

# DES Celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) offers a wide range of programs and services to provide individuals with disabilities opportunities to exercise their rights and responsibilities of independent decision-making and engagement in the community.

## Rehabilitation Services

The DES Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) oversees several programs which are designed to assist eligible individuals who have disabilities to achieve employment outcomes and enhanced independence by offering comprehensive services and supports.

### **Vocational Rehabilitation Program (VR, Voc Rehab)**

The Vocational Rehabilitation program provides services and supports in order to assist persons with disabilities to meet their employment goals.

### **Business Enterprise Program (BEP)**

The Business Enterprise Program provides opportunities for individuals in the VR program who are blind and visually impaired to operate merchandising businesses, including vending machines and food service facilities, in public and private buildings under Federal and State agency management.

### **Older Individuals who are Blind Program (OIB)**

The Older Individuals who are Blind program provides evaluation and instruction to persons with blindness or vision impairments in the areas of orientation and mobility, communication skills, and personal home management.

Learn more about the programs and services administered by the RSA by visiting [des.az.gov/rsa](https://des.az.gov/rsa)

## The Division of Developmental Disabilities

The Division of Developmental Disabilities empowers individuals with developmental disabilities to lead self-directed, healthy and meaningful lives. DDD provides supports and services for eligible Arizonans.

DDD provides supports and services to individuals diagnosed with one of the following developmental disabilities:

- Autism;
- Cerebral palsy;
- Epilepsy;
- Cognitive / intellectual disability; or
- Under the age of six and at risk of having a developmental disability

DDD serves more than 40,000 people with development disabilities and their families throughout Arizona each year.

## AZEIP

AZEIP is a statewide interagency system of services and supports for families of infants and toddlers, birth to three years of age, with disabilities or delays.

providers work collaboratively with the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and the Arizona Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) to provide services for children eligible for these service providing agencies.

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