

## Supporting Families through the AzEIP process




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### Arizona Early Intervention Program

**Our Mission**  
Part C early intervention builds upon and provides supports and resources to assist family members and caregivers to enhance children's learning and development through everyday learning opportunities.

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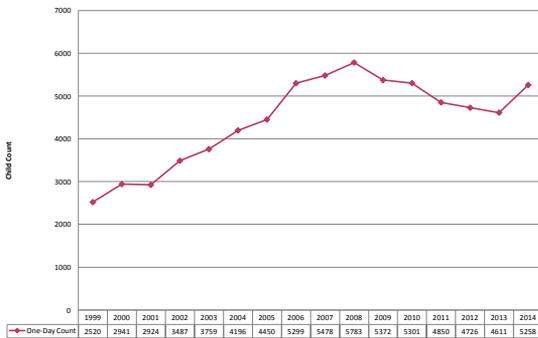
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## Families Served




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## What is AzEIP?

- Statewide system of early intervention services for families of infants and toddlers, birth to three years of age, with disabilities or significant developmental delays.
- Governed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) - Part C

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## AzEIP Participating Agencies

- Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) \*
    - Arizona Early Intervention Program
    - Division of Developmental Disabilities
  - Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (ASDB)\*
  - Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS)
  - Arizona Department of Education (ADE)
  - Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)
- \* AzEIP Service Providing Agencies

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## Funding

- Private Insurance
- Public Insurance
  - AHCCCS, CMDP, ALTCS
- State General Funds
  - AzEIP
  - DDD
  - ASDB
- Part C Funds

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## AzEIP Eligibility

A child birth to 36 months of age who has not reached 50% of the developmental milestones expected at his/her chronological age, in one or more of the following domains:

- Physical (fine and/or gross motor, sensory including vision and/or hearing)
- Cognitive
- Communication
- Social or emotional
- Adaptive

OR

A child with an established condition known to have a high probability of resulting in developmental delay

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## AzEIP Established Conditions *may include, but are not limited to:*

- Cerebral palsy
- Failure to thrive/pediatric under-nutrition
- Chromosomal abnormalities (e.g., Down syndrome)
- Severe attachment disorders
- Significant auditory or visual impairment
- Disorders reflecting disturbance of the nervous system (autism spectrum disorders, seizure disorders, born *addicted* to narcotics or alcohol)

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## DDD Eligibility



- Simultaneously Determined
- Diagnosed with one of the 4 DDs:
  - Epilepsy
  - Autism
  - Cerebral Palsy
  - Cognitive/Intellectual Disability
- "At Risk" for one of the 4
- Significant Delays in one or more of the 5 Domains

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## ASDB Eligibility



- Simultaneously Determined
- Hearing and/or Vision loss:
  - Bilateral
  - Permanent

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## ALTCS Eligibility

- ALTCS Services
  - Care in Nursing Facility
  - Home and Community Services
  - Medical Services
  - Behavioral Health
  - Preventative and Well Care
  - Hospice
- Determined for DDD Eligible Children:
  - In need Nursing Home level of care by AHCCCS
  - U.S. Citizen or Qualified Immigrant
  - Social Security Number
  - Arizona Resident
  - Apply for Cash Benefits
  - Financial Eligibility
  - Live in approved living arrangement

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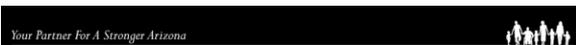
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## Every Family has a Team




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## Team Members

- Developmental Special Instructor
- Occupational Therapist
- Physical Therapist
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Service Coordinator
  - AzEIP TBEIS Contractor or Division for Developmental Disabilities (DDD)
- May include Hearing Specialist, Vision Specialist, Social Worker and/or Psychologist

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## AzEIP Teams

- Share caseload
- Meet Weekly
- Coach one another
- Work as a team
- Discuss each child and family at least quarterly




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## Service Coordination

May be provided by:

- AzEIP TBEIS staff
  - Initial process, AzEIP-only eligible, DDD eligible with private insurance
- DDD staff
  - DDD eligible with public insurance




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## Making A Referral

- Explain Consent
- Share Information
- Explain Early Intervention
- Ask for Updates
- Online is fastest!




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## Central Referral



- Gila, Maricopa, Pima, Pinal & Santa Cruz counties
- Algorithm assigns AzEIP provider
- Refer directly to AzEIP provider in other counties
- Screening Results?

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## Information Sharing

- Must have Consent
  - Protected under IDEA and FERPA
- Provide, with consent, Quarterly updates to community providers, physicians
- FERPA




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## What happens next

- Team Based Early Intervention Provider
- Service Coordinator
- Acknowledgement of Referral
- Initial Call to family
- Initial Visit with Family



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## Determining Eligibility

- Record Review
- Evaluation
- Informed Clinical Opinion
- "Simultaneously" determine ASDB and/or DDD eligibility



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## Child and Family Assessment

- Family-Directed
- Everyday Routines, Activities and Places
- Concerns, Priorities & Resources
- May include discipline-specific tools



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## Supporting families through the AzEIP Process

- Providing accurate info about eligibility
- Helping them to understand the timeline
- Can be present at evaluation if family would like

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## Supporting families through the AzEIP Process If a child is NOT eligible

- Encourage families to ask further questions
  - Ask providers for strategies and how you can help child make progress
  - Ask what progress to look for
  - Ask when it will be appropriate to re-refer

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## Supporting families through the AzEIP Process If a child IS eligible

- Attend the Child and Family Assessment/IFSP, if family would like
- Attend AzEIP sessions with family from time to time
- Get consent to communicate with the Team Lead about on going strategies and progress

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## Transition Planning

- Between 27 and 36 months
  - 27-30 months: IFSP Transition Planning meeting
  - 30 Months: PEA Notification sent
  - 30-33 Months: Preschool Transition Conference
  - 30-36 months: District Evaluation, Eligibility Review, and IEP
  - 36 months: Age out of AzEIP and IDEA part B begins




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## Before turning 3

Once Transition steps are complete, child continues to receive AzEIP services until the day **BEFORE** his/her third birthday

**OR**

until he/she begins preschool  
(whichever happens first)

- Not all children will be eligible for preschool
- Team will discuss outside resources for all children prior to exit




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## Fact or Myth?

The truth revealed...




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# Questions?

**AzEIP office contacts:**

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