



Easter Seals Outreach Program

*A collaborative partnership between the Arkansas Department of Education,
Special Education Unit and Easter Seals Arkansas.*

Our Services

The Easter Seals Outreach Program is committed to providing quality services to enable students with disabilities to achieve their highest potential in their educational environment. In order to maximize a student's learning, Outreach works to assist school teams by providing the following:

- Student and/or classroom observation which includes review of records, consultation with school team members, and recommendations to address identified concerns
- Student-specific technical assistance with detailed action plan that includes expectations for both the school team and the consulting team
- Augmentative/Alternative Communication, Psycho-Educational Evaluations, and Educational assessments for Autism Identification, Related Services support
- Intensive classroom/program technical assistance which may include restructuring the environment, developing classroom schedules and sample lesson plans, modeling specific teaching techniques, sensory strategies for enhanced performance
- Statewide and regional professional development on a variety of relevant and research-based topics
- Topic-specific or student-specific trainings in a school district
- Intensive, week-long BASIC (Behavioral Approach using STAR Implementation and Coaching) training in the summer for special education teams

Our Consultants

The Outreach Program utilizes an integrated team approach and works to develop a collaborative relationship with teachers, parents, administrators and therapists to assist in developing appropriate interventions for students with multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairments, autism, mental retardation and other health impairments. Students with disabilities often have needs that cross several disciplines. In an effort to address those needs, Easter Seals Outreach has experienced staff with specialized training and certifications relating to students with disabilities. Outreach has consultants representing:

Special Education, Speech-Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Assistive Technology, a Licensed Psychological Examiner, and an autism specialist

Accessing our Services

• Through the Department of Special Education's CIRCUIT referral system, parents, guardians, caregivers, school personnel or any other party having a specific concern regarding a student's programming can submit a referral. When referrals are routed to Outreach the appropriate staff members are assigned and consultation services follow. Referrals can be made online at <http://arksped.k12.ar.us/sections/CIRCUIT.html>



• In addition to CIRCUIT, our program offers a variety of services through individual contracts with school districts and agencies. These include adaptive teaching techniques, team building, augmentative communication programming, classroom set-up and/or restructure and one-to-one team coaching.

Requests for these services can be made at outreachprogram@eastersealsar.com or **501-227-3770**.