



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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AzEIP/DCC Updates
October 25, 2023

AzEIP Updates

- New AzEIP Policy Analyst, Jessica Jimmerson
- SPA OAE Training Reimbursement
- OAE machine purchase (1 per contract in each region)
using ARPA funds (have been ordered)
- ARPA closeout
- Rate Rebase Study

AzEIP/ECSE Early Childhood Transition: Building Collaborative Communities

This presentation will focus on important information regarding the transition from Part C to other programs when a child is turning 3 years old. It will provide opportunities for AzEIP providers, DDD, ASDB, school districts and Head Start/Early Head Start providers to build local collaborative communities that support successful transitions for children with disabilities and their families.

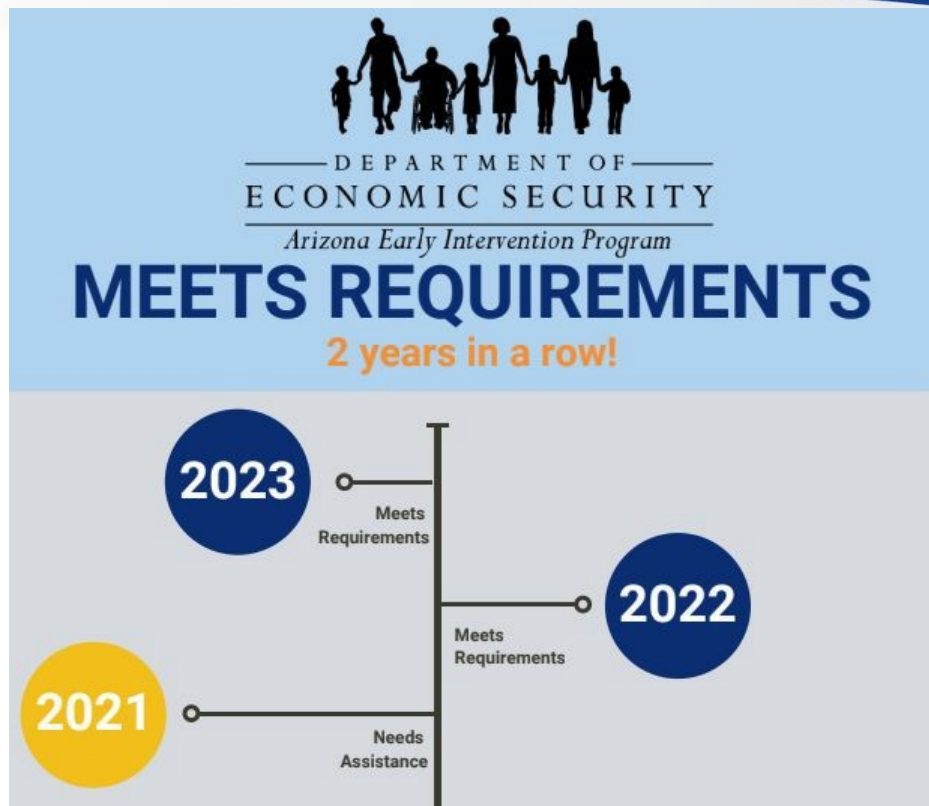
The same presentation will be held on both days and will be recorded. Participants will have the opportunity to break out into groups with other providers/school districts from their geographic area during both sessions to support further collaboration.

To register, please click the link of the date you plan to attend below:

Wednesday, [October 25, 2023 1:00pm-3:00pm via Zoom](#)

Friday, [October 27, 2023 8:30am-10:30am via Zoom](#)

Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Annual Determination



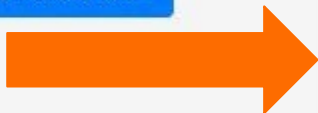
2023 Public Report now Available

<https://des.az.gov/services/developmental-disabilities/early-intervention/reports>

Dashboard

AzEIP's interactive dashboard with commonly requested data is designed specifically for stakeholder.

[Visit AzEIP Dashboard](#)



Public Report

AzEIP makes a report available on the performance of each service providing agency on the requirements of IDEA Part C, source data, timeframe, and targets.

[View AzEIP Public Report](#)

[View all other AzEIP reports](#)

State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)

AzEIP's 5-year goal is that children who receive services through our program will have greater than expected growth in their social-emotional development.

