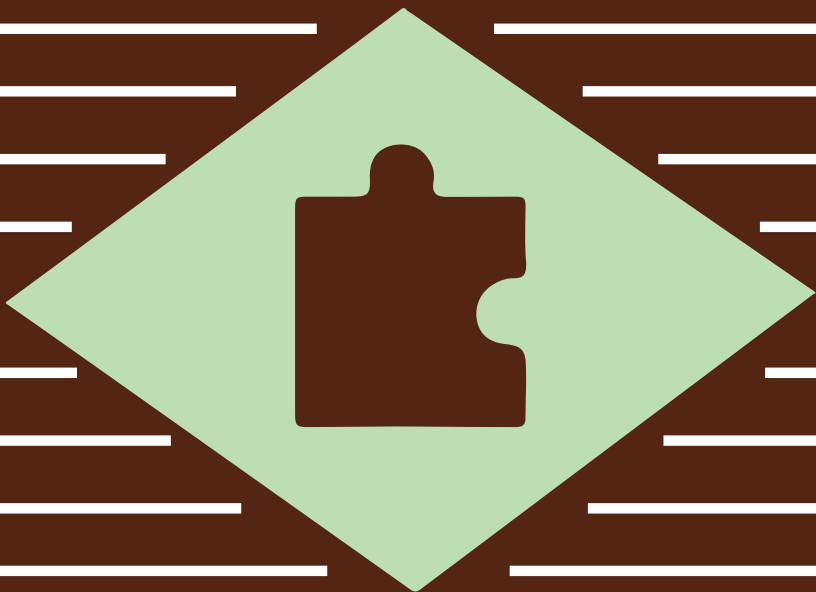


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AUTISM
RESOURCE GUIDE

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.

Peggy J. Schaefer Whitby
Project Connect
Associate Professor
University of Arkansas Fayetteville

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	
Social Communication	Restrictive, Repetitive Behavior
<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)

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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 Program Coordinator for Project Connect at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. She received her Bachelors in Early Childhood Education from Arkansas State University and is currently working on her Master's in Special Education and her Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis at the University of Arkansas. After being a classroom teacher for 12 years she made the decision to follow her passion and return to school in order to help families affected by autism. She currently resides in Springdale with her husband, two sassy girls and a menagerie of pets. 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.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of 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 7 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 30 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 any point in time and currently has a small waiting list. 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
- Plan implementation and monitoring of intervention effectiveness
- 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

Arkansas Act 196 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 cover autism services. Individual plans (an insurance policy purchased by an individual directly from an insurance provider) purchased on or after January 1st, 2014 are also subject to the mandate. Self-insured plans (large employer-sponsored group health plans administered by a third party) are governed by a federal law, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), and are not subject to the Arkansas mandate, but may offer similar autism coverage. 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 care for an individual with ASD that is determined by a licensed physician to be medically necessary and evidence-based.

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.

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:	
Antecedent Package	Peer Training Package
Behavioral Package	Pivotal Response Treatment
Comprehensive Behavioral Treatment	Schedules
Joint Attention Intervention	Self-Management
Modeling	Story Based Intervention Package
Naturalistic Teaching Strategies	
Emerging Treatments for Individuals with ASD:	
Augmentative and Alternative Communication Device	Music Therapy
Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Package	Peer-mediated Instruction Arrangement
Developmental Relationship-based Treatment	Picture Exchange Communication System
Exercise	Reductive Package
Exposure	Scripting
Imitation-based Interaction	Sign Instruction
Initiation Training	Social Communication Intervention
Language Training	Social Skills Package
Language Training (Production and Understanding)	Structure Teaching
Massage/Touch Therapy	Technology-Based Treatment
Multi-component package	Therapy of Mind Training
Un-established Treatments for Individuals with ASD:	
Academic Intervention	Gluten and Casein Free Diet
Auditory Integration Training	Sensory Integrative Package
Facilitated Communication	

Source: National Autism Center, (2011)

The full guide can be found here: http://www.nationalautismcenter.org/pdf/nsp_report_overview.pdf

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	Response Interruption/Redirection	
Discrete Trial Training	Scripting	
Exercise	Self-Management	
Extinction	Social Narratives	
Functional Behavior Assessment	Social Skills Training	
Functional Communication Training	Structured Play Groups	
Modeling	Task Analysis	
Naturalistic Intervention	Technology-Aided Instruction and Intervention	
Parent-Implemented Instruction & Intervention	Time Delay	
Peer-Mediated Instruction and Intervention	Video Modeling	
Picture Exchange Communication System	Visual Supports	
Pivotal Response Training		
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: 479-570-025
- 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.

