

## **800 ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ARIZONA EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

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Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) defines as eligible a child between birth and 36 months of age who is developmentally delayed, or who has an established condition that has a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay.

A developmental delay is met when the child has not reached 50% of the developmental milestones expected at his/her chronological age in one or more of the following domains:

- A. Physical (fine and/or gross motor, vision or hearing);
- B. Cognitive;
- C. Communication;
- D. Social Emotional; or
- E. Self-Direction.

Developmental delay shall be determined by a person meeting the AzEIP personnel standards, such as a physician or person formally trained in early childhood development who evaluates the child through the use of culturally appropriate and recognized developmental tools. Eligibility shall be based on informed clinical opinion and parental input.

When a child is eligible for more than one AzEIP participating agency (e.g., Arizona State School for the Deaf and Blind, Division of Developmental Disabilities) the Individualized Family Services Planning team makes the decision, based on the needs of the family and child which agency will perform the Support Coordinator function.

In order for a child who is AzEIP eligible to receive services through the Division, the child must also meet the Division eligibility criteria outlined in this Policy Manual.