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Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP)

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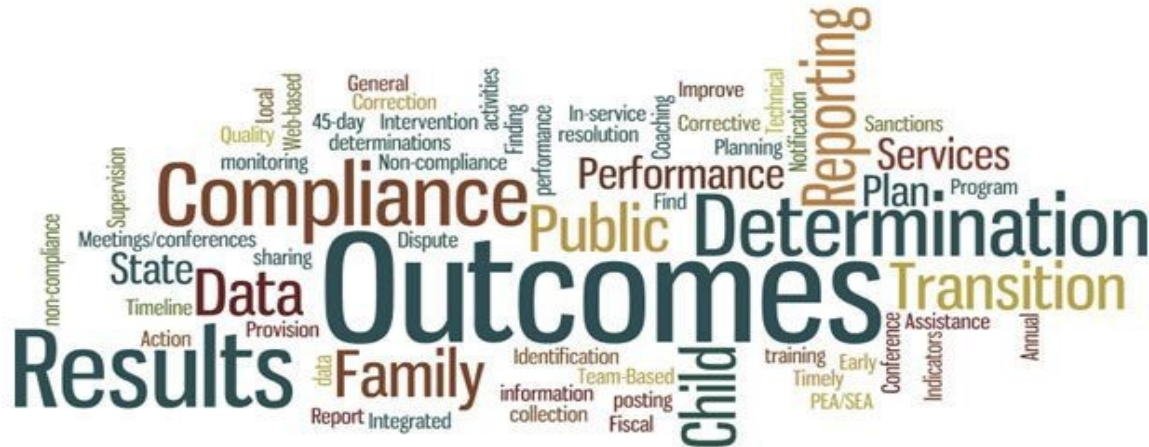
Jerrilene Antone-Morton- AzEIP/DCC Tribal Liaison

- Former educator, mother of 4 neurodiverse children
- Collaborate with a community relation liaison to cover the state of Arizona

What is AzEIP

- Statewide interagency system of services and support
- Provides services to infants and toddler birth through two years of age
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C
- Team Based Early Intervention Services

AzEIP serves an average of 16,000 infants & toddlers yearly!



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Make a Referral

If you are concerned a child is not reaching appropriate milestone(s), refer the child to AzEIP.

[Refer a child online](#)

[Refer a child by email](#)

Phone: (888) 592-0140

Fax: (602) 200-9820

Check the status of a referral:

AzEIP@azdes.gov
(602) 532-9960

How to Apply for Early Intervention Services for Your Child

[Español](#)



As children grow physically, their knowledge, skills, and behavior also develop. When a child is not meeting the milestones for their age, the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) can help.

Applying for AzEIP

1. Review [Infant and Toddler Milestones](#) to see if your child may be falling behind or visit [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Developmental Milestones](#) website for more information.
2. If you are concerned your child is not reaching appropriate milestone(s):

[Apply for AzEIP online](#)

Or call AzEIP at (888) 592-0140

3. Find out about [what to expect after you apply for AzEIP](#)

Making A Referral




Arizona Early Intervention Program

Online Referral Application

Aplicación Electrónica de Referencia

PLEASE NOTE: Children between birth and 36 months old may be eligible for AzEIP. If the child you wish to refer has already turned 3 years old, you may seek services through your local school district. Please go to [AZ Find](#) for further information.

POR FAVOR NOTE: Los niños de nacimiento a 36 meses de edad podrán ser elegibles para AzEIP. Si el niño(a) que usted desea referir ya ha cumplido los 3 años de edad, puede buscar servicios en su escuela distrito escolar local. Por favor vaya a [AZ Find](#) para información adicional.

	<p>If you are a family member, please use the "Family Member" category, which will ensure that sufficient information is submitted to allow us to respond to the referral.</p> <p>Si es un miembro de la familia, por favor use la categoría de "Miembro de la familia", esto asegurará que la información sometida sea suficiente para permitirnos responder a la referencia.</p>	<input type="radio"/> Family Member Miembro de la Familia
	<p>If you are making this referral because of your familiarity with the child as a healthcare professional, therapist, teacher, caretaker, or other position in a professional field, please use the "Professional" category, so that we will know how to contact you for further information, if necessary.</p> <p>Si esta haciendo esta referencia por su familiaridad con el niño(a) como un profesional medico, terapeuta, maestro(a), guardián, u otra posición profesional, por favor use la categoría "Profesional", para que sepamos cómo comunicarnos con usted para información adicional, si es necesario.</p>	<input type="radio"/> Professional Profesional
	<p>If you are a friend or neighbor, or know the child and/or family through a community activity, please use the "Other" category to submit your online referral.</p> <p>Si es un amigo(a) o vecino(a), o conoce al niño(a) y/o a la familia por una actividad de la comunidad, por favor use la categoría "Otro" para someter su referencia electrónica.</p>	<input type="radio"/> Other Otro

If you refer a child using this link, the information you submit will be forwarded by email to your local AzEIP office, which will initiate contact with the child and family. If you are not the parent or guardian, they will be contacted for permission to proceed with your referral, and they may accept or decline.

Si usted refiere a un niño(a) utilizando esta conexión, la información que usted someta será enviada por correo electrónico a su oficina local de AzEIP, así iniciará el contacto con el niño(a) y la familia. Si usted no es el padre ni el guardián, ellos serán contactados para obtener permiso para continuar con su referencia, y ellos podrán aceptar o rechazar.

Next|Siguiente

Sharing Information

The [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#) is a federal law that gives parents the right to have access to their child's early intervention records. Early Intervention records are not considered public records nor are they considered medical records. Early Intervention records are considered educational records and protected under FERPA. With very few exceptions, only the child's parent(s) have the right to authorize release of information in their child's early intervention records.