ARKANSAS AUTISM ADULT AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

REGION: NORTHEAST REGION

ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES BATESVILLE FIELD OFFICE

Phone: 870-793-4153
Contact: District Manager: Kimberly Clayborn
Address: 111 N. 12th Street, Batesville, AR 72501

Services 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
Address: 2920 Longview Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72401

Services 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.

REGION: NORTHWEST REGION

INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC.

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

Services Provided:

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

LIFESTYLES, INC.

Phone: 479-521-3581
Email: bviereck@lifestylesinc.org
Address: 2590 W. Sycamore, PO Box 1114, Fayetteville, AR 72702

Services 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.*

Supported Employment – *assistance with resume development, job search skills, interviewing and continued job success through job coaching; Project Search High School Transition Program.*

Adult Development Services – *College for Living; Project Launch at U of A; Blair Center Art Program.*

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS SKILLS TRAINING CENTER PATHFINDER, INC.

Phone: 479-254-6717

Email: debbie.stripling@pathfinderinc.org

Address: Two locations - 1004 SE 5th Street, Bentonville, AR 72712; 1276 S. Main Street, Cave Springs, AR 72718

Services 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.

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REGION: CENTRAL REGION

ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES SEARCY FIELD OFFICE

Phone: 501-268-4542

Contact: District Manager: Kimberly Clayborn

Address: 501 West Arch Street, Searcy, AR 72143

Services 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.

INDEPENDENT CASE MANAGEMENT (ICM)

Phone: 501-412-1768

Email: brittany.hale@icm-inc.org

Address: 13310 Kanis Rd, Little Rock, AR 72211

Services Provided:

Arkansas Medicaid Waiver - providing intensive, evidence based early intervention (ABA Therapy) for 20 to 30 hours per week in the homes of young children with autism who meet the eligibility criteria.

INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES, INC.

Phone: 501-327-5234

Email: lisa@indliving.org

Address: P. O. Box 1070, Conway, AR 72033

Services 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.

REGION: SOUTHEAST REGION

FIRST STEP-FORDYCE

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

Services 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 - HAMBURG

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

Services 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

Services 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.

REGION: SOUTHWEST REGION

FIRST STEP - GLENWOOD

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

Services 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 - HOT SPRINGS

Phone: 501-624-6468
Website: <http://www.firststeparkansas.com/>
Address: 407 Carson Street PO Box Hot Springs, AR 71914

Services 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

Services 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 AUTISM LEISURE/AFTER SCHOOL/SUMMER CAMPS

REGION: NORTHWEST REGION

EQUESTRIAN ZONE

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

Services Provided:

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

HORSES FOR HEALING

Phone: 479-795-0570
Email: info@horsesforhealingnwa.org
Address: 14673 Daniels Rd., Bentonville, AR 72712

Services Provided:

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

RISING PHOENIX SELF-DEFENSE INC.

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

Services 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.

STRETCH-N-GROW OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS

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

Services 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.

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

Services 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.

REGION: CENTRAL REGION**ARTISTIK SALON AND SENSORY SAVVY**

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

Services Provided:

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

BEYOND BOUNDARIES

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

Services 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.

HARMONY IN HOOVES, INC.

Phone: 501-317-6748
Email: info@harmonyinhooves.com
Address: 1300 Jimmy Ln, Benton, AR 72015

Services 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
Email: info@heartssandhooves.com
Address: 2308 Kellogg Acres Rd., Sherwood, AR 72120

Services Provided:

Hippotherapy with OT and PT, therapeutic riding (group or private lessons) with a PATH International, Certified instructor

MIRACLE LEAGUE OF ARKANSAS

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

Services Provided:

Baseball league for children and adults who have a disability.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ARKANSAS

Phone: 501-771-0222
Email: camie@specialolympicsarkansas.org
Address: 2115 Main Street North Little Rock AR, 72114

Services Provided:

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.

ARKANSAS AUTISM PRIVATE SCHOOLS

REGION: NORTHWEST REGION

THE GRACE SCHOOL

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

Services Provided:

The school program offers a year round center-based full- day program (6 hours) to students ages 6-18 with autism/PDD, ADHD, and other developmental disabilities in a classroom based atmosphere. The goal of the program is to help the person achieve his or her full potential. Programming includes goals in communication, academics, social skills, self-help skills, and the promotion of adaptive behavior. The philosophy of the school is to employ research based teaching strategies to support the success of the learner. Teaching practices such as precision teaching, 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 receives ongoing training and consultation with Michael Maloney, author of the Teach Your Children Well curriculum.

