

Challenging Behavior and Social Emotional Support

Have you been told...

- Your child has challenging behaviors that are disruptive to the classroom?
- Another program might be a better fit for your child?
- Your child is no longer allowed to attend the program?
- Your child has a special need that cannot be accommodated by the program?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, your child could be at risk for expulsion or suspension.

What does expulsion look like?

- Removal in the short-term or limiting the time a child attends the program
- Dismissing a child permanently
- Encouraging families to voluntarily terminate services
- Limiting other services on the basis of challenging behaviors, e.g. denying outdoor time, not allowing participation in certain activities, withholding food, and using food as a reward or punishment

The Department of Economic Security (DES) is committed to supporting children and families by providing resources and support that are essential to ensuring access to quality child care. Some of the assistance DES provides is related to helping resolve any issues that may lead to the suspension or expulsion of children in care.

Find Support Arizona Statewide Training and Technical Assistance for Expulsion Prevention (AZ STEPS) program is available to assist families and child care staff with concerns about the emotional well-being or behavior of an enrolled child.

Explore resources available provided by AzSTEPS below:



Visit www.azccrr.com and 'Submit a support request'

Call CCR&R to talk with a Child Care Specialist

1-800-308-9000

Monday - Friday 8 AM - 6 PM

Saturday 8 AM - 12 PM

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