



Center for Excellence in Disabilities

The WVU Center for Excellence in Disabilities (CED) offers a variety of services and training opportunities to help West Virginians with disabilities live as independently as possible. To learn more about one of the services listed below, visit the CED website at cedwvu.org/services.

WVU CED Services

Evaluation, assessment and follow-up services:

Assistive Technology Evaluation - Offers assistive technology (AT) evaluations for individuals of all ages. Evaluations can help identify the types of assistive technology that best meet individual needs, provide demonstrations, troubleshoot current device challenges and provide training on use.

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

Communication Access and Assistive Technology (CAAT) - Offers augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) consultations and training for individuals of all ages. Works closely with individuals, caregivers and other professionals to enhance access to communication.

Contact: tori.gilbert@hsc.wvu.edu or call

304-293-4692

Disability Employment - Works one-on-one with individuals with disabilities to help them prepare for employment and find the right job. Strives to refer great candidates to employers and offers technical assistance on disability-related labor issues.

Contact: william.sochko@hsc.wvu.edu or call

304-293-4692

Feeding & Swallowing - Provides multidisciplinary team feeding assessments and coordination of follow-up services for children aged birth to 18 years who are experiencing feeding difficulties including food selectivity and food refusal. Contact:

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

Mental Health - Supports individuals to increase their well-being, exercise choices and seek resources to support their mental health status. Services include individual and group counseling, training and consultation. Contact:

eric.murphy@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-293-4692**

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)

Follow-Up - Provides interdisciplinary services during the first six years to children exposed to substances in utero. Services available in person or through telemedicine. Contact:

charlotte.workman@hsc.wvu.edu or call

304-293-4692

Pediatric and Adolescent Occupational

Therapy - Supports children and adolescents ages 1-19 who are experiencing developmental challenges that affect motor skills, cognition, vision and perception, self-care, play, sensory processing, and/or participation with peers in school or with activities.

Contact: albert@hsc.wvu.edu or call

304-293-4692

Wayfinders - Informs individuals with disabilities of non-CED service options and resources available in their community. Services are identified by a collaborative multidisciplinary clinic that facilitates virtual meeting discussions between providers, practitioners and families. Contact:

courtney.ringstaff@hsc.wvu.edu or call

304-293-4692



Other services and training programs:

Country Roads - Prepares students with intellectual and developmental disabilities for independence by providing program-related academic courses, social engagement and real-world work experiences.

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

Disability Resource Library - Provides educational information and resource materials to individuals with disabilities, family members and practitioners. Over 5,000 resources including books, DVDs, assistive technology, demonstration kits and medical models are available to borrow. Located in Morgantown and can mail materials statewide. Contact: p4p@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-293-4692**

Family to Family (F2F) and Paths for Parents (P4P) - Provides peer-to-peer support, connections to resources, self-advocacy coaching, parent support groups, education courses and parent leadership opportunities through parent mentoring programs. The F2F program serves any individual with disabilities and their family members/caregivers, while the P4P program serves children and families enrolled in the West Virginia Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) program. Contact: f2fhic@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-293-4692**

IMPACT WV - Provides services for families and providers to create opportunities and address the needs of children diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) or who were exposed to substances in utero.

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

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (WV LEND) - Provides interdisciplinary training to prepare students, individuals with lived disability experience, community members, and families to be leaders in the fields of disability education, research, leadership, advocacy, policy, and rural health. LEND is part of a national network of 60 training programs and is led by a team of clinical, community and university faculty members. Contact: lend@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-293-4692**

Mentoring with Oversight for Developing Independence with Foster Youth (MODIFY) - Provides educational services and supports to eligible former foster youth and those aging out of the foster care system as they transition into adult independent living. Contact: mroyer@hsc.wvu.edu or call **866-720-3605**

Positive Behavior Support (PBS) - Uses evidence-based strategies to improve quality of life and decrease challenging behaviors. PBS teaches people new skills and alternative responses to replace challenging behaviors, focusing on using a positive, proactive approach to encourage interest-based functionally equivalent replacement behaviors. Contact: pbs@hsc.wvu.edu or call **855-558-4296**

Regional Transition Navigator Services (RTNS) - Provides information, training, resources and services to at-risk youth and young adults ages 14-25. Services are eligible for those in the age range who have current or past experience with substance use, serious emotional disturbance, mental illness, homelessness, aging out of foster care or juvenile detention, and/or are at risk for human trafficking. Contact: rtn_wv@hsc.wvu.edu or call **844-274-8683**

Specialized Family Care (SFC) - Helps connect children and adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities to families who are willing to open their homes and hearts to them. Persons qualified for this program live in a foster care setting with individuals and families who are specially screened, trained, and state-certified to provide care in their home, 24 hours a day, providing the person with support and community living opportunities. Contact: mary.gibbs@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-352-4499**

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) - Provides services and supports to persons with a 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**

West Virginia Assistive Technology System (WVATS) - Provides device demonstrations and support for assistive technology (AT) to help individuals with disabilities be more independent. Operates an online loan library with over 5,000 devices for individuals, families and professionals to borrow and try before purchasing, or for short-term needs. Contact: wvats@hsc.wvu.edu or call **800-841-8436**

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

WVU Department of Disability Studies - Offers undergraduate, graduate and professional students opportunities to earn a minor, certificate, or micro-credential badges in Disability Studies. Contact: lcottrell@hsc.wvu.edu or call **304-293-4692**





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