REGION: CENTRAL REGION

ACCESS ACADEMY

Phone: 501-217-8600
Email: info@accessgroupinc.org
Address: 10618 Breckenridge Dr. , Little Rock, AR 72211

Services Provided:

Psychological and Psycho-educational evaluations; therapy evaluations; speech, physical and occupational therapy (including feeding and sensory integration therapy); pre school, 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. ACCESS is online at www.AccessGroupInc.org

REGION: SOUTHEAST REGION

MILLCREEK OF ARKANSAS

Phone: (870) 352-8203 ext. 202
Email: nathan.chennault@millcreekcenters.com
Address: 1810 Industrial Loop Fordyce, AR 71742

Services Provided:

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

ARKANSAS AUTISM SUPPORT GROUPS

REGION: NORTHEAST REGION

AUTISM ASSOCIATION OF NORTHEAST ARKANSAS (AANEA)

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

Services Provided:

AANEA 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. AANEA also has a library which people can come and browse through the selection of books or movies and can also check them out like a library. AANEA 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.

REGION: NORTHWEST REGION

ARKANSAS SUPPORT NETWORK/FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Phone: 479-957-6155
Email: afloyd@supports.org
Address: 6836 Isaacs Orchard Rd., Springdale, AR 72762

Services Provided:

Arkansas Support Network is a provider working within the Arkansas Autism Partnership program providing evidence-based practices under the umbrella of Applied Behavior Analysis.

ARKANSAS SUPPORT NETWORK/NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

Phone: 479-927-4100
Email: cprc@supports.org
Address: 614 E Emma Suite 219, Springdale, AR 72764

Services Provided:

Information and resources via our library, website, internal database, and staff. The 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.

AUTISM INVOLVES ME (AIM)

Contact: Director Paula Towle
Email: paulat@autisminvolvesme.org
Website: www.autisminvolvesme.org
Address: 4 McKissic Creek Road Ste 1404, Bentonville, AR 72712

Services Provided:

Monthly 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.

REGION: CENTRAL REGION

ARKANSAS AUTISM RESOURCE AND OUTREACH CENTER (AAROC)

Phone: 501-454-8542
Email: ddvarady@uark.edu
Address: 322 main Street, Suite 501, Little Rock, AR 72201

Services Provided:

Service Coordination for families, parent training on topics including understanding ASD, IDEA, Arkansas Service System, Positive Behavior Supports, Family Fun Events, Resource library.

ARKANSAS DISABILITY COALITION (ADC)

Phone: 501-614-7020
Email: adcinfo@adcpti.org
Address: 1501 N. University Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72204

Services 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 AUTISM THERAPY SERVICES

REGION: NORTHEAST REGION

ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES JONESBORO FIELD OFFICE

Phone: 870-972-0025
Contact: District Manager: Kimberly Clayborn
Address: 2920 Longview Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72401

Services 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.

COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL SERVICES/YAN LONG, MS, BCBA

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

Services Provided:
Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy (ABA therapy)

FOCUS, INC.

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

Services 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

JONESBORO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Phone: 870-932-4043
Email: ann.marie.hatcher@dhs.arkansas.gov
Address: 4701 Colony Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72404

Services 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. Our occupational therapist is a contract employee. We serve several of our residents who are diagnosed with autism.

MIRACLE KIDS SUCCESS ACADEMY

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

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

THE LEARNING CENTER (TLC)

Phone: 870-932-4245, Ext. 24
Email: stinsley@tlcnea.com – Coordinator of Children's services,
bpitcock@tlcnea.com – Director of services, cwilkes@tlcnea.com –
Intake coordinator
Address: 2808 Fox Meadow, Jonesboro, AR 72404

Services Provided:
Day Habilitation/Preschool 5 days a week, 8:00 – 3:00, Speech/Language therapy, Occupational therapy, Physical therapy, one on one intervention strategies provided by technicians supervised by BCBA, including: Pivotal Response Training, Visual schedules, and Discrete trial training (DTT) outlined in the STAR program, positive behavior support, Natural environment training (NET), Verbal Behavior training and PECS.

REGION: NORTHWEST REGION

ARKANSAS AUTISM CONNECTION

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

Services Provided:

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

ARKANSAS REGIONAL THERAPY SERVICES, LLC

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

Services Provided:

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

CENTER FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DISORDERS (CARD)

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

Services Provided:

ABA therapy for children, teens and adult, assessments, professional training

CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Phone: 479-242-4560
Contact: Janissa D. Jackson Ph.D., PLLC
Email: admin@centerforprofessionalpsych.com
Address: 3401 Rogers Ave., Suite B, Fort Smith, AR 72903

Services Provided:

Full developmental evaluations, functional behavioral assessments, pivotal response training, parent training and involvement, social skill.

