



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

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Nutrition Assistance Resources

The United States Department of Agriculture suspended the issuance of the November 2025 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. This program is referred to as Nutrition Assistance (NA), formerly the Food Stamp Program, in Arizona. The Department of Economic Security (DES) will continue to accept and process applications for NA. Governor Hobbs announced deploying \$1.8 million in ARPA funds to support Arizonans. [To read more](#)

- Food Resources:
 - DES updates on SNAP benefits <https://des.az.gov/na>
 - Additional DES food resources <https://des.az.gov/food-assistance>
 - DES emergency food boxes <https://des.az.gov/emergency-food>
 - Double Up Food Bucks location finder for Farmer's Markets <https://doubleupaz.org/locations/>
 - Food banks <https://azfoodbanks.org/get-food/#find>
 - WIC Arizona <https://www.azdhs.gov/prevention/azwic/>



Safety Tips for Halloween

Halloween is a holiday that many children and adults love. Wearing costumes and going trick-or-treating can be a lot of fun. Having a plan and staying safe are important for enjoying the day.

Candy

Too many sweets can increase concerns for your teeth and overall health. The [American Dental Association \(ADA\)](#) has 7 tips to enjoy Halloween.

1. Enjoy Halloween treats with meals
2. Don't snack on sugar
3. Skip sticky or sour candies
4. A little chocolate is fine
5. Don't keep a big stash of candy on hand
6. Chew sugar-free gum with the ADA Seal
7. Choose fun giveaways that aren't candy

Trick or Treating

- Eat before you go to avoid nibbling on treats
- Always trick-or-treat with supervision
- Wear reflective tape or bright colors so cars and other people can see you
- Don't wear masks that block your vision
- Parents of very young children should remove any choking hazards, such as gum, peanuts, hard candies, or small toys, from the Halloween bags
- Never go into a stranger's house or car
- Do not eat any candy until you get home and can inspect it for safety
- Bring glow sticks and a flashlight to light your way
- Walk on sidewalks and look both ways for traffic before crossing the street
- Have fun and stay safe

Public Participation on Revised Policies and Procedures

The Arizona Early Intervention Program is seeking public participation and comments on several new and revised policies and procedures. Information for the proposed documents are linked to the website under Announcements.

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

To request policy notifications from AzeIP, use the *Contact AzeIP* and *Select a Topic*

to see the request to receive policy notifications.

Submit any comments to:

AzEIP Public Comment

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

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Child Care Resource & Referral
Serving All Of Arizona

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) is available to help you discover child care options in Arizona tailored to your family's needs, featuring detailed information on facility hours, ages served, quality ratings, parenting education, family resources, and more. They can assist you with information if you are interested in becoming a child care provider. <https://azccr.com/>

Choosing a child care setting for your infant, toddler, or preschooler is a big decision, and quality is one of the most important factors to consider. [To read more](#)

Do you have concerns about your child's development or progress in school?

Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA '04) that requires states to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, ages birth through 21 years, who are in need of early intervention or special education services. This includes children who are highly mobile, such as migrant or homeless children, children suspected of having a disability, even though they are advancing from grade to grade, private school students, homeschool students, and infants and toddlers.

The Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) supports children and families from birth to age 3 under the IDEA Part C, while the Arizona Department of Education supports children 3 to 21 under IDEA Part B. A referral to AzEIP can come from the NICU, a social worker, parent, grandparent, pediatrician, child care provider, or anyone who has concerns about the child's development.

A referral to IDEA Part B for special education services can come from a parent, guardian, foster parent, family member, teacher, counselor, or the student who finds learning difficult. The earlier you express your concerns, the sooner your child's needs will be identified and the sooner they will receive the help needed to succeed. For more information: <http://www.azed.gov/specialeducation/parents>, email AZFIND@azed.gov, or call 928-637-1871.

For children under 3, you can make a referral to AzEIP using the [online portal](#), email AzEIP.Info@encirclefamilies.org, or call (888) 592-0140. To check the status of a referral, call the AzEIP office at (602) 532-9960.



Stay Connected

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