[Read SSIP Evaluation Plan](#)

[Read the Theory of Action](#)

[Read the Full SSIP](#)

Website Updates

- New tab to easily find the local AzEIP SPA

<https://des.az.gov/services/developmental-disabilities/early-intervention/find-service-providers>

- Informational video for AzEIP FAQs

<https://vimeo.com/search?q=azeip>

- AzEIP Newsletter - October 2023

<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/nz50PTW4VQjDo>

- Facebook Link - Arizona Early Childhood Community (ICC)

<https://www.facebook.com/azearlychildhoodICC>

Email for - iccsocialmedia@azdes.gov

Interagency Coordinating Council

The **ICC advises and assists** the Department of Economic Security, Arizona Early Intervention Program (**DES/AzEIP**) and **its partner agencies to administer, promote, coordinate, and improve early intervention for families and professionals**. The ICC and the DES collaborate in the following areas:

- Full participation, coordination, and cooperation of all appropriate public agencies involved with early intervention.
- Seeking information about any federal, state, or local policies that facilitate and/or impede timely service delivery and taking steps to ensure problems are resolved.
- Preparation and submission of the annual report to the Governor and the Secretary on the status of early intervention service programs operated within the state.

Membership on committees, other than the Executive Committee, is open to interested people regardless of membership status on the ICC.

To learn more-

<https://des.az.gov/services/developmental-disabilities/early-intervention/icc-for-infants-and-toddlers>

ICC Committees

Family Engagement Committee

The Family Engagement Committee empowers family partnership by promoting positive family caregiver-child relationships. This committee meets approximately monthly.

Transition Committee

The Transition Committee provides support and direction on policies and procedures to assist with timely and high quality transition of children out of early intervention to preschool and/or other community services. This committee meets quarterly.

Fiscal Committee

The Fiscal Committee provides fiscal advice and assistance to support the financial stability of AzEIP. This committee meets monthly.

Development Committee

The Development Committee assists with the structure of policies and procedures, recruiting, and retaining members, and providing education for new and existing members. This committee meets quarterly.



2024 Summit for Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education

Save the Date:
February 28, 29, and March 1

Contact Information

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To make a referral

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Brief Overview - DCC

Today's Breakout Room Agenda

- Brief Overview - Division of Child Care
 - Arizona's Lead Agency for Federal CCDBG
 - Division Structure
 - Key Updates-
 - Provider Support
 - Income Eligibility
 - Success Story
 - DCC Engagement Contacts
 - ***What Would You Like to Talk About?***
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Child Care and Development Block Grant

Legal Authority: The 2014 Child Care and Development Block Grant recognizes that child care providers play a critical role in early childhood brain development.

As Arizona's Lead Agency for the CCDBG, DES is required to ensure equal access to quality care, focused on child development & well-being.

- **In Arizona, we accomplish this through State & Community Coordination, Child Care Assistance, DHS Licensing Standards, the DES Provider Registration Agreement, Certified Family Providers, and Quality Set Aside.**

Overview: Division of Child Care

Supporting the well-being and economic independence of Arizona's families by providing quality child care assistance and services.

- Provider Network & Support Administration
- Family Support & Eligibility Administration
- ECE Quality & Systems Building Administration
- Operations Support Administration
- IT Systems Administration
- Performance & Strategic Initiatives Team



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Key Updates

Updates: Provider Support

- Arizona Child Care Assistance Provider Grant (AZCAP)
 - Focus: continued stabilization for DES contracted and certified providers to support personnel costs (centers) and rent/mortgage, and utility payments (homes)
 - Applications closed Sept 2023
 - Awarded 1,428 Providers
 - Award payment Oct 2023
 - \$68,765,000 one-time payment disbursed 10/25
 - Spending through June 2024
- Become a DES Provider!
 - azccrr.com/providers-needed.html



Updates: Income Eligibility

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE GROSS MONTHLY INCOME ELIGIBILITY CHART AND FEE SCHEDULE FFY 2024

Effective October 1, 2023

Initial Application: A family's gross monthly income must be at or below 165% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) / (L1-L6).

Redetermination: A family's gross monthly income must be at or below 85% of the State Median Income (SMI) / (L1-L7).