CHILDREN'S THERAPY TEAM

Phone: 479-521-TEAM (8326)
Email: referral@childrenstherapyteam
Address: 2474 East Joyce Blvd. Suite 2, Fayetteville, AR 72703 and 103 SE 22nd St., Bentonville, AR 72712

Services 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

Services Provided:
Mental health therapy, *taught special education for 29 years

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CARE, INC.

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

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

JARVIS PEDIATRIC THERAPY, INC.

Phone: 479-750-7778
Email: jarvispediatric@sbcglobal.net
Address: 986 Elmwood Street Suite B Springdale, AR 72762

Services Provided:
Outpatient physical therapy and occupation therapy

KIDS UNLIMITED ACADEMY - FAYETTEVILLE

Phone: 479-800-4185
Email: shellydecker@mykidsunlimited.com
Address: 6363 W. Wedington Fayetteville, AR 72704

Services Provided:
Educational/Classroom Intervention, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychological/Development Testing

KIDS UNLIMITED ACADEMY - HACKETT

Phone: Coming Soon
Email: shellydecker@mykidsunlimited.com
Address: 103 Choctaw Hackett, AR 72937

Services Provided:
Educational/Classroom Intervention, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychological/Development Testing

NORTHWEST PEDIATRIC THERAPY

Phone: 479-521-7337
Email: nwpediatrictherapy@sbcglobal.net
Address: 2662 East Joyce Blvd Suite 3 Fayetteville, AR 72703

Services 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.

OPEN DOOR 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

Services 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

PEDIATRICS PLUS THERAPY SERVICES - RUSSELLVILLE

Phone: Russellville: 479-890-5494
Address: 301 N Sidney, Russellville, AR 72802
Website: www.pediatricsplus.com

Services Provided:

Occupational, Physical & Speech Therapy; Developmental Preschool,

PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING ASSOCIATES

Phone: 479-443-5575
Email: LLATTA@pca-nwa.com
Address: 1 W. Sunbridge Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72703

Services 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 PEDIATRIC THERAPY SERVICES, INC.

Phone: 479-968-1198
Email: rzdirector@centurytel.net
Address: Physical: 306 East 11th Street Russellville, AR 72801; Mailing: 500 East 3rd Street Russellville, AR 72801

Services 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 64E, Alma, AR 72921

Services Provided:

Preschool Services, Jobs Plus - Vocational Services, Cedar Ridge - Residential Services, Medicaid Waiver Services, Personal Care Services, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Behavior Health Services.

SUNSHINE SCHOOL AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Phone: 479-636-3190 x 151
Email: leighkate.ochieng@nwasunshineschool.org
Address: 3400 Woods Lane, Rogers, AR 72756

Services Provided:

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

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

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

Services Provided:

The Living and Learning Community (LLC) is a program of support for the university student who is high-functioning on the autism spectrum or has other conditions that include social cognitive deficits. Forming social relationships and participating in extra-curricular activities are vital to fulfilling the college experience for residential students. Until moving to live on a college campus, many students on the spectrum are prompted through such activities by nuclear families, teachers, and other significant caregivers. They now receive help with these activities as needed from the LLC coordinator and the resident assistants (RAs). The activities mentioned above require balancing many skills as basic as waking on time and organizing living space to working on complex multi-step writing assignments that may require research, prioritizing, paraphrasing, interpreting, and synthesizing ideas from many sources. The JLC staff provides support for all academic tasks, such as writing assignments. Typically, potential students visit campus at least once prior to enrollment and learn about the single room living arrangements staffed by on-site RAs who receive specialized training in how to interact and help students on the spectrum acclimate to residential living. The coordinator of the LLC works closely with these RAs to mentor students “into” college life that is both informational and inclusionary.

The coordinator for the LLC provides programing for enrolled students based on information from direct interviews and data from the application components. Particular emphasis is given to the opinions of the individual student.

Skill based instruction to learn expected social interactions occurs daily on an individual basis. Group activities are then scheduled to practice these skills and enjoy leisure outings.

THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS CENTER FOR AUTISM & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, THE GRACE SCHOOL

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

Services 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.

THRIVE AUTISM SOLUTIONS

Phone: 479.802.4798
Email: info@ThriveASD.org
Address: 1310 W. Walnut St., Ste. A Rogers, AR 72756

Services Provided:

Applied Behavior Analysis by Board Certified Behavior Analysts. We serve children 24 months to 18 years.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AUTISM SUPPORT PROGRAM

Phone: 479-595-6071
Email: asgreene@uark.edu
Address: University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Services 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.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SPEECH AND HEARING CLINIC

Phone: 479-575-4509
Contact: Marilyn McGehee, M.S.
Email: mmcgehee@uark.edu
Website: <http://cdis.uark.edu/spcl.php>
Address: 606 N. Razorback Road Fayetteville, AR 72701

Services 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.

