The Center for Exceptional Families

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EXCEPTIONAL NEWS

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Intellectual Disabilities
“Intellectual Disability” means significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning, existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period, that adversely affects a child’s educational performance.

Possible Referral Characteristics include: Intellectual, Academic, Behavior, Communication, and Physical Issues.

Required Evaluation Data:
- Social History
- Individual Intelligence
- Individual Achievement
- Adaptive Behavior
- Communicative Abilities
- Programming for subject areas
- Functional Skills Assessments
- Learning Processes (Visual, Auditory, Perceptual-motor development)
- Medical
- Vocational Assessments
- Motor Developmental (fine and gross motor)
Intellectual Disability is defined by the American Association on Mental Retardation (AAMR) as referring to substantial limitations in present functioning, characterized by subaverage intellectual functioning existing concurrently with related limitations in two (2) or more applicable adaptive skill areas. Intellectual Disability manifests before age 18.

A Behavior Management Plan may be a necessary part of the IEP process.

Information obtained from arksped.k12.ar.us “Disability Category” page.

You can find this document linked on the righthand side of our website homepage. The contents included Individualized education programs, Related services and assistive technology, behavior and discipline, common abbreviations, sample letters, and resources for advocacy assistance. visit TCFEF.com and give it a read!

**Upcoming Events**

12-4 Parent training at Arkansas Children’s Hospital 9am - 12pm

2-24 Eastern Arkansas Fashion Event

**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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