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Brain Injury Association of AR

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The Brain Injury Association of Arkansas (BIA-AR) was originally formed as the Arkansas Head Injury Foundation in 1984. The BIA-AR is incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and in 1998 became a state-chartered affiliate of the national organization, the Brain Injury Association of America, Inc., located in Alexandria, VA.

Our mission is to create a better future through brain injury prevention, research, education, and advocacy. Our goal is to be a primary point of contact for survivors and family members trying to learn about brain injuries and the recovery process that follows.

The BIA-AR consists of board members and other volunteers. We work collaboratively with other groups to improve support systems for individuals with TBI and their families.

The organization offers volunteer speakers, available to educate the public on the risks and impact of brain injury as well as programs aimed at preventing brain injury. The BIA-AR networks with different providers of services so we can help people locate the services they need. The BIA-AR provides volunteer speakers, available to educate the public on the risks and impact of brain injury as well as programs aimed at preventing brain injuries.

Membership is not required to receive information. Information about membership is available at the web site www.brainassociation.org or by calling 501-374-3585 in Little Rock, or toll-free 800-235-2443.

Neuropsychology Services

A neuropsychologist is a psychologist who specializes in studying brain behavior relationships. Neuropsychologists have extensive training in the anatomy, physiology, and pathology of the nervous system. Some neuropsychologists specialize in research while other neuropsychologists specialize in evaluating and treating people who are thought to have something wrong with the way in which their nervous system is functioning.

Neuropsychologists study brain behavior relationships under very specific circumstances, which are both controlled and standardized. As a general rule,

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this means using tests, which have been validated, and which have been shown to have acceptable levels of sensitivity and specificity.

In Arkansas, the Arkansas Psychology Board consists of five psychologists, two psychological examiners, and two members of the public. The Board is charged by law with regulating the practice of psychology, certifying psychologists to practice, and adjudicating consumer complaints. Based on educational credentials, a standardized test and oral examination, they grant licensure to qualified individuals in the State of Arkansas. They also provide certification to Neuropsychologists to practice this advanced area of specialization.

Practicing neuropsychologists in the State of Arkansas are:

Provider	Population Served	Reimbursement	To Access Services
Patricia J. Walz, Ph.D. Consulting Psychology of Western Arkansas, Inc. 1100 Waldron Rd. Fort Smith, AR 72903 Phone 479 785-1995. Fax 479 785-4248	Must be 18 years or older	Private pay or third party insurer accepted Medicare/Medicaid – Medicaid secondary payer Will bill third insurance companies directly	Direct Referrals
Gary Souheaver, PhD Behavior Management Systems Neuropsychology Clinic, Ste 140 2402 Wildwood Ave Sherwood, AR 72120 Phone: 501-771-4442 Fax: 501-992-0138	Must be 18 years or older	Private Pay or Commercial Insurance (e.g. Blue Cross Blue Shield)- HMO or Managed Care referrals are NOT accepted	Appointment made by calling clinic at 501- 771-4442
Michael P. Inman, Ph.D. Baptist Health 9601 Interstate 630, Exit 7 Little Rock, AR 72205- 7219 501-202-7617		Third party insurance accepted	Services provided through Baptist Health Rehab MD referral only To access services: schedule an appointment contact 501- 202-7520
Edward C. Kleitsch, PhD Behavior Management	Adults	Health Insurance, Private Pay	Referral or by self referral, call

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System Wildwood Centre 2402 Wildwood Ave, Ste 140 Sherwood, Arkansas 72120 Office: (501) 771-4442 Fax: (501) 992-0138 http://www.behaviormanagementsystems.org/contact.shtml			to schedule an appointment
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Elizabeth Speck-Kern PhD AR Neuropsychology Associates 1405 N. Pierce St., Suite 211 Little Rock, AR 72207 Phone: 501-664-1050 arneuropsych@aristotle.net	Ages 2-60 with cognitive or behavioral disorders	Some insurance policies or accept private pay.	Call directly or be referred by someone else (e.g., physician, counselor, or educator) or contact online through email
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SERVICES THROUGH STATE AGENCY PROVIDERS

Arkansas Department of Education (ADE):

Special Education

If a parent or other interested party feels a child needs special education to receive benefit in the educational setting, then they can send a written request to the principal of the child's school, requesting a referral conference.

The "Special Education and Related Services Procedural Requirements and Program Standards" manual states that the purposes of the regulations are "To ensure that all children with disabilities in the State of Arkansas have available to them a free appropriate public education that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment and independent living".

The manual "Special Education Eligibility Criteria and Program Guidelines for Children with Disabilities Ages 3 - 21" includes the following disability categories: Autism, Deaf-Blindness, Hearing Impairment (including Deafness), Emotional Disturbance, Mental Retardation, Multiple Disabilities, Orthopedic Impairment, Other Health Impairment, Specific Learning Disability, Speech or Language Impairment, Traumatic Brain Injury and Visual Impairment (including Blindness). For children 3 - 5 there is no Emotional Disturbance or Mental Retardation, however, for that age Noncategorical is added.