

## The Center for Exceptional Families

### OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

# EXCEPTIONAL NEWS

## Hearing Impairment (Including Deafness)

**“Deafness”** means a hearing impairment that is so severe that the child is impaired in processing linguistic information through hearing, with or without amplification, that adversely affects educational performance.

**“Hearing Impairment”** means an impairment in hearing, whether permanent or fluctuation, that adversely affects a child's educational performance but that is not included under the definition of deafness in this part.

A Hearing Impairment is defined as a disability initially after the child is evaluated by a physician and receives a comprehensive Audiological evaluation.

### **EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS INCLUDE:**

Poor reading skills, inattentive during group activities, frustration, poor spoken or written language skills, limited vocabulary, error with the articulation of sounds, difficulty locating where sound is coming from and difficulty understanding speech.

Medical background may show a history of frequent ear infections, colds, family history of hearing loss and possible difficulties with balance or dizziness.



**Thanks to  
everyone that  
came out to our  
1st Annual  
Conferences  
last month!**

**REQUIRED EVALUATION INFORMATION INCLUDES:**

- ▶ Social and Medical History
- ▶ Intelligence Testing (IQ)
- ▶ Achievement Testing
- ▶ Adaptive Behavior screening
- ▶ Communication Abilities
- ▶ Audiological Evaluation
- ▶ Amplification Systems

FM amplification systems may be recommended and should only be programmed through a licensed Audiologist.

*Information from the Arkansas Department of Education, Special Education Rules and Regulations Section.*

## 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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# OCTOBER EVENTS

**October 1st:** Autism Speaks Walk (8am - 5pm @ The Clinton Presidential Center)

**October 13th:** Autism Parent Support Group (6pm - 7pm @ 507 W. Church St, Pocahontas, Ar)

**October 27th/28th:** PBIS: Systems for Enhancing Climate and Culture

For more information on events visit

[www.tcfef.org/calendar](http://www.tcfef.org/calendar)

