



Hello! Welcome to the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) Newsletter.

In this edition:

April Observances
Week of the Young Child
Parent Resources
You Are Invited to the ICC
Virtual AzEIP Family Connection
Professional Development Opportunities
Social Media

Spring has sprung! The trees and flowers are in bloom. It is a great time of year to get out and connect with your community. The month of April offers many national observances;

- Autism Acceptance Month
- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month
- Stress Awareness Month
- National Walking Day on April 1
- National Sibling Day on April 10
- The Week of the Young Child April 11-17
- Earth Day on April 22



Celebrate Early Learning During the Week of the Young Child

Join the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Week of the Young Child celebration is April 11-17, 2026!

This year is extra special: They are celebrating the Week of the Young Child 100 days into NAEYC's 100th year, honoring a century of dedication to young children and the educators who make a difference every day. Discover the daily themes at their website - <https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/daily-themes>

April 11th-17th #WOYC26

Fun Van invites you to **JOIN THE FUN!**

Let's recognize the importance of high-quality early childhood education and celebrate the professionals who make it possible.

Free Community Events

For Parents/Caregivers of Children 0-5

COMMUNITY RESOURCES ● ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN ● BOOK EXCHANGE ● PRIZE DRAWING



Music Monday

Monday April 13th

Time: 10am - 12pm

Where: Peart Park 350 E. 6th St. Casa Grande, AZ 85122



Work Together Wednesday

Wednesday April 15th

Time: 10am - 12pm

Where: Complex Park 1177 N. Idaho Rd, Apache Junction, AZ 85119



Artsy Thursday

Thursday April 16th

Time: 10am - 12pm

Where: Coolidge Public Library 160 W Central Ave, Coolidge, AZ 85128



Book Exchange

Pick up children's books to add to your home library and drop off your gently used books.



For more information call 480.474.8561

Parent Resources

HOME AUDIENCES TOPICS DIVISIONS DATA PORTAL A-Z INDEX

Español

Find out if you are eligible for the Arizona WIC program
Call us today or click the selection below [1.800.252.5942](tel:18002525942)

WIC is available to Arizona's pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants and children under the age of five who are at nutritional risk and are in low-to-medium income families. A pregnant woman is considered two family members. Fathers, along with foster parents, grandparents, and legal guardians, as primary caregivers may also be eligible.

The WIC Program is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is different from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). To find out if you are eligible, call 1.800.252.5942 or visit - <https://www.azdhs.gov/prevention/azwic/index.php>

WIC Income Eligibility Table By Family Size Effective April 1, 2025

Family Members in Household	Weekly Household Income	Monthly Household Income	Yearly Household Income
2	\$753	\$3,261	\$39,128
3	\$949	\$4,109	\$49,303
4	\$1,144	\$4,957	\$59,478
5	\$1,340	\$5,805	\$69,653
6	\$1,536	\$6,653	\$79,828

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Note: All WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines are based on **Gross** Income, meaning before taxes or other deductions.





HOW DO WE HELP PROBLEM SOLVE?

CONNECTIONS

Our Parent-to-Parent program connects families with trained volunteers who have walked a similar path and are ready to offer compassionate support, understanding, and guidance.

HEALTH INFORMATION

When a child is diagnosed with a disability or complex medical need, families often don't know where to start. We help them understand systems of care and partner with providers to support their child's well-being.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

We help parents understand their rights and how to collaborate with schools through trainings and one-on-one guidance. We work with educators to provide them with the parent perspective and encourage partnership.

BEHAVIOR SUPPORT

Behavior is a form of communication—even when it's hard to understand. Encircle Families offers guidance, from basic strategies to more intensive support for families navigating challenging behaviors.

Encircle Families is Arizona's IDEA, Parent and Training Information Center. They provide Parent-to-Parent support to help families navigate complex systems of care and connections with valuable resources. Visit the website to learn more <https://encirclerfamilies.org/>

Upcoming parent trainings - <https://encirclerfamilies.org/events/>

- April 08 - Individualized Education Program (IEP) Training
- April 09 - Positive Behavior Support
- April 14 - Early Childhood Education Birth to Kindergarten
- April 16 - Positive Behavior Support

Check the website for trainings in Spanish and sign up for the newsletter.

Lantern is a free text-message-based program that helps families with child development by providing easy, nutritious, and cost-effective recipes, partnered with Cooking Matters. It offers daily tips, bilingual recipes, and personalized content to support healthy eating, tailored for parents and young children.

