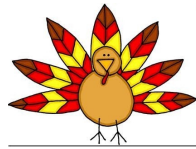


## The Center for Exceptional Families



**FUN FACT:  
THERE ARE 4 PLACES IN  
THE UNITED STATES  
NAMED TURKEY**



**FUN FACT:  
THE CORNUCOPIA  
REPRESENTS  
ABUNDANCE AND  
NOURISHMENT**



**FUN FACT:  
THE AMERICAN  
COLONISTS USED  
PUMPKIN IN PIE CRUSTS,  
BUT NOT THE FILLING**

# EXCEPTIONAL NEWS

## Other Health Impairment

Other Health Impairment means having limited strength, vitality or alertness, including a heightened alertness to environmental stimuli, that results in limited alertness with respect to the educational environment, that is due to chronic or acute health problems such as asthma, attention deficit disorder (ADD) or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), diabetes, epilepsy, a heart condition, hemophilia,

lead poisoning, leukemia, nephritis, rheumatic fever, Tourette's Syndrome, and sickle cell anemia; and adversely affects a child's developmental/educational performance.



The list of chronic or acute health problems included within this definition is not exhaustive. Children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and attention deficit disorder (ADD) may be classified as eligible for services under “other health impairment” category in instances where the ADD/ADHD is a chronic or acute health problem that results in limited alertness, which adversely affects the child's developmental/educational performance resulting in the need for special education/related and related services. While it is recognized that the disorder of ADD and ADHD vary, hereafter, the term **ADD will be used to encompass both disorders.**

## Other Health Impairments Continued

### Some referral characteristics may be:

- Chronic health issues
- Chronic or prolonged absence from school
- Inability to attend to task
- Inability to attend school
- Shortened day

### Evaluation data:

- Social/ Medical History (OHI requires a letter from the Primary Care Physician)
- Individual Intelligence (IQ)
- Individual Achievement
- Adaptive Behavior and information regarding attention problems in the educational environment
- Communication abilities

OHI must show justification of the adverse affect on educational performance and the corresponding need for special education and/or related services.

Other health issues that mirror ADD must be ruled out medically. Some of these conditions may include: Medication effects, anxiety due to social/emotional factors, sensory impairments, systematic medical illness, seizure activity, environmental toxins (such as lead poisoning).

### 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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## NOVEMBER EVENTS

**November 5th - Sensory Saturday Showing of "Trolls" at 9:30am.**

**November 16th - Guardianship Workshop in Batesville, Arkansas.**

**November 17th - Effective Advocacy Workshop in Batesville, Arkansas.**

**November 24th - Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!!**

**November 26th - Sensory Saturday showing of "Moana" at 9:30am.**

For more information about the center for Exceptional Families and these events, please visit our website at [TCFEF.org](http://TCFEF.org) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/TheCenterForExceptionalFamilies](http://www.facebook.com/TheCenterForExceptionalFamilies)

**Thank you!!!!**