



Center for Excellence in Disabilities

The WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities (CED) 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 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**

Family to Family (F2F) and Paths for Parents (P4P): Parent mentoring programs that provide peer-to-peer support and self-advocacy coaching. Parent support groups, parent education courses and parent leadership opportunities within the field of healthcare are available through these programs. Paths for Parents serves children and families enrolled in the WV Children with Special Health Care Needs program. Family to Family serves any individual with disabilities and family members. Contact: lori.heginbotham@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-293-4692**

Mentoring with Oversight for Developing Independence with Foster Youth (MODIFY): Provides services and supports to youth aging out of foster care, or former foster youth, while transitioning to adult independent living. Contact: modifyced@hsc.wvu.edu or call **866-720-3605** or **304-356-4589**.

Positive Behavior Support (PBS): PBS addresses challenging behavior and helps increase quality of life. Services include Brainstorming via telehealth, Person Centered Planning, and Intensive Services for children with serious emotional disturbances that are at risk of out of home placement. Contact: pbs@hsc.wvu.edu or call **855-558-4296**

Specialized Family Care (SFC): Recruits and trains host families to provide care and training in a nurturing family living environment (aka foster care home) for individuals, both children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who need full-time care. SFC also certifies respite care homes which can serve SFC homes and natural family homes. Contact: michelemount@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-627-2295** or **304-356-4562**

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Services: Provides services and supports to persons with traumatic brain injuries (TBI) through patient navigation and resource coordination. Connects individuals with TBI to the Funds For You Financial Assistance Program and Neuropsychological Evaluations. Offers technical assistance to agencies, individuals, and professionals to enhance service capacity and knowledge in the field of TBI through training. Contact: tbi@hsc.wvu.edu or call **877-724-8244**

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**

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**

WVU CED/LEND Clinical Services

Behavior and Learning Intervention Services (BLIS):

Focuses on improving the lives of individuals with developmental and behavioral disorders ages 18 months to 21 years through Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy, social skills groups and parent/staff training. Targeted skills often include but are not limited to increasing communication, daily living skills, and play skills, and decreasing tantrums, aggression and self-injury. Contact: kaitlyn.martin@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-293-4692**

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**

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 group and individual sessions, community based inclusive musical theatre and music based training for service providers. 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**

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**

LEND Family Partnership Program:

Connects trainees with families to provide an experiential training opportunity to learn directly from a family rather than from clinical or didactic experiences alone. Families who enroll and participate in the Family Partnership Program receive a \$300 stipend at the end of the academic year. Contact: Kendra.shaw@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-293-4692**.

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