REGION: CENTRAL REGION

ABOUND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, PLLC / ANGELA K. ETCHISON, MS, LPEI

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

Services 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

Email: info@accessgroupinc.org

Address: 10618 Breckenridge Dr. , Little Rock, AR 72211

Services Provided:

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

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ALLIED THERAPY & CONSULTING SERVICES, P.A.

Phone: 501-941-5630

Email: smcminn@allied-therapy.com

Website: allied-therapy.com

Address: 1500 Wilson Loop Road, P.O. Box 333, Ward, AR 72176 and 5532 JFK Blvd., North Little Rock, AR 72120

Services 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 AUTISM PARTNERSHIP (AAP)

Phone: 1-800-342-2923

Email: kbburnet@uark.edu

Address: 322 Main Street, Suite 501, Little Rock, AR 72201

Services 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- 30 hours per week of evidence-based intervention based on 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.

ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S THERAPY GROUP

Phone: 501-241-0410
Email: actg@att.net
Address: 500 West Hickory, Jacksonville, AR, 72076

Services 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 seven 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.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AUTISM RESOURCE CENTER OF ARKANSAS

Phone: 501-733-1627
Email: Courtney_leach@pedsplustherapy.com
Address: 2740 College Avenue, Conway, AR 72034

Services Provided:

Community Connections' Autism Resource Center of Arkansas provides the following resources: Camp Connect – a summer day camp for kids with autism, a parent's resource guide, an autism resource library, educational/support workshops, and a young adults with disabilities group. 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, dyslexia project, music, and martial arts.

CORNERSTONE ABA SERVICES

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

Services 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.

DAY TREATMENT-HELPING HANDS LEARNING CENTER

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

Services 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
Email: therapy@hipposandfish.com
Address: 304 Sorenson Street North Little Rock, AR 72118

Services 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.

INDEPENDENT CASE MANAGEMENT, INC.

Phone: 501-228-0063

Email: front.desk@icm-inc.org

Address: 13310 Kanis Road, Little Rock, AR 72211

Services Provided:

- Case Management
- Supported Living
- Consultation
- Medical Supplies
- Respite
- Adaptive Equipment
- Environmental Modifications
- Personal Care
- Supported Employment

We also provide autism waiver supports.

INNOVATIVE BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS SUPPORT SYSTEMS, LLC

Phone: 800-536-4592

Email: chewing@innovativeaba.com

Address: P.O. Box 241331, Little Rock, AR 72223

Services 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.

KIDSOURCE THERAPY

Phone: 501-315-4414

Email: Contact Person adiehl@Kidsourcetherapy.com

Address: 17706 I-30 Benton, AR 72019

Services Provided:

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

KIDS UNLIMITED ACADEMY - CABOT

Phone: 501-941-3500

Email: shellydecker@mykidsunlimited.com

Address: 2792 S 2nd St. Cabot, AR 72023

Services Provided:

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

KIDS UNLIMITED ACADEMY - JUDSONIA

Phone: 501-729-6300

Email: shellydecker@mykidsunlimited.com

Address: 560 Hwy 367N, Judsonia, AR 72081

Services Provided:

Educational/Classroom Intervention, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychological/Developmental Testing.

NASH THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

Phone: 501-231-9962

Email: info@nashtherapy.net

Address: 1920 Main Street Suite 108 North Little Rock, AR 72114

Services Provided:

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

ONSITE THERAPIES

Phone: 501-687-2000

Email: ccurtis@onsitetherapies.net

Address: 400 Natural Resources Dr. Little Rock, AR 72034

Services Provided:

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

PEDIATRICS PLUS THERAPY SERVICES - CONWAY

Phone: 501-329-5459

Address: 2740 College Ave, Conway, AR 72034 (this is also the company mailing address.)

Website: www.pediatricsplus.com

Services Provided:

Occupational, Physical, & Speech Therapy; Developmental Preschool

PEDIATRICS PLUS THERAPY SERVICES - LITTLE ROCK

Phone: 501-801-5458

Address: 1900 Aldersgate Road, Little Rock, AR 72205

Website: www.pediatricsplus.com

Services Provided:

Occupational, Physical, & Speech Therapy; Developmental Preschool

PEDIATRICS PLUS THERAPY SERVICES - NORTH LITTLE ROCK

Phone: 501-753-5459

Address: 2400 Crestwood, Ste. 107, North Little Rock, AR 72116

Website: www.pediatricsplus.com

Services Provided:

Occupational, Physical, & Speech Therapy; Developmental Preschool

RESTORED LIFE COUNSELING

Phone: 501-499-8699

Contact: Chrystal McChristian, PhD.

