



The Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP)

The Arizona Early Intervention Program is the statewide system of services and supports for families of infants and toddlers, birth to three years of age, with disabilities or delays. The purpose of early intervention is to help families help their children develop to their full potential.

The Arizona Department of Economic Security, Arizona Early Intervention Program (DES/AzEIP) is the lead agency. DES/AzEIP works together with DES, Division of Developmental Disabilities and other DES programs, the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (ASDB), the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and other community resources to implement the Arizona Early Intervention Program.

If your child is referred to AzEIP, an Interim Service Coordinator (ISC) will contact your family. If you are interested, the ISC will make an appointment to visit with your family in your home or another location of your choosing. During this visit, you may talk with the ISC about your concerns and your questions about your child's development. You will be asked to share information about your child's health and medical history. Together with the ISC, you may decide that a more detailed evaluation of your child's development is needed. If your insurance does not cover the costs of this evaluation, AzEIP will provide the evaluation. The ISC will help you identify other community programs or resources that might be helpful to you.

If your child is eligible for the early intervention program, a permanent service coordinator will be assigned. Your family, your service coordinator, individuals who have been involved in assessments for your child, and other people who you decide to include, will develop an Individualized Family Service Plan that identifies your child's routines and natural environments, the outcomes that you want for your child and your family, and the services and supports necessary to help meet those outcomes. Services are planned to meet the unique needs of each child and family and might include: audiology, home visits, nutrition services, occupational or physical therapy, family counseling, vision services and others.

Your family may stay enrolled in AzEIP until your child turns three years of age or your child no longer needs early intervention. As your child nears two and a half years of age, your service coordinator will help you decide on the next steps for your child. These steps may include a preschool program for children with special needs offered by your local school district, a Head Start program, or a local child care center.

If you would like additional information or to refer your child to the Arizona Early Intervention Program, please call your local interim service coordinator.

DES/AzEIP

(602) 532-9960

(888) 439-5609 for calls outside of (602), (480) and (623) area codes

AzEIP Interim Service Coordinators

Apache County

Lora Lee Senske
(520) 333-5010
(800) 824-5010

Cochise County

Child and Family Resources
Julie Snellgrove (Sierra Vista)
(520) 458-7350, (800) 226-7350

Coconino County

Arizona's Children Association
Amanda Bowling (Flagstaff)
(520) 527-1000
Elizabeth Holmes (Page)
(520) 645-0094

Gila County

The Blake Foundation
Velma Bullis (San Carlos)
(520) 475-2791

Catherine Ray (Payson)
(520) 474-5681

Graham County

Child and Family Resources
Joan Crockett (Safford)
(520) 428-7231

Greenlee County

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(520) 428-7231

La Paz County

Arizona's Children Association, (Parker)
(520) 669-9395

Maricopa County

AAFC
Jillian McManus, Kelly Mitchell
(480) 820-3605

Mohave County

Arizona's Children Association
George Hatchell (Kingman) – (520) 718-0432
Kathy Thiessen (Lake Havasu City)
(520) 680-4458

Navajo County

Navajo County Health Department
Cherrie Mort
(520) 532-6050

Pima County

Pima County School Superintendent's Office
Peggy Brown – x1169
Aimee McDurfee – x1166
(520) 745-5588, (800) 501-2765

Pinal County

The Blake Foundation
Janet Sanchez
(520) 723-4429
(800) 851-6266

Santa Cruz

Child and Family Resources
(Nogales)
(520) 281-9303

Yavapai County

Yavapai County Health Department
Barbara Kramer – (Prescott) (520) 771-3129
Jo Kontzer (Cottonwood) (520) 639-8130

Yuma County

Edie Provazek - (520) 329-8095