

WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities

The WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities has a variety of program offerings to help individuals with disabilities be as independent as possible in their own communities. Most programs work with individuals outside of the medical setting to help ensure that they remain as independent as possible and are able to participate fully in their lives.

WVU CED Programs & Services

Disability Resource Libraries: Provide educational information and resource materials to individuals with disabilities, family members and practitioners. Contain over 5,000 resources including books, dvds, assistive technology, demonstration kits and medical models available to borrow. Located in Morgantown and Big Chimney. Contact: lori.heginbotham@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-293-4692**

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND): Provides training to graduate and professional students to serve children and youth with disabilities and the families that care for them. Trainees are paired with mentors in their field to gain hands on, real life training experiences. Contact: awilliams@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-293-4692**

Mentoring with Oversight for Developing Independence with Foster Youth (MODIFY): Provides services and supports for youth who have aged out of foster care to assist with adult transition and independent living. Contact: modifyced@hsc.wvu.edu or call **866-720-3605**

Paths for Parents: A parent mentor project that works in collaboration with the West Virginia Children with Special Health Care Needs program. A registered dietitian assesses and coordinates the nutrition care for children. Parent Network Specialists provide peer-to-peer support and advocacy coaching to parents and caregivers. Circle of Parent support groups for families are offered in various locations around the state. Contact: lori.heginbotham@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-293-4692**

Positive Behavior Support (PBS): Trains a statewide workforce, serving persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury and co-existing disorders on skills needed to decrease challenging behaviors and improve quality of life. Contact: pbs@hsc.wvu.edu or call **855-558-4296**

Specialized Family Care (SFC): Recruits and trains host families to provide training, nurturing and a family living environment (aka foster care home) for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who need full-time care. SFC also provides respite care for families enrolled. Contact: michelemount@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-627-2295**

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Services: Provides services and supports to persons with a traumatic brain injury through information and resource referral. Offers training and technical assistance to other agencies to enhance service capacity and knowledge in the field of TBI. Contact: tbi@hsc.wvu.edu or call **877-724-8244**

WV Assistive Technology System (WVATS): Provides device demonstrations and assistance on assistive technology devices to help individuals with disabilities to be more independent. Loan library has over 5,000 devices for individuals, families and professionals to borrow. Contact: wvats@hsc.wvu.edu or call **800-841-8436**

Work Incentive Planning and Assistance (WIPA): Provides information about options for individuals receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI) who want to work. Contact: jtenney@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-293-4692**

WVU CED/LEND Clinical Services

Feeding & Swallowing Clinic:

Provides interdisciplinary assessments and recommendations for children from birth to 21 years of age who have feeding problems. Improves eating skills and behaviors, physical growth and development and the nutritional status of children.

Contact: ccorbett@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-293-4692**

Intensive Autism Service Delivery (iASD) Clinic:

Provides one-to-one behavioral services to children, ages 2 to 6 years, who have been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Treatment is based on the science of applied behavior analysis, combining discrete trial training with naturalistic and incidental teaching and applied verbal behavior.

Contact: **888-829-9426** or **304-293-4692**

Music Therapy Services:

Targets nonmusical goals through the use of musical interventions by a board-certified music therapist. Therapeutic goals and interventions are tailored to each client's strengths and needs. Programs include intergenerational choir, musical theatre, art and individualized music therapy sessions.

Contact: musictherapy@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-293-4692**

Next Steps Clinic:

Provides assessments of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders and other neurodevelopmental disabilities and provides an interdisciplinary diagnostic assessment to develop an "individualized life plan."

Contact: awilliams@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-293-4692**

Social Group for Teens with High Functioning Autism:

Social group for teens to build social skills and friendships through fun, structured activities.

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