



# What You Should Know

Arkansas Department of Career Education's Rehabilitation Services Division provides a wide range of services to help Arkansans with mental, physical and sensory disabilities in obtaining and keeping meaningful jobs in today's workforce.

ARS operates 19 field offices statewide, the Arkansas Career Training Institute, and other specialized programs that work together to empower individuals with disabilities to maximize employment, economic self-sufficiency, independence, and inclusion and integration into society.

Services include counseling and evaluation to ensure a client's strengths are identified and maximized; physical restoration and medical services to prepare clients physically; academic and vocational training to obtain high quality jobs commensurate with clients' aspirations and abilities; equipment purchases to ensure clients are adequately prepared to enter the workforce; and the tools for individuals with significant disabilities to live independently.

Continue reading for more information.



*Providing opportunities for individuals with  
disabilities to work and lead productive  
and independent lives*



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## Statewide Field Offices

Arkansas Career Training Institute: (501) 624-4411	Jonesboro: (870) 972-0025
Batesville: (870) 793-4153	Little Rock: (501) 686-2800
Benton: (501) 317-1390	Lonoke: (501) 676-4490
Booneville: (479) 675-3835	Monticello: (870) 367-9669
Conway: (501) 730-9725	North Little Rock: (501) 833-1490
El Dorado: (870) 862-5451	Pine Bluff: (870) 534-2404
Fayetteville: (479) 582-1286	Russellville: (479) 890-5751
Fort Smith: (479) 452-7131	Texarkana: (870) 773-2807
Harrison: (870) 741-7153	W. Memphis: (870) 735-4725
Helena: (870) 338-2753	Administrative Offices: (501) 296-1600
Hot Springs: (501) 623-4479	ODHI: (501) 324-9519

## What Programs are Offered?

- ★ **Field Program** - ARS' largest component, the field program includes rehabilitation counselors assigned to 19 offices statewide, serving all 75 counties.
- ★ **Independent Living** - Enhances the ability of individuals with significant disabilities to live independently and function within the family and community.
- ★ **Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI)** [formerly the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center] - A unique facility offering two core programs: the Arkansas Career Training Institute and the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center Hospital.
- ★ **Arkansas Kidney Disease Commission** - Assists persons with acute or chronic renal failure in obtaining care and treatment requiring dialysis.
- ★ **Telecommunications Access Program (TAP)** - Provides equipment necessary for Arkansans with disabilities to communicate over the telephone.
- ★ **Community Rehabilitation Program (CRP)** - Identifies individual needs which can be met through the purchase of services from non-profit Community Rehabilitation Programs.
- ★ **Arkansas Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities** - Committed to strengthening the communication and cooperation between various disability groups and increasing effectiveness of disability policy and program development.
- ★ **Rehabilitation Initial Diagnosis and Assessment for Clients (RIDAC)** - This section provides medical, psychological and vocational assessment for clients who apply for agency services.
- ★ **Ticket to Work** - Provides enhanced vocational rehabilitation services and increased opportunities for employment to people who are Social Security beneficiaries with disabilities.
- ★ **Small Business Enterprise Program** - Provides technical assistance with the purchase of occupational tools, equipment and initial stocks to help clients become self-employed.
- ★ **Alternative Financing Program (AFP)** - Provides an affordable source of funding to help people with disabilities purchase assistive technology.
- ★ **Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (ODHI)** - Assists clients who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind or Hard of Hearing with Independent Living, job skills, and support services needed for employment.
- ★ **Learning and Evaluation Center (LEC)** - A program providing diagnostic, educational, and training services to vocational rehabilitation consumers with learning problems and consultation/personal adjustment counseling to vocational rehabilitation consumers who are deaf.
- ★ **Assistive Technology at Work (AT@Work)** - Applies assistive technology services and devices in work, education and home environments to increase a client's vocational marketability.
- ★ **Arkansas Transition Program** - Assists students with disabilities in moving from school to post-school activities, including post-secondary education, vocational training, integrated employment, continuing and adult education, adult services, independent living or community participation.
- ★ **RAVE** - Retaining a Valued Employee (RAVE) is a program designed to provide support to employers when assisting employees that experience injury or illness that results in disability in remaining at work or returning to work as soon as it is safe and medically feasible.
- ★ **Supported Housing** - Helps to find affordable and accessible housing for those affected by the *Olmstead* Decision.
- ★ **Increasing Capabilities Access Network (ICAN)** - A federally funded program, ICAN is designed to make technology information available and accessible to interested parties and individuals.
- ★ **Supported Employment** - Provides employment support in a variety of integrated settings, especially designed for people with significant disabilities for whom competitive employment has not traditionally occurred and who need extensive, ongoing post-employment support.