to a child's home to talk with the parents about their child's school progress, IEP; demonstrate activities and share ideas and materials.

Imitation-based Interaction - relies on adults imitating the actions of the individual with ASD.

Inclusion – the placement of students with disabilities in classrooms with typically developing students of the same age. Full inclusion has two central features: moving students with disabilities into regular education classrooms and sending special education support services into those same classrooms.

Individualized Education Program (IEP) – an IEP outlines your child’s unique education plan by defining broad goals and specific objectives for the school year, the services needed to implement those goals and objectives, and a method of evaluating your child’s progress. The IEP must include a report of the child’s present academic and non-academic performance, a statement of annual goals which may be reasonably accomplished within the next 12 months, and the specific special educational instruction and related services required to achieve the goals by the child.

Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) – an IFSP is a written plan for providing early intervention services to eligible children and their families. It must include a statement of the infant or toddler’s present levels of physical development including hearing, vision and health status. The IFSP must include a statement of the specific early intervention services necessary to meet the unique needs of the child and family to achieve identified goals.

Initiation Training - directly teaching individuals with ASD to initiate interactions with their peers.

Interdisciplinary – a term which describes professionals who work jointly with the child in the same environment but each work within their “defined roles”. Each staff member fulfills designated responsibilities. Group decisions and recommendations may occur but the staff roles determine who carries out those recommendations.

Intervention – design for changing an individual’s behavioral, educational, medical or health status or a change in the program itself. Joint Attention Intervention - involves building foundational skills involved in regulating the behavior of others (ex. pointing and eye gaze).

Language – a structured system of symbols, spoken or written, used in interpersonal communication. There are four major components of language. (1) Phonology describes how to put sounds together to form words. (2) Syntax describes how to put words together to form sentences. (3) Semantics describes how to interpret the meaning of words and

sentences. (4) Pragmatics describes how to participate in a conversation, how to sequence sentences, and how to anticipate the information needed by the listener.

Language Training (Production) - Interventions with the primary goal of speech production.

Language Training (Production and Understanding) - Interventions with the goal increasing of speech production and understanding of communicative acts.

Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) – placement or program that can best meet the individual student’s needs and which does so with a minimum loss of contact with regular programs. The intent is to place the child with exceptional needs in a program as close to a regular school program as possible.

Mainstreaming – refers to the placement of children with handicaps into educational programs for and with normally developing children.

Modeling - relies on an adult or peer providing a demonstration of the target behavior that should result in an imitation of the target behavior by the individual with ASD.

Multi-component Package - uses a combination of multiple treatment procedures from different theoretical orientations.

Naturalistic Intervention* - using primarily child-directed interactions to teach functional skills in the natural environment.

Occupational Therapy (OT) – a therapy or treatment provided by an occupational therapist that helps individual development or physical skills that will aid in daily living. It focuses on sensory integration, coordination of movement, and on fine motor and self-help skills, such as dressing and eating with utensils.

Parent-implemented instruction and intervention - parents provide individual skill instruction with their child after receiving structured training on how to promote skill acquisition and reduce interfering behaviors.

Peer-mediated Instruction & Intervention - interventions that target academic, communication, or social skills by involving same-aged peers in the learning process.

Perception – the process of organizing or interpreting the information obtained through the five senses.

Physical Therapy (PT) – services provided by trained physical therapists, in the general area of motor performance, to help the person improve the use of bones, muscles, joints and nerves.

Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) - utilization of a specific augmentative and alternative communication system designed to teach functional communication.

Pivotal Response Training (PRT) - focuses on targeting pivotal areas of behavior (i.e. social communication, self-management), parental involvement in delivery of intervention, and delivery in natural environment.

Placement – unique combination of facilities, personnel, location and equipment necessary to provide instructional services to an individual with exceptional needs as specified in the IEP.

Prompting – Physical, visual, or verbal assistance to increase the likelihood that an individual performs a correct response

Public Law 94-142 – The Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, is a federal law that mandates and affirms the right of all children to a free and appropriate public education.

Public Law 99-457 – an amendment to P.L. 94-142 passed in 1986, which requires states to provide a free and appropriate public education to all children ages 3-5. The amendment also provides funds for states to offer programs and services to infants and children (ages birth through 2 yrs.) with disabilities.

Receptive Language – language that is spoken or written by others and received by the individual. Receptive language skills are listening and reading.

Reductive Package - interventions that rely on strategies designed to reduce problem behaviors with no effort to increase appropriate alternatives.

Reinforcement - an event that occurs after a response (whether natural or programmed) that results in an increased likelihood of the response in the future.

Resource Teacher – a specialist responsible for coordinating curriculum, consulting with teachers concerning all aspects of classroom management, and providing program information to site offices and staff. The resource teacher also maintains class rosters and arranges placement of students.

Response Interruption and Redirection – Inserting a prompt, comment, or when an individual is engaging in interfering behavior in order to direct their attention to another verbal or motor response.