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CONSENT TO SHARE EARLY INTERVENTION RECORDS AND INFORMATION

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 34 C.F.R. § 99.30

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 34 C.F.R. §§ 303.414 & 303.420

Name of person/organization disclosing information*: - Select -

Name and date of birth of individual/client whose specific information is being disclosed:

Child's Name*: _____ Date of Birth*: _____

Information to be Disclosed (select one)*:

☐ Specific information to be disclosed (please describe specific information to be disclosed):

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Our Mission:

Part C Early intervention builds upon and provides supports and resources to assist family members and caregivers to enhance children's learning and development through everyday learning opportunities.

Connecting with the SPAs

Early Intervention Service-Providing Agencies

Electronic Authorization Form	Agency Email Address
A to Z Therapies LLC	azeip@atoztherapies.com
Arizona Cooperative Therapies (ACT)	Jennifer@azcooperativetherapies.org
Arizona Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB)	elp-referral.info@asdb.az.gov
Dynamite Therapy LLC	lanagraber@dynamitetherapy.com taylercolley@dynamitetherapy.com valeriebrookman@dynamitetherapy.com
Growing in Beauty	lucynez@nndode.org
Hummingbird Early Intervention Services	hummingbird0to3@gmail.com
Northland Rural Therapy Associates	northlandrural@gmail.com
Northland Therapy Services	Judi@northlandtherapy.com
RISE Early Intervention Services	ginak@riservicesinc.org
Root for Kids	cghica@rootforkids.org hcooper@rootforkids.org
Sunrise Therapy Services Inc	Janet@sunrisetherapy.com

Established Conditions

- Auditory Impairment
- Chromosomal Abnormality
- Disorders Disturbing Nervous Systems
- Hydrocephalus
- Metabolic Disorder
- Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS)
- Pediatric Undernutrition
- Severe Attachment Disorder
- Cerebral Palsy
- Congenital Infections
- Disorders Secondary to Toxic Substance Exposure (FAS)
- Intraventricular Hemorrhage Grade III or IV
 - Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)
- Neural Tube Defect
- Periventricular Leukomalacia
- Visual Impairment

Evaluation and Eligibility

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- 50% developmental delay in one or more developmental domains
- Established Condition (Medical records with a diagnosis)
- Informed Clinical Opinion

Arizona School for the Deaf and the Blind (ASDB)

- Unilateral or bilateral vision loss
- Unilateral or bilateral hearing loss

Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

- Cerebral Palsy
- Epilepsy
- Autism
- Cognitive/Intellectual
- Down Syndrome
- At risk for any of the above*



Client Journey with AzEIP

Initial Planning Process

- Service Coordination
- Initial Phone Call
- Initial Visit/Screening
- Evaluation/
- Eligibility Decision
- Individualized Family Service Plan

Ongoing Services & Support

- Service Coordination
- Individualized Family Service Plan
- Home Visits
- Developmental Services
- Assessments
- Community Resources

Transition & Exit

- Service Coordination
- Individualized Family Service Plan/ Transition Plan
- Local Developmental Preschool/ Private Preschool/ Head Start

AHCCCS Health Plan Contacts

AHCCCS ACUTE CARE/INTEGRATED HEALTH PLANS	
Arizona Complete Health - Complete Care Plan Customer Service 1-888-788-4408 www.azcompletehealth.com/completecure	Mercy Care Customer Service 1-800-624-3879 www.mercycareaz.org
Care 1st Health Plan Customer Service 1-866-560-4042 www.care1staz.com	Molina Complete Care Customer Service 1-800-424-5891 www.mccofaz.com
Banner – University Family Care Customer Service 1-800-582-8686 www.bannerufc.com/acc	United Healthcare Community Plan Customer Service 1-800-348-4058 www.uhccommunityplan.com
Health Choice Arizona Customer Services 1-800-322-8670 www.healthchoiceaz.com	Mercy Care Department of Child Safety Comprehensive Health Plan Customer Service 1-833-711-0776 mercycareaz.org/members/chp-members
LONG TERM CARE HEALTH PLANS (PROGRAM CONTRACTORS)	
Banner – University Family Care LTC Customer Service 1-833-318-4146 www.bannerufc.com	Mercy Care LTC Customer Services 1-800-624-3879 www.mercycareaz.org
United Healthcare LTC Customer Service 1-800-293-3740 www.uhccommunityplan.com	Department of Economic Security/ Division of Developmental Disabilities (DES/DDD) Customer Service 1-844-770-9500 www.azdes.gov/ddd/

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.

A scenic mountain landscape with a large 'Q&A' text overlay and question mark icons. The background shows a vast mountain range with rolling hills and valleys, some covered in dense green forests and others with sparse, dry vegetation. The sky is a mix of blue and white, with soft clouds. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, greens, and earthy tones. Overlaid on the center of the image is the text 'Q&A' in a large, white, sans-serif font. Surrounding the text are several semi-transparent blue squares of various sizes, some of which contain a white question mark. The entire image is framed by a dark blue border.

Q&A

Contact Information

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Phoenix, Arizona 85007
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To make a referral

AzEIP Central Referral Agency
Raising Special Kids (RSK)
Toll Free: (888) 592-0140
Email: AzEIP.Info@raisingspecialkids.org

Online: <https://des.az.gov/azeip>

Lisa Vallee /Community Relations Liaison
Email: lvallee@azdes.gov
Phone: (480) 915-5828

ICC email: azicc.azdes.gov

