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# What is the CES Waiver?

The Community and Employment Support (CES) Waiver is a Medicaid program that helps Arkansans with developmental disabilities live full, meaningful lives in their community instead of in a facility.

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## Who Is Eligible?

An applicant must meet both diagnostic and functional criteria.

### Diagnostic Criteria:

- Primary diagnosis of Intellectual Disability, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, or a related condition.
- The disability must have started before age 22.

### Functional Criteria:

Must have substantial limitations in 3 or more of the following areas:

- Self-care & Independent Living
- Language & Communication
- Learning & Self-Direction
- Mobility

## Ready to Start?

The first step is to contact the Arkansas Developmental Disabilities Services Intake and Referral Unit. Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to go directly to the online portal.



**The Gregory Kistler Treatment Center is here to help.**

Our team can help you understand this information and guide you through the process.

# The Application Journey

## 1 Initial Contact

Start by calling Arkansas Developmental Disabilities Services intake or using the online portal via the QR code on the front.

## 3 Join the Waitlist

Once eligibility is confirmed, you'll be placed on the statewide waitlist for a waiver slot.

## 2 Submit Documents

An Intake Specialist will guide you in gathering required documents like psychological evaluations and school records.

## 4 Apply for Medicaid

CES Waiver Services are paid for by Medicaid, so you must also apply for Medicaid coverage (like TEFRA or ARKids) at your local DHS office.

## A Spectrum of Support:

Once you receive a CES Waiver spot, a personalized plan is created to help you achieve your goals using services like:

- **Supportive Living**
- **Respite Care**
- **Adaptive Equipment**
- **Supported Employment**
- **Consultation Services**
- **Home Modifications**

## What is a PASSE?

A PASSE (Provider-Led Arkansas Shared Savings Entity) is an organization that manages your care. Every person on the CES Waiver is assigned a PASSE.

Your PASSE provides a **Care Coordinator** who is your main point of contact. They help create your service plan, connect you with providers, and ensure you're making progress toward your goals.

### Key Contacts for Fort Smith

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| <b>To apply:</b>        | AR DDS Intake & Referral<br><b>(501) 683-5687</b> |
| <b>Waitlist Status:</b> | AR DDS Waiver Unit<br><b>(501) 683-0569</b>       |
| <b>Medicaid/TEFRA:</b>  | Sebastian Co. DHS Office<br><b>(479) 782-4555</b> |