Schedules - involves presenting a visual (e.g., pictures, printed words, or both) that indicates the activities of the day or individual steps of a multi-step task.

Scripting - an intervention in which a verbal/written script is developed that serves as a model for the individual with ASD.

Self-Management - promotes independence by teaching individuals with ASD to regulate their behavior.

Sensory Integrative Package - establishing an environment that stimulates or challenges the individual to effectively use all of their senses as a means of addressing overstimulation or understimulation from the environment.

Sign Instruction - interventions that directly teach sign language as a means of communication.

Self-stimulatory Behavior - repetitive, stereotyped, atypical behaviors (e.g. head banging, hand-flapping).

Sensorimotor Integration – term applied to the combination of the input of sensation and the output of motor activity.

Social Communication Intervention - psychosocial intervention that involve targeting a combination of pragmatic communication skills and successfully reading social situations.

Social Narratives - typically a short story that describes the relevant social cues and examples for appropriate social responses. Narratives are written for a variety of social situations and often include visual aids.

Social Skills Training - interventions focusing on building interaction skills in children with ASD by targeting basic responses to complex social skills.

Social Stories™ – personalized, short stories developed and written by teachers, therapists or family members. Social stories utilize the strength as a visual learner that many persons with autism exhibit. They can be used for any situation or concern such as haircuts, sharing, going to the library or making the bed, and gives a handle to the person with autism with which to approach the complex area of social skills.

Special Education – a set of educational programs or services designed to meet the needs of individuals whose special needs cannot be met in the regular classroom.

Speech/Language Therapy – a planned program to improve and correct speech, language, or communication problems.

Story-based Intervention Package - involves a written description of the situations that typically elicit problem behavior.

Structured Teaching - based on the neuropsychological characteristics of individuals with autism, this intervention involves a combination of procedures that rely heavily on the physical organization of a setting, predictable schedules, and individualized use of teaching methods.

Structured play groups – a play group with a clearly defined area, theme, goals and inclusion of peers. The adult leads the group using prompting, scaffolding, and guidance to help participants meet their goals.

Task analysis – a process by which a complex skill is broken down into smaller steps and is systematically prompted and reinforced by an instructor.

Technology-aided instruction and intervention (TAII) - interventions that require the presentation of instructional materials using computers or related technology (NPDC, 2014)

Theory of Mind Training - designed to teach individuals with ASD to recognize and identify mental states in oneself or in others and use that information to predict their actions.

Time delay - a method of prompting in which a specified amount of time elapses between an initial instruction for a response and any additional prompting or instructions

Video modeling - a method of instruction in which the learner watches a video of themselves or another person performing a target skill.

Visual supports - a method of prompting in which a visual aid (e.g., pictures, printed words, 3-D objects, maps, labels, and arrangement of objects or boundaries in the environment) are used to help

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AAC	Augmentative Behavior Communication	IEP	Individualized Education Act
ABA	Applied Behavior Analysis	IFSP	Individualized family Service Plan
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	LEA	Local Education Authority
ADE	Arkansas Department of Education	LRE	Least Restrictive Environment
ADL	Activities of Daily Living	MDT	Multidisciplinary Team
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder	NCLB	No Child Left Behind
AT	Assistive Technology	OT	Occupational Therapy
CEC	Council for Exceptional Children	PBS	Positive Behavior Support
DD	Developmental Disability	PECS	Picture Exchange Communication Program
DSM-V	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition	PRT	Pivotal Response Training
DTT	Discrete Trial Training	PT	Physical Therapy
FAPE	Free and Appropriate Public Education	RTI	Response to Intervention
FERPA	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	SIB	Self-Injurious Behavior
FBA	Functional behavioral Assessment	VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
HIPPA	Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act		
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act		

WEBSITES:

National Autism Center	http://www.nationalautismcenter.org/
The National Professional Development Center on Autism Spectrum Disorders	http://autismpdc.fpg.unc.edu/
Autism Speaks	http://www.autismspeaks.org/
National Autism Association	http://nationalautismassociation.org/
Autism Internet Modules	http://www.autisminternetmodules.org/
Arkansas Disability Coalition	http://www.adcpti.org/



Arkansas Autism Partnership

...putting the “pieces” together for young children with autism

The AAP is the Autism Waiver program for the state of Arkansas. It provides intensive home-based intervention for eligible children diagnosed with ASD who are between the ages of 18 months and 7 years. (Children must enter the program before their 5th birthday). Children receive between 20 and 30 hours per week of one-to-one treatment utilizing evidence-based interventions. There is no cost to the family if the child meets Medicaid eligibility requirements. Since eligibility can be determined based on the CHILD’S income, most children meet financial requirements. Parents are considered an important part of the treatment team and must agree to be present and participate in order to be eligible.

For questions or to receive an application, email Karan Burnette at kbburnet@uark.edu



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