

**The Center for
Exceptional
Families
ARKANSAS**

DID YOU KNOW?

Eureka Springs is the smallest city in America with a public Trolley system.

DID YOU KNOW?

At Pickles Gap near Conway, Elephant rides are available some weekends for \$3

DID YOU KNOW?

Arkansas is the only state mentioned in the Bible. In Genesis it reads, "Noah looked out of the Ark and saw."

EXCEPTIONAL NEWS

Specific Learning Disability

“Specific Learning Disability” means a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself in an imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell or to do mathematical calculations, including conditions such as perceptual disabilities, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia. The term does not include learning problems that are primarily the result of visual, hearing or motor disabilities, of intellectual disability, of emotional disturbance, or of environmental, cultural or economic disadvantages.

Areas of concern with identification of a Specific Learning Disability (SLD) are academic, lack of achievement within grade level curriculum, reading, writing or drawing difficulties, problems with math calculation or comprehension, behavioral and communication delays, poor coordination and difficulty with fine motor skills.

EVALUATION DATA:

- Social and Medical History
- Individual Intelligence (IQ)
- Individual Achievement
- Adaptive Behavior Skills
- Communication Abilities
- Visual and Auditory perception
- Observations within the child's learning environment (classroom settings)

When a deficit has been established, additional evaluation must be completed in the area(s) of concern. These are:



September 17th
 8am - 12pm
 Jonesboro and Ft. Smith
 The Center for
 Exceptional Families
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 ANNUAL
 CONFERENCES**
EXHIBIT BOOTHS AVAILABLE
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(REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

- Oral Expression
- Listening Comprehension
- Written Expression
- Basic reading skills
- Reading fluency skills
- Reading comprehension
- Mathematics calculation
- Mathematic problem solving

A discrepancy must be present between ability (IQ) and performance (achievement) before an SLD can be established as a disability.

Information obtained from the Arkansas Department of Education/Special Education Section of Rules and Regulations.

Learn more at

www.TheCenterForExceptionalFamilies.org

www.facebook.com/TheCenterForExceptionalFamilies

PARENT SUPPORT CORNER

One of our goals, at The Center for Exceptional Families, is to provide statewide support to families, schools, educators, students transitioning to adulthood and individuals seeking secondary scholastic achievement. If you need assistance with understanding your child’s rights to an equal and quality education or an equal opportunity in the work place, please contact our office for support, resources, and training.

CONTACT US

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September Events

5th - 10th - TCFEF Exhibit at the Stone County Fair with Loreena Hegenbart (inside Education Building)

6th - Workshop: Effective Advocacy & Parents Rights under IDEA (Mountain View). Call Loreena Hegenbart to register (870) 897-4175

10th - Sensory Saturday (The Wild Life)

12th - Workshop: Effective Advocacy & Parents Rights under IDEA (Mt. Zion) Call Christy Bumpous to register (870) 613-3295

17th - TCFEF First Annual Conferences! (Jonesboro and Fort Smith)

20th/21st - CMS Partner Train the Trainer Workshops

24th - Sensory Saturday (Storks)

Sensory Saturday showing in Theaters in Jonesboro, Southaven, and Monticello!

We added a new presentation to our website this month Titled “Early Intervention Services and Response to Intervention.” We would love it if you checked it out along with the others we have created for you. You can find these under the presentations tab near the top of the homepage of our site www.tcfef.org