

To: Service Providing Agencies and their Service Coordinators **Date**: January 6, 2023 **Subject:** DDD Eligibility Application for Children with DCS

A copy of court minutes documenting guardianship must be submitted with the DDD Eligibility Application for all children in the care of the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS).

When a child is in DCS custody, DDD needs court minutes or a court order signed by the judge that includes a statement that the child is in the care, custody, and control of DCS. This documentation allows DDD to accept the DCS signature on the DDD application. If a child has a guardian other than DCS (such as with a kinship placement), then DDD will need the guardianship papers (court order) to accept the guardians' signature on the DDD application.

The DDD eligibility application must be signed by a representative from DCS:

- DCS Case Manager
- DCS Supervisor
- Health Program Manager II-DDD Coordinator

A copy of current DCS Directories are shared within the AzEIP Google Drive and can be accessed through <u>this link</u>.

If the DCS Case Manager is not able to be reached, please follow up with

- 1. DCS Supervisor
- 2. DCS General Inquiry Line
 - a. Phone: 602-255-2500
 - b. Email: <u>GeneralInquiries@AZDCS.GOV</u>
- 3. Billy Henderson, Health Program Manager II-DDD Coordinator
 - a. Office Phone: 602-771-6338
 - b. Cell Phone: 520-610-1866
 - c. Email: <u>Billy.Henderson@azdcs.gov</u>

If a child's court minutes are unable to be obtained after speaking to the child's DCS Case Manager and following up with Billy Henderson, Health Program Manager II-DDD Coordinator, the SC should:

- 1. Email the DDD Eligibility Team and cc Billy Henderson, Health Program Manager II-DDD Coordinator, letting the DDD Eligibility Team know that court minutes were not able to be obtained.
 - 1. DDD EligibilityTeam will close (not deny) the child's DDD referral.
 - 2. The Health Program Manager II-DDD Coordinator will follow up internally on court minutes.



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- 2. Continue to follow up with DCS Case Manager to obtain court minutes
- 3. Once court minutes are obtained,
 - 1. Email the previous application along with newly obtained court minutes (only time that a new application is not required) to the <u>DDD Eligibility Intake Mailbox</u>.
 - 2. Include in the email message that court minutes have been obtained and request to reopen the closed referral for DDD Eligibility referral for determination.
 - 3. Enter the date submitted into the "Date DDD Eligibility Requested" field on the Eligibility screen in I-TEAMS.