

ADE – Special Education Unit Professional Development and Technical Assistance Resources

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Resource	Description	Contact Person/Website Link
CIRCUIT	CIRCUIT is a clearinghouse for referrals made for individual students for specific services in the areas of special education identification, assistive technology, behavioral services, vision services, augmentative communication, and other programming needs. CIRCUIT staff connect people making referrals with the appropriate consultant to address student needs.	arksped.k12.ar.us/sections/CIRCUIT.html
AR Learn	AR Learn provides lists of trainings offered statewide to help general and special educators become more effective in working with students with disabilities. The site enables users to register for the professional development opportunities.	www.arlearn.org
Behavior Support Specialists (BSS)	The BSS group provides: individual student assistance, including assistance with behavior plan development and programming; and assistance with classroom/building/district level program development to meet the social/behavioral needs of students with disabilities.	Sharon Adams sharona@dawsonesc.com
Education Services for the Visually Impaired (ESVI)	ESVI consultants provide: recommendations for adaptations and modifications to enhance the student's opportunities for learning; assessment, instruction, and consultation in the use of recommended low vision devices, adaptive mobility devices and canes; recommendations for large print or Braille books; recommendations for assistive equipment and materials; and assistance as needed with required Functional Vision Assessments and Learning Media Assessments.	Angyln Young angyln.young@arkansas.gov esvi.org
AR Transition Services (ATS)	Transition consultants assist students with disabilities, educators, parents, agency personnel and community members in preparing students to transition from school to adult life and reach positive post-school outcomes. They provide technical assistance, trainings and consultations to special education teachers and other relevant staff, as well as to various agency personnel.	Bonnie Boaz bonnie.Boaz@arkansas.gov www.arkansastransition.com
AR Co-Teaching Project	The Arkansas Co-Teaching Project provides support to schools interested in implementing a new co-teaching program or improving an existing one. Support is provided through comprehensive training, technical assistance, and informational resources.	Rose Merry Kirkpatrick roseMerry.Kirkpatrick@arkansas.gov http://arcoteaching.com/

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Services	<p>TBI Services include: consulting with school districts on intervention strategies that assist schools in managing student behavior; enhancing academic achievement of low performing students; assessment and identification of students potentially in need of special education services; and providing staff development to school faculty and administrators regarding TBI.</p>	<p>Aleecia Starkey aleecia.starkey@arkansas.gov</p>
Speech-Language Pathology Services	<p>Speech-Language services include: consultation and technical assistance to individuals and districts on a variety of communication, regulatory, and service delivery issues; professional education information in the form of training, self-study materials, and announcements; and a resource and equipment loan program which includes professional texts, assessment tools, self-study materials, and auditory trainers.</p>	<p>Shelly Wier shelly.wier@arkansas.gov http://www.arcommunicationboard.com/</p>
Medicaid in the Schools (MITS)	<p>Medicaid in the Schools services include training, technical assistance, support for electronic billing, program management, policy and program development, initiation/development of new revenue streams, and collection/management/and analysis of data.</p>	<p>Jeanie Donaldson Jeanie.Donaldson@arkansas.gov www.arimits.org</p>
Children and Youth with Sensory Impairments (CAYSI)	<p>CAYSI is a federally funded program serving individuals from birth to age 21 who are deaf/blind or who are at risk for deaf/blind. CAYSI consultants provide training, technical assistance and information to families, educators and others who work with these individuals. CAYSI supports the philosophy of inclusion of the individual with deaf/blindness in educational, vocational, recreational and community environments.</p>	<p>Jennifer Gonzales jennifer.gonzales@arkansas.gov arksped.k12.ar.us/Caysi.html</p>
Arkansas State Personnel Development (SPDG)	<p>The Arkansas State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) works with schools and regional partners to maximize all students' academic and social, emotional, and behavioral success. The SPDG website includes resources in the areas of shared leadership, literacy, math, positive behavior supports and teacher recruitment and retention.</p>	<p>www.arstudentsuccess.org</p>
Easter Seals Outreach (ESO)	<p>ESO consultants provide assessments and recommend services for children with disabilities ages 3-21. Services include: evaluations for ASD identification and augmentative/alternative communication; psycho-educational assessments; student centered planning and addressing specific needs of individual students or an entire classroom.</p>	<p>Suzie Baker sbaker@eastersealsar.com www.eastersealsar.com/services/outreach-team</p>
Technology and Curriculum Access Center (TCC)	<p>TCC provides assistive technology assessments, consultation, equipment loans, and in-service training to meet the needs of children and young adults with disabilities.</p>	<p>Bryan Ayres bayres@eastersealsar.com eastersealsar.com/tcc-training-page</p>
Educational Audiology	<p>EARS services include: managing hearing screening programs to assist with amplification and other classroom technical assistance; and recommendations for</p>	<p>Donna Smiley smileyDF@archildrens.org</p>

Resources for Schools (EARS)	accommodations/modifications for students with auditory processing disorders, cochlear implants, etc. A full range of evaluation services are available including audiological assessments, counseling/guidance for parents and hearing conservation education. Speech pathology services include specialized assessments (with a written report), classroom observations, assistance with writing appropriate goals, as well as modeling therapy with individual students.	www.archildrens.org/Services/Audiology/Outreach.aspx
UALR School of Law Mediation Project	Trained professional mediators assist parties in finding effective solutions to the problems affecting educational services for children with disabilities. Mediators can facilitate IEP Meetings to guide the process of the meeting and assist members of the IEP team in communicating effectively to develop an acceptable IEP.	Request Mediation 501-342-9939 https://arksped.k12.ar.us/DisputeResolution/Mediation.html
UCA Speech/Language Pathology Aides/Assistants	LEAs may seek approval for a program to use Speech-Language Pathology Support Personnel (assistants and aides) who can perform tasks as prescribed, directed and supervised by master's level speech-language pathologist. The LEA submits written proposals developed collaboratively by the supervising speech-language pathologist and the administrator(s) who will be most directly involved with the program. The LEA may design a service delivery model which best meets the needs of students and professionals involved.	Sharon Ross sharonr@uca.edu https://arksped.k12.ar.us/UCA.html
Arkansas Promise Grant	Arkansas PROMISE is a research project open to youth ages 14 to 16 who currently receive SSI benefits. For 1000 youth, PROMISE will provide additional services to youth and their families to support their education and career goals. Services include: Intensive case management, two paid competitive work experiences, education and employment training and support for youth and families, benefits counseling, health and wellness training, and money to address emergency financial needs.	Philip Adams stephena@uark.edu http://www.promisear.org/
State Program Development	Funding is provided for tuition reimbursement to eligible individuals pursuing the necessary coursework from an accredited program to qualify for licensure in vision, hearing and speech/language. Funding is also provided for interpreter training.	https://arksped.k12.ar.us/StateProgramDevelopment/default.html
IDEA Data and Research	The IDEA Data & Research Office provides quality data management, analysis, TA, and research for the enhancement of the ADE's general supervision mandate. The Office ensures standardized data collection procedures for federal reporting, state and district level data analysis, and public dissemination of program effectiveness data including school district and early childhood program profiles, Significant Disproportionality-Coordinated Early Intervening Services Profiles, the State Performance Plan, and the Annual Performance Report	Jody Fields https://arksped.k12.ar.us/DataAndResearch/default.html

