

# What You Need to Know

## Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

a Division of the Arkansas Department of Career Education

**Mission:** To prepare Arkansans with disabilities to work and lead productive and independent lives.

### Program Planning Development & Evaluation

PPD&E provides administrative services to the Commissioner, the field services program and the agency divisions in support of the overall mission of ARS. Administrative services include policy interpretation and promulgation, federal reporting on case services, federal state plans, quality assurance case review, community program development for external employment services.

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### Field Services

Services include career and technical education and training, transition from school to work or postsecondary education, on-the-job training, and ancillary support services that clients may need for successful employment. ARS' largest component, the field program includes rehabilitation counselors assigned to 20 offices statewide, serving all 75 counties.

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### Arkansas Career Training Institute

Serving more than 400 students annually, ACTI is the third largest vocational rehabilitation center in the country. Students are referred to ACTI for evaluation, training, and placement by the vocational rehabilitation counselors who are located in field offices serving each county in the state. Located in Hot Springs, Arkansas, ACTI is one of only eight comprehensive rehabilitation centers in the United States.

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### Access & Accommodations

Access & Accommodations Program staff are accommodation specialists who can assist employers and employees when it comes to addressing employee performance issues because of disability in the workplace.

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### Field Services Offices

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| <b>District 1</b><br>Fayetteville<br>479-582-1286 | <b>District 2</b><br>Jonesboro<br>870-972-0025 | <b>District 3</b><br>West Memphis<br>870-735-4725 | <b>District 4</b><br>Fort Smith<br>479-755-3300 | <b>District 5</b><br>Russellville<br>479-890-5751 | <b>District 6</b><br>Benton<br>501-317-1390 | <b>District 7</b><br>Little Rock<br>501-686-2800    | <b>District 8</b><br>North Little Rock<br>501-833-1490 | <b>District 9</b><br>Texarkana<br>870-773-2807 | <b>District 10</b><br>Pine Bluff<br>870-534-2404 |
| <b>Harrison</b><br>870-741-7153                   | <b>Batesville</b><br>870-793-4153              | <b>Helena</b><br>870-338-2753                     | <b>Booneville</b><br>479-675-3835               | <b>Conway</b><br>501-730-9725                     | <b>Hot Springs</b><br>501-623-4479          | <b>Lonoke</b><br>501-676-4490                       | <b>Ei Dorado</b><br>870-862-5451                       | <b>Monticello</b><br>870-367-9669              |  |
|   | <b>Searcy</b><br>501-286-4542                  |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| <b>ACTI</b><br>501-624-4411                       | <b>AFP</b><br>501-296-1663                     | <b>GCPD</b><br>501-682-5317                       | <b>AKDC</b><br>501-686-2807                     | <b>AT@Work</b><br>501-683-3009                    | <b>ICAN</b><br>501-666-8868                 | <b>Stay At Work/ Return To Work</b><br>501-683-6052 | <b>TAP</b><br>800-981-4463                             | <b>SDHH</b><br>501-686-9683                    |  |



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# Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

The Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) Division provides a wide range of services to Arkansans with intellectual, physical, and sensory disabilities in obtaining and keeping meaningful jobs in today's workforce.

## Program Planning Development & Evaluation

**Community Rehabilitation Program (CRP)**  
Identifies individual needs which can be met through the purchase of services from non-profit Community Rehabilitation Programs.

**Independent Living**  
Enhances the ability of individuals with significant disabilities to live independently and function within the family and community.

**Supported Employment**  
Provides employment support in a variety of integrated settings, especially designed for people with significant disabilities for whom competitive employment has not traditionally occurred and who need extensive, on-going post-employment support.

**Ticket to Work**  
Provides enhanced vocational rehabilitation services and increased opportunities for employment to people who are Social Security beneficiaries with disabilities.

## Field Services

**Arkansas Transition Services (ATS)**  
Assists students with disabilities in moving from school to post-school activities, including post-secondary education, vocational training, integrated employment, continuing and adult education, adult services, independent living or community participation.

**Business Engagement**  
Business Engagement Representatives across the state assist business owners and employers in developing strategies relating to disability issues in the workplace.

**Project SEARCH**  
A one-year internship program providing individuals with developmental disabilities who desire sustainable, competitive employment real-life work experiences combined with training in employability and independent living skills.

**Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (SDHH)**  
Assists clients who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing with independent living, job skills, and support services needed for employment.

**Small Business Enterprise Program**  
Provides technical assistance with the purchase of occupational tools, equipment, and initial supplies to help clients become self-employed.

**Transition Employment Program (TEP)**  
Provides high school students comprehensive pre-employment training services and eligibility to receive paid work experience the summer following their graduation from high school.

## Arkansas Career Training Institute

**Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI)**  
Formerly known as the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center, ACTI is a residential facility offering vocational training along with clinical and other support services designed to prepare individuals for employment.

**ACTI offers 11 programs accredited by the Council on Occupational Employment (COE).**  
They are:

- Automotive Collision
- Automotive Service Technology
- Business & Marketing Technology
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Construction Technology
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Graphic Communications
- Medical Administrative Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician Program
- Welding

**Learning and Evaluation Center (LEC)**  
**Rehabilitation Initial Diagnosis and**

## Access & Accommodations

**Arkansas Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities (GCPD)**  
Committed to strengthening the communication and cooperation between various disability groups and increasing effectiveness of disability policy and program development.

**Arkansas Kidney Disease Commission (AKDC)**  
Assists persons with acute or chronic renal failure in obtaining care and treatment requiring dialysis.

**Assistive Technology at Work (AT@Work)**  
Applies assistive technology services and devices in work, education and home environments to increase a client's vocational marketability.

**Increasing Capabilities Access Network (ICAN)**  
A federally funded program, ICAN is designed to make technology information and equipment available and accessible to interested parties and individuals.

**Alternative Financing Program (AFP)**  
Provides an affordable source of funding to help people with disabilities purchase assistive technology.

**Stay At Work/Return To Work**  
Helping employers retain and provide support to qualified employees who have experienced a disabling condition that interferes with work performance.

**Telecommunication Access Program (TAP)**  
Provides equipment necessary for Arkansans with disabilities to communicate over the phone.