To learn more visit the website - [Arizona PBS](#)

Lantern offers COOK: A program to help you feed your family

Text COOK
to 274 448



Easy, healthy recipes
for the whole family.

 lantern

Help your child grow and thrive



Download CDC's free
Milestone Tracker app

Two million downloads and counting!



Track & Share
Milestones



Get Tips &
Activities



Learn When
to Act Early

Learn more at cdc.gov/MilestoneTracker

You are invited to the ICC!

The Interagency Coordinating Councils (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers works with AzEIP to support young children with developmental delays and their families. As a parent with personal experience in Early Intervention, we want to hear from you. Hearing from families about their experience in early intervention helps us improve supports and services for children and families navigating early childhood education.

You are invited to join the council meetings to listen in as a member of the public, schedule to participate in sharing your family story, and/or become a voting member to make an impact on the future of Part C services in Arizona.

For more information, visit the ICC webpage [ICC for infants and toddlers](#). If you have questions, please email - azicc@des.gov or call (602) 532-9960. Thank you.

Virtual Connections

AzEIP Family Connection forum is for parents and caregivers receiving Early Intervention services. The ICC Family Engagement Committee assisted AzEIP with the format and times to offer a virtual forum for families to connect with the

AzEIP leadership and learn more about resources to support you along your parenting journey. The topic discussion "Your Role on the IFSP" will be the same information at both sessions. Feel free to join at either time.

If you have questions, please call the AzEIP office at (602) 532-9960 or email azeip@azdes.gov.

Arizona Early Intervention Program

AZEIP
FAMILY CONNECTION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026
12 - 1 pm or 6 - 7 pm

Engage with AzEIP Leadership Team and learn about Your Role on the IFSP

- Ask questions & share your thoughts.
- Choose the time that's best for you.
- All families receiving early intervention services are invited.

Video call link:
<https://azdes.zoomgov.com/j/16027914312>

Dial by your location

- +1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose)
- +1 646 828 7666 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 160 2791 4312

For More Information Contact:
AzEIP (602) 532-9960 azeip@azdes.gov



Join the Zoom Meeting at 12:00 or 6pm
<https://azdes.zoomgov.com/j/16027914312>
Meeting ID: 160 2791 4312

Professional Development Opportunities

AzEIP and the Arizona Department of Education/ Early Childhood Special Education are excited to present the Early Childhood Community of Practice.

Click on the link for the flyer to register for the months you plan to attend.
<https://des.az.gov/sites/default/files/dl/GCI-1174A.pdf?time=1765568688953>

The next session is on April 22 and April 24.
You can choose to attend one or both days.

Save the Date!

AzEIP and ADE/ECSE are excited to present:

Early Childhood Transition Community of Practice (COP)



The COP will:

- Provide opportunities for AzEIP practitioners, DDD, ASDB, school districts and Head Start / Early Head Start providers to build local collaborative communities.
- Allow local collaboratives to share their processes for smooth and effective transitions for children with disabilities and their families.
- Identify solutions using best practices to address challenges experienced with transition from Part C to Part B.

To register, please click on the months you plan to attend below. Both sessions for each month will have the same presentation. You can choose to attend one or both days.

February 11, 2026, 2pm-3pm
February 13, 2026, 11am-12pm

April 22, 2026, 2pm-3pm
April 24, 2026, 11am-12pm

September 23, 2026, 2pm-3pm
September 25, 2026, 11am-12pm

November 18, 2026, 2pm-3pm
November 20, 2026, 11am-12pm

We look forward to seeing you there!



Equal Opportunity Employer / Program • Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities • TTY/TDD Services 7-1-1

GCI-1174A FLYENG (12/25)



The Strong Families Home Visiting Alliance provides free online training for home visiting professionals who registered for the Home Visiting Conference in September 2025. Upcoming training and directions to access the monthly topics can be found using this link - [2025-2026 Learning Festival Calendar](#)

Social Media

The Arizona Early Childhood Community Facebook page, hosted by the Interagency Coordinating Council's Family Engagement Committee, provides various **early childhood resources and community events for families**. Follow Arizona Early Childhood Community on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/azearlychildhoodICC>
Show your support and 'like' the page.



This email was sent by:
Arizona Department of Economic Security
Arizona Early Intervention Program
1789 W Jefferson St, Phoenix, AZ, 85007

[Update Profile](#) [Manage Subscriptions](#) [Unsubscribe](#)