



Play Rx Resource Guide for Families of Children with Special Needs



This resource guide is designed as a resource to help families identify and select services or activities for their child with special needs. Although we made a concerted effort to identify local resources, we recognize that this list is not exhaustive. Additionally, many of the resources available are extended to any person with special needs and are not limited to the category they were placed in. Play Rx does not recommend, endorse, guarantee, or promote the service providers included in this guide.

Autism Resources

Arkansas Autism Foundation-AAF helps individuals and families with autism across their lifespan and provides autism-friendly events and relevant workshops and training opportunities. Visit <https://arkansasautismfoundation.org/events/> to see upcoming events and available resources.

Arkansas Autism Resource and Outreach Center-The mission of the AAROC is to provide Hope, Direction & Support to families of individuals diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Visit <https://aaroc.org/> to view upcoming events and available resources.

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.

Innovative Behavior Analysis Support Systems, LLC- Phone: 800-536-4592 Email: chewing@innovativeaba.com 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.

Central Arkansas Autism Families Facebook Group-[Central Arkansas Autism Families | Facebook](#)

Cerebral Palsy Resources

United Cerebral Palsy-<https://ucpark.org/childrens-services/> The UCP Butterfly Learning Center is committed to providing quality, inclusive preschool services for children of all abilities. Children learn best and become more adept through play-based interaction with children of differing abilities, cultures, and backgrounds.

Down Syndrome Resources

GiGi's Playhouse-Down Syndrome Achievement Centers-<https://gigisplayhouse.org> We change lives through the consistent delivery of free educational, therapeutic-based, and career development programs for individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and the community, through a replicable playhouse model.

Arkansas Down Syndrome Association-<https://ardownsyntax.org/> We serve our DS community by providing free events and services for families across Arkansas—as well as sponsor awareness and educational materials for schools and communities. We are an all-volunteer organization guided by a diverse board of directors made up of medical professionals, members of our local business community and parents of children with DS. Our website, www.ardownsyntax.org, is the largest and most comprehensive of Arkansas-based websites for families with DS—and includes valuable advocacy, educational, legal, medical, and tax resources.

Arkansas Down Syndrome Advocacy Group (ADSAG)- (ADSAG) is a state-wide collaboration focused on making a difference as a voice for individuals with Down syndrome on a broad range of legislative issues. ADSAG seeks to improve, through legislative, regulatory & policy advocacy, the life of all individuals with Down syndrome. ADSAG is not affiliated with or endorsed by any of the national or local Down syndrome organizations <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2790491344500486/>

Arkansas Down Syndrome Network-Provides early community connections for parents of children with Down Syndrome, and provides a new baby basket. They also have a private FB group just for parents/family members. <https://www.facebook.com/arkansasdownsyndromenetwork>

D.A.D.S (Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome)-To assist and support, through fellowship and action, the fathers and families of individuals with Down syndrome. Arkansas contact: Ken Mayo, kenneth.mayo@va.gov <https://www.dadsnational.org/chapter-list/56-usa/arkansas.html>

Intellectual or Developmental Disability Resources

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.

Miracle League of Arkansas-Phone: 501-940-3405 Email: miracleleaguear@yahoo.com Website: miracleleaguear.com. Services Provided: Baseball league for children and adults who have a disability.

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.

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. 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.

Tyler Dannaway Foundation-[Tyler Dannaway Foundation](http://TylerDannawayFoundation.com) The Tyler Dannaway Foundation was created in 2018 in memory of Tyler Dannaway. He was autistic, preverbal and had apraxia when he died at the age of eight from flu complications. The foundation provides resources for autism families and offers scholarships for [Safety Before Skills Swimming Classes](http://SafetyBeforeSkillsSwimmingClasses.com).

Searcy Eye Care and Vision Therapy-<https://fweye.com/services/> Optometric vision therapy is an individual treatment program designed to improve visual function and performance. It is an approved treatment modality for disorders that result in inefficient visual information processing.

Saltillo/PRC and Tobi Dynavox-Communication Devices-<https://www.prc-saltillo.com/> and <https://us.tobidynavox.com/>

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

Easterseals Arkansas<https://www.easterseals.com/arkansas/> Easterseals Arkansas is empowering individuals with disabilities to live, learn, work and play in their communities. We are leading the way to full equity, inclusion, and access through life-changing disability and community services. For more than 75 years, we have worked tirelessly with our partners to enhance quality of life and expand local access to healthcare, education, and employment opportunities. From child development centers to physical rehabilitation and job training, Easterseals Arkansas is empowering people with disabilities, families and communities to be full and equal participants of society.

Arkansas Disability Advocates

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 Number for AR: 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.

Other State Services Listed from A-Z

[AR ABLE](#)

[AR HIPP](#)

[AR Tax Forms](#)

[Arkansas Developmental Disability Network](#)

[Arkansas Medicaid](#)

[CES Waiver](#)

[Communication Impediment Decal](#)

[Disability Rights Arkansas](#)

[DMV disabled tag application](#)

[Family Guide to Special Education in Arkansas](#)

[First Connections](#)

[iCAN of Arkansas](#)

[PASSE – Arkansas PASSE, What is it?](#)

[PASSE – Arkansas Total Care](#)

[PASSE – CareSource Arkansas](#)

[PASSE – Empower Healthcare Solutions, LLC \(Empower\)](#)

[PASSE – Summit Community Care](#)

[rEcess – Parents Night Out \(99 Balloons\)](#)

[Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\) Benefits](#)

[TEFRA](#)