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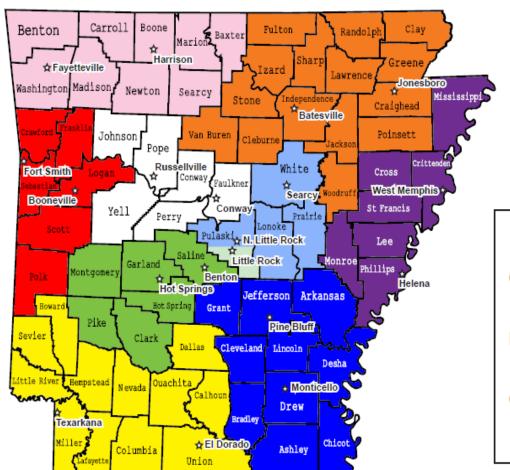


# Arkansas Rehabilitation <u>Services</u> Field Services Overview

To prepare
Arkansans with
disabilities to work
and lead productive
and independent
lives.

#### FIELD SERVICES OVERVIEW

#### **Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Field Office Map**







#### Field Services Leadership

Carl Daughtery, Chief of Field Services

**Gaye Jones-Washington**, Deputy Chief of Field Services

**Kimberly Clayborn**, Deputy of Field Operations



### FIELD SERVICES OVERVIEW

19 FIELD OFFICES

## VR NOW!

"Providing Rapid Services, Improving Our Workforce Participation Rate, and Promoting a Positive Culture Amongst Staff and Those We Serve"





## WHAT CAN WE PROVIDE?

- Pre-Employment Transition services for students beginning at age 14.
- Assistance with Post-Secondary Training expenses (i.e., tuition/housing).
- Services for those with special communications needs such as the deaf and hard of hearing.
- Assisting with finding employment opportunities.
- Specialized services through private vendors and providers.

### ADDITIONAL SERVICES



Tools & Equipment



Assistive technology



Diagnosis and evaluation of capacities/limit



Modifications



Counseling and Guidance services



On the job training



#### **ARS SUCCESS STORIES**

High school wasn't easy for Kuriarte Harris. For him, learning and staying focused felt like an uphill battle, often leaving him feeling down and discouraged. Despite receiving support through an IEP plan, he struggled to complete 11th grade at Forrest City High School. Thankfully, with the unwavering support of his grandmother, he found the determination to push through and finish his education. He eventually switched to an alternative school and earned his G.E.D. from Job Corps in 2017. After his time at Job Corps, Kuriarte was referred to ARS for vocational rehabilitation. Here, he received various services, including counseling, evaluations, college training, assistance with job placement, and ongoing support. He pursued his studies at East Arkansas Community College, earning an A.A.S. in Industrial Equipment Technology in 2022. Now, Kuriarte is thriving as a full-time laborer/material handler at Boar's Head in Forrest City. He's found fulfillment in his role, where he's responsible for moving freight and stock for the company. With his newfound industry skills, he has also seen improvements in his copying and social skills, allowing him to stay focused and productive on the job. Reflecting on his journey, Kuriarte expressed his gratitude for ARS, saying, "The agency really helped me out a lot. I'm very thankful for what you all done for me." His advice to others facing similar challenges? "Keep on trying, and don't give up."





### **ARS SUCCESS STORIES**

In 2015, Christena Joy came to ARS looking for help furthering her non-traditional education. As a resident of Ozark, the small community helped foster her commitment to others. Because of Joy's love for helping others with disabilities, she developed a goal of becoming a special education teacher. Her previous work at the Franklin County Learning Center helped her establish some experience in this field. Christena enrolled at Arkansas Tech University Ozark. After completing the program there, she transferred to Arkansas Tech University Russellville and majored in Special Education. After receiving her bachelor's degree, Joy continued her education and enrolled at Henderson University for a master's program. In 2022, she graduated with a Master of Arts and Teaching in Early Childhood Education/Special Ed with a focus on Birth through Kindergarten. After completing her educational training, Joy became employed at the Guy-Fenter Educational Service Cooperative as a Special Education Teacher.





## **ARS SUCCESS STORIES**

#### **Lulu Mckissick**

Lulu Mckissick retired after 30-plus years of hard work and perseverance. Lulu eventually found herself experiencing some conditions due to her disability, which led to permanent physical limitations. She began to question her ability to engage in daily living activities that she had once been able to perform independently. Lulu heard about Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) and reached out to her local field office in West Memphis, AR. Lulu needed some home/bathroom modifications, but living on a fixed income made this challenging and worrisome. Lulu's Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VR), Ms. C Wright, informed her that this was a service ARS could assist her with so she could maintain the level of independence she was accustomed to. With assistance from Access and Accommodations and her VR Counselor, Lulu received the modifications to the bathroom she needed. Lulu stated she is so grateful for the services that ARS provided. She is happy, confident, and safe from accidents with her newly accessible bathroom.



# WHO CAN APPLY?

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- Any individual age 14 through 99.....or higher!
- Any individual who has a disability that interferes with the ability to perform their current job duties or obtaining employment.
- Any individual who has a disability that interferes with the ability to learn or train for a skill.
- Any individual that needs assistance to help to maintain their independence within the home.

## Train. Work. Achieve.

Training and career development through Arkansas Rehabilitation Services can help get you where you want to go.



#### Now offering financial aid and disability supports towards:

- College, Technical, and Career Training
- · Career Readiness
- · Career Leads & Placement
- Career Supports

#### **REGISTER NOW**

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**Arkansas Rehabilitation Services** 

## DON'T WAIT APPLY TODAY!

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