Email: info@restoredlifecounseling.com

Address: 930 Wingate Dr. Suite C-2, Conway, AR 72034

Services Provided:

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

SUE LYN GREEN, M.A., BCBA

Phone: 318-455-6716

Email: suegreen.appliedbx@gmail.com OR suegreen.appliedbx@yahoo.com

Address: 9 Lenon Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72207

Services Provided:

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services

- Early Intensive 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)
 - o Introduction to ABA
 - o Functional Analysis of Behavior
 - o Functional Behavior Assessment
 - o Behavior Support Plans
 - o Discrete-Trial Instructional Procedures
 - o Understanding and Using Reinforcement Procedures
 - o Overview of Autism and Related Disorders
 - o Data Collection and Analysis

THERAPY 4 KIDS

Phone: 501-514-3722

Email: info@therapy4kids.net

Website: therapy4kids.net

Address: 2 locations: 92 S. Broadview/HWY 65, Greenbrier, AR 72058 and 306 Salem Conway, AR 72032

Services Provided:

Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Physical Therapy

UALR PRAGMATICS GROUP/UALR SPEECH AND HEARING CLINIC

Phone: 501-569-3155

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

Services 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.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COOPERATIVES (CO-OP)

REGION: NORTHEAST REGION

CROWLEY'S RIDGE EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 870-578-5426
Email: jmanning@crmail.k12.ar.us
Address: 1606 Pine Grove Lane, Harrisburg, AR 72432

Services 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.

NORTH CENTRAL ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 870-368-7955
Email: dennis.martin@northcentral.k12.ar.us
Address: 99 Haley Street, Melbourne, AR 72556

Services 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, pre school special education instruction, speech/language therapy, physical/occupational therapy, and other appropriate services.

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 870-886-7717
Email: dharris@nea.k12.ar.us
Address: 211 West Hickory Street, Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

Services Provided:

The Northeast Arkansas Education Cooperative Early Childhood Program provides special education services for children with disabilities ages three to five. The services are offered in accordance with the Individual with Disabilities Education Act, 1997 (IDEA) on behalf of the public schools. 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.

WILBUR D. MILLS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

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

Services 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.



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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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REGION: NORTHWEST REGION

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 479-267-7450
Email: mvandyke@starfishnw.org
Address: 4 Double Springs Road Farmington, AR 72730

Services 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 Rogers, Pea Ridge, Springdale, Gravette, Decatur, Gentry, Siloam Springs, Springdale, Fayetteville, Elkins, Prairie Grove, Farmington, Lincoln, Hunstville, 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
Address: Mailing: P.O. Box 610 Valley Springs, AR 72682
Physical Address: 5823 Resource Drive Harrison, AR 72601

Services Provided:

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WESTERN ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 479-965-2191
Email: Guy.fenter@wscstarfish.com
Address: 3010 East Highway 22, Suite A, Branch, AR 72928

Services Provided:

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REGION: CENTRAL REGION

ARCH FORD EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 501-354-2269
Email: phillip.young@archford.org
Address: 101 Bulldog Drive Plumerville, AR 72127

Services 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.

REGION: SOUTHEAST REGION

ARKANSAS RIVER EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 870-534-0135

Address: 912 West Sixth Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR 71601

Services Provided:

The Early Childhood Special Education Program is a mandated special education program that provides services for children ages three to five years with identified disabilities. Services include screenings, evaluations, preschool instruction, speech therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy. These services are provided at no cost to the family. A child may be eligible for special education services if they are experiencing difficulties in the areas of Language/Speech, Hearing, Motor Skills, Self-Help Skills, Cognitive Skills and Social Skills.

GREAT RIVERS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 870-338-6461

Email: tgrubbs@griver.grsc.k12.ar.us, Tina Grubbs, Early Childhood Coordinator

Address: PO Box 2837 West Helena, AR 72390, Physical address: 100 Campus Drive Helena, AR 72342 On the campus of the University of AR at Phillips College

Services Provided:

Educational instruction for 3-5 year old preschoolers. Occupational, physical & speech therapy behavior specialist

MONROE COUNTY HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Phone: 870-734-1155

Email: maryharlin@hotmail.com

Address: 1116 N. New York, Brinkley, Arkansas 72021

Services Provided:

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

SOUTH CENTRAL EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 870-836-1600

Email: marsha.daniels@scscoop.org

Address: 2235 California Southwest, Camden, AR 71701

Services 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.

SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 870-367-6848
Email: keoff@se2.k12.ar.us
Address: 1022 Scogin Drive, Monticello, AR 71655

Services Provided:

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REGION: SOUTHWEST REGION

DAWSON EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

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

Services 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 EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Phone: 870-386-2251
Email: john.ponder@dmesc.org
Address: 305 South Hornberg Avenue, Gillham, AR 71841

Services Provided:

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SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE

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

Services 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.

ARKANSAS DISABILITY ADVOCATES

REGION: NORTHWEST REGION

EXCEPTIONAL ADVOCACY

Phone: 479-286-1434
Email: specialchildadvocate@gmail.com
Address: 1005 Beau Terre Drive, Suite 312, Bentonville, AR 72712

Services Provided:

We are a full service special education advocacy firm dedicated to assisting parents throughout the special education process, from IEP development to representation at due process hearings. Every child has the legal right to evidenced based programming and we work to ensure your child receives a free appropriate education in the least restrictive environment.

REGION: CENTRAL REGION

ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL

Phone: 501-661-2589
Email: teresa.sander@arkansas.gov
Website: www.ddcouncil.org
Address: 5800 W. 10th Street, Suite 805 Little Rock, AR 72204

Services 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

Services Provided:

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

UALR BOWEN SCHOOL OF LAW (ARKANSAS SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDIATION)

Phone: 501-324-9939
Email: tlkeu@ualr.edu
Address: 1201 McMath Ave., Little Rock, AR 72202
Website: <http://ualr.edu/law/>

Services 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.

ARKANSAS EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

REGION: NORTHEAST REGION

FOCUS EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM (FOCUS INC.)

Phone: Blytheville: 870-763-2390 Osceola: 870-563-0199
Email: mhill@focusinc.org Osceola: lheard@focusinc.org
Address: 1202 S. Division Blytheville, AR 72315 and 447 S. Country Club Road
Osceola, AR 72370

Services 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

Services 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.

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UAMS/KIDS FIRST PROGRAM NEWPORT

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Email: brighterinc@uams.edu / witherssandra@uams.edu
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/kidsfirst/>
Address: 221 Lindley , Newport, AR 72112

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UAMS/KIDS FIRST PROGRAM POCAHONTAS

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Email: brighterinc@uams.edu / wITHERSSANDRAL@uams.edu

Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/kidsfirst/>

Address: 410 Camp Road, PocaHontas, AR 72455

Services 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.
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REGION: NORTHWEST REGION

ELIZABETH RICHARDSON CENTER - EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Phone: 479-872-1800

Email: admin@ercinc.org

Address: Administrative Office - 3917 S. Old Missouri Rd., Springdale, AR 72764

Services Provided:

Five Child Development Centers - located in Fayetteville, Springdale, Siloam Springs, Huntsville and Farmington - provide speech, physical and occupational therapy to children ages 6 weeks to 5 years in a pre-school setting. Services for adults include job coaching and job placement, independent living options through Medicaid waiver and transitional living options through Intermediate Care Facility.

FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - DANVILLE

Phone: 479-495-7332

Email: traweeka@fccare.org

Address: 1401 M Street Danville, AR 72833

Services 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

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FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - MARSHALL

Phone: 870-448-5976

Email: traweeka@fccare.org

Address: 502 HWY. 27 South, Marshall, AR 72560

Services Provided:

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FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - OZARK

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

Services Provided:

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FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - POTTSVILLE

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

Services Provided:

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FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - RUSSELLVILLE

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

Services Provided:

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FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - SILOAM SPRINGS #1

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

Services Provided:

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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

Services 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 School Street, West Fork AR 72801

Services Provided:

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HOPE 4 AUTISM

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

Services 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).

UAMS/KIDS FIRST PROGRAM FORT SMITH

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Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/kidsfirst/>
Address: 6601 Phoenix Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72903

Services Provided:

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UAMS/KIDS FIRST PROGRAM LOWELL SCHMIEDING

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Email: brighterinc@uams.edu / witherssandra@uams.edu
Website: <http://www.arpediatrics.org/kidsfirst/>
Address: 519 Latham Drive, Lowell, AR 72745

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REGION: CENTRAL REGION

ARKANSAS ENTERPRISES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED/SAMMIE GAIL SANDERS CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER

Phone: 501-907-5716
Email: mary.giles@aeddinc.org
Address: 1300 W. 18th Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114

Services Provided:

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

DAY TREATMENT-FRANCIS A. ALLEN SCHOOL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN/THE ALLEN SCHOOL

Phone: 501-664-2961
Email: sara@francisallenschool.com
Address: 824 N. Tyler, Little Rock, AR 72205

Services 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.

DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES/DDS CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Phone: 501-682-2277 (Title V) ; 1-800-643-8258 (First Connections)
Email: Iris.Fehr@dhs.arkansas.gov for Title V- Children with Special Health Care Needs Program and Tracy.Turner@dhs.arkansas.gov for First Connections Arkansas Early Intervention Program
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)

Services Provided:

Children's Services is housed within the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDS). DDS Children's Services is Arkansas' First Connections, Early Intervention Program, and also the Title V Agency for children with special health care needs. Children birth to age three with developmental delays or who may be at risk for developmental delays can obtain a developmental evaluation to see if they qualify for services such as occupational, physical or speech therapy. DDS Children's Services provides care coordination services to children with special healthcare needs and does intake for the DDS Waiver for children who are school age. Limited funding is available for family support/respite services.

FIRST CONNECTIONS ARKANSAS EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

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FRIENDSHIP PEDIATRIC SERVICES - BRYANT

Phone: 479-847-9711
Email: traweeka@fccare.org
Address: 908 North Reynolds Road, Bryant, AR 72022

Services 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.

UAMS/KIDS FIRST PROGRAM LITTLE ROCK

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Services 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.
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UAMS/KIDS FIRST PROGRAM MORRILTON

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Address: 411 Lentz Drive, Morrilton, AR 72110

Services 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.

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UAMS/KIDS FIRST PROGRAM - PROGRAM OPERATIONS CENTER

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UAMS/KIDS FIRST PROGRAM SEARCY

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Address: 118 Central Avenue, Searcy, AR 71243

Services 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.
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REGION: SOUTHEAST REGION

FIRST STEP-FORDYCE

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

Services 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 - HAMBURG

Phone: 870-853-0857
Website: <http://www.firststeparkansas.com/>
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Services 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

Services 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 PINE BLUFF

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Services Provided:

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Services Provided:

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REGION: SOUTHWEST REGION

FIRST STEP - GLENWOOD

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Website: <http://www.firststeparkansas.com/>

Address: 167 South Spur Eight Glenwood, AR 71943

Services 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 - HOT SPRINGS

Phone: 501-624-6468

Website: <http://www.firststeparkansas.com/>

Address: 407 Carson Street PO Box Hot Springs, AR 71914

Services 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

Services 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

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Services Provided:

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DIAGNOSTIC AND SCREENING SERVICES

REGION: NORTHEAST REGION

CoBALT (COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT) THE CHILDREN'S CLINIC

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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

Services Provided:

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

CoBALT (COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT) EAST ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S CLINIC

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

Services Provided:

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

REGION: NORTHWEST REGION

CENTER FOR CHILDREN - UAMS SCHMIEDING DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Phone: 479-750-0125

Address: 519 Latham Dr., Lowell, AR 72745

Services Provided:

Diagnostic testing (which may include psychological, speech, & medical), medication management, behavioral therapy, family therapy, neurorehabilitation for the medically complex child.

**CoBALT (COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT)
LOWEL MEDICAL CENTER**

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

Services Provided:

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

**CoBALT (COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT)
OZARK MEDICAL PEDIATRIC CLINIC**

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Contact: Holly Hink, APN

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Address: 2526 Highway 65 S., Clinton, AR 72301

Services Provided:

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

**CoBALT (COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT)
PEDIATRIC PARTNERS PA**

Phone: 479-478-7200

Contact: Jon Hendrickson, MD

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Services Provided:

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

REGION: CENTRAL REGION

UAMS/ACH JAMES L. DENNIS DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

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Website: www.arpediatrics.org/clinicalprograms/dennis-developmental-center
Address: 1301 Wolfe Street, Little Rock, AR 72202

Services 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).

REGION: SOUTHEAST REGION

CoBALT (COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT) CHILDREN'S CLINIC PINE BLUFF

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Services Provided:

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

CoBALT (COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT) EL DORADO CLINIC

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Address: 403 W Oak Street #301, El Dorado, AR 71730

Services Provided:

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

REGION: SOUTHWEST REGION

CoBALT (COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT) ALL FOR KIDS PEDIATRIC CLINIC

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

Services Provided:

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

**CoBALT (COMMUNITY-BASED AUTISM LIAISON AND TREATMENT PROJECT)
MOUNTAIN VIEW CLINIC**

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

Services Provided:

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

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.

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