FAMILY SIZE ↓	FEE LEVEL 1 (L1) Income Maximum Equal To or Less Than 85% FPL*	FEE LEVEL 2 (L2) Income Maximum Equal To or Less Than 100% FPL*	FEE LEVEL 3 (L3) Income Maximum Equal To or Less Than 135% FPL*	FEE LEVEL 4 (L4) Income Maximum Equal To or Less Than 145% FPL*	FEE LEVEL 5 (L5) Income Maximum Equal To or Less Than 155% FPL*	FEE LEVEL 6 (L6) Income Maximum Equal To or Less Than 165% FPL*	FEE LEVEL 7 (L7) INCOME MAXIMUM EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 85% SMI**
1	0 – 1,033	1,034 – 1,215	1,216 – 1,641	1,642 – 1,762	1,763 – 1,884	1,885 – 2,005	3,406
2	0 – 1,398	1,399 – 1,644	1,645 – 2,220	2,221 – 2,384	2,385 – 2,549	2,550 – 2,713	4,454
3	0 – 1,762	1,763 – 2,072	2,073 – 2,798	2,799 – 3,005	3,006 – 3,212	3,213 – 3,419	5,502
4	0 – 2,125	2,126 – 2,500	2,501 – 3,375	3,376 – 3,625	3,626 – 3,875	3,876 – 4,125	6,549
5	0 – 2,490	2,491 – 2,929	2,930 – 3,955	3,956 – 4,248	4,249 – 4,540	4,541 – 4,833	7,598
6	0 – 2,854	2,855 – 3,357	3,358 – 4,532	4,533 – 4,868	4,869 – 5,204	5,205 – 5,540	8,645
7	0 – 3,218	3,219 – 3,785	3,786 – 5,110	5,111 – 5,489	5,490 – 5,867	5,868 – 6,246	8,842
8	0 – 3,582	3,583 – 4,214	4,215 – 5,689	5,690 – 6,111	6,112 – 6,532	6,533 – 6,954	9,039
9	0 – 3,946	3,947 – 4,642	4,643 – 6,267	6,268 – 6,731	6,732 – 7,196	7,197 – 7,660	9,235
10	0 – 4,310	4,311 – 5,070	5,071 – 6,845	6,846 – 7,352	7,353 – 7,859	7,860 – 8,366	9,431
11	0 – 4,675	4,676 – 5,499	5,500 – 7,424	7,425 – 7,974	7,975 – 8,524	8,525 – 9,074	9,628
12	0 – 5,038	5,039 – 5,927	5,928 – 8,002	8,003 – 8,595	8,596 – 9,187	9,186 – 9,780	9,824

MINIMUM REQUIRED COPAYMENT

Per child in care	Daily Rate—\$0.50	Daily Rate—\$1.00	Daily Rate—\$1.50	Daily Rate—\$2.50
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Update: Child Care for Educators

Arizona Education Workforce Scholarship Program

- ★ Applications continue to increase by about 400 per month.
- ★ Parents working in child care, public, or charter schools, serving as teachers, assistants, and other staff.
- ★ Household income \$65,000 or less.
- ★ Critical job functions cannot be completed remotely.
- ★ Currently available, and **extended through June 2024**.



The screenshot shows the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) website. The header includes the DES logo, the tagline "Your Partner for a Stronger Arizona", a search bar, and a language selection dropdown. The main navigation bar lists: About, Services, How do I?, Documents Center, Media Center, Office Locator, and Report Fraud. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home / Services / Child and Family / Child Care / Child Care Grants and Scholarships / Arizona Education Workforce Scholarship Program. The left sidebar menu includes: Child Care, Find a DES Child Care Office, Apply for Child Care Assistance, Become a Child Care Provider, Child Care Grants and Scholarships (selected), Child Care Stabilization Grant, Arizona Child Care Assistance Provider Grant, Arizona Education Workforce Scholarship Program, File a Complaint on a DES Child Care Provider, Professional Development for DES Child Care Providers, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled "Arizona Education Workforce Scholarship Program" and features a photo of a teacher and students. The text below the photo states: "Safe and affordable child care options for parents are a necessity to ensure Arizona's educators have the support to continue to provide high quality education and learning for Arizona's children. In response to this need, the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) has approved the **Arizona Education Workforce Scholarship Program** for parents working in the fields of child care and publicly funded Pre-K through 12th grade schools and publicly funded charter schools. The scholarship will be administered by the DES - Division of Child Care. Applications will be made available beginning April 1, 2023 and the scholarship is planned to run through June 30, 2024. Email completed applications to the Division of Child Care." At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Apply for Scholarship - English" and "Apply for Scholarship - Spanish".

Updates: Success Story



(From left to right) DES Division of Child Care Assistant Director, Lela Wendell, First Presbyterian Preschool Director, Shiloh Murillo, and DES Deputy Assistant Director, Michelle Genaro.

Federal Office of Child Care RFI Listening Session

- Federal Office of Child Care Region IX Listening Session:
 - Request for Information: Meeting the Child Care Needs in Tribal Nations
 - Seeking in-person input from Tribal Nations that administer the Tribal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)
 - RFI focus: child care requirements, regulations, and processes
 - Partnership with ITCA
 - Nov 2nd @ 10am-12pm: Heard Museum, 2301 N Central Ave, Phoenix, Az 85004, Encanto Room
 - Region IX Office Hours for Tribal CCDF Lead Agencies: 1 pm- 4pm, following RFI to discuss their programs and/or funding
 - Federal Request for Information link (published July 27, 2023)
 - <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-07-27/pdf/2023-15930.pdf>
 - Written comments must be received on or before January 2, 2024
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DCC Engagement Contacts

Engaging with the Division of Child Care

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Open Dialogue & Questions