



Arizona Early Intervention Program **Gerrie's Gazette**



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

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Learning Language & Literacy: Resources

Parents and caregivers, did you know your local library offers numerous benefits, including free access to books, digital resources, valuable community programs, educational workshops, job search assistance, and a safe space to connect with others? Libraries help save money by offering free materials and services, promoting literacy and lifelong learning, while fostering a sense of community, and providing a place to take your child. Some libraries offer cultural passes that provide free general admission to participating museums, zoos, and cultural institutions. Most libraries have a children's area for young children to play and provide an opportunity for your child to interact with others in an enriched environment.

Examples of some library programs include: Baby Time, Music & Movement, and Family Storytime. [Check with your local library](#) for programs and schedules. For more information about early literacy, visit [Read On Arizona](#), [First Things First](#), and



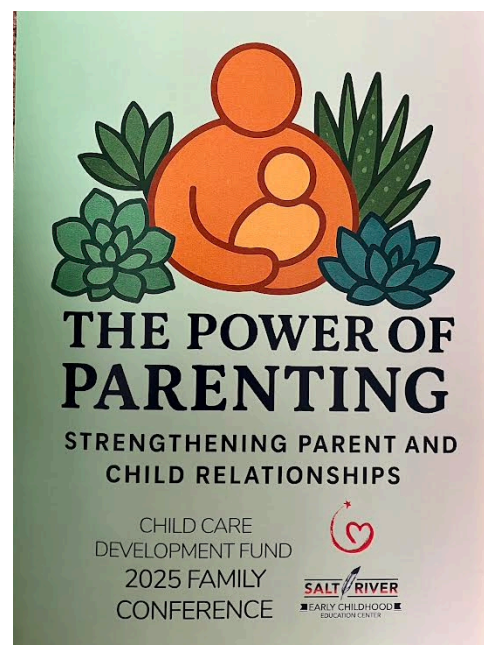
AzEIP's Community Relations Liaison was an exhibitor at the 2nd Annual Autism Educational Summit presented by the Phoenix Children's Autism Program. The summit was held on September 12 & 13 for healthcare providers and parents. Many parents shared the positive impact AzEIP services had on their child and family. Eighty-eight individuals stopped by the AzEIP table for early intervention resources.

To learn more



The 14th Annual Strong Families AZ Home Visiting Conference was held September 15-17, with home visitors from across the state. The [Navigating Developmental Screening and Referrals Toolkit](#) was provided to all the participants, along with additional resources to support the home visitors. The AzEIP Community Relations Liaison was a panelist with three other state agencies and engaged with more than 525 individuals.

To learn more



The first Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Family Conference was held on Saturday, September 20, at Talking Stick Resort. The Early Childhood Education Center within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community hosted over 100 parents, families, and community members. AzEIP and DDD shared a resource table to share information for those who attended.

To learn more

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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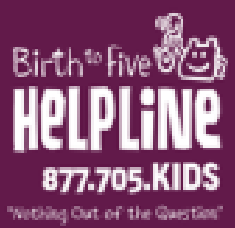


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SAVE THE DATE

Sept 29 - Oct 3



Birth to Five Helpline Awareness Week

Navigating Parenthood: Birth to Five Helpline Offers Crucial Support to Parents and Caregivers

Parenting young children is a journey filled with both joy and challenges. The smiles and milestones are heartwarming, but sleepless nights, feeding difficulties, and inconsolable crying can be overwhelming. Some children face developmental challenges or are born prematurely, adding more stress.

Every parent wants to ensure their child's well-being and early development. Without an instruction manual, many parents seek help and reassurance. Many feel they shouldn't need help or believe their intuition should tell them how to handle every situation. That's where Southwest Human Development's Birth to Five Helpline steps in.

Early childhood specialists listen to parents' concerns, help identify causes and develop personalized solutions. This partnership approach ensures parents feel supported and more confident.

As Arizona's only toll-free helpline for parents and caregivers with children from birth to five, it is an invaluable resource. Helpline Specialists address a wide range of early childhood development and parenting issues, including excessive crying (colic), potty learning, feeding problems and other challenging behaviors. No question or worry is too small to reach out for assistance.

Available statewide, the Helpline connects families and professionals to additional community resources and Southwest Human Development's comprehensive programs and services, which include a variety of early childhood programs.

There are three easy ways to reach the Birth to Five Helpline:

1. Call 1-877-705-KIDS (5437) Monday through Friday from 8am to 8pm
2. Complete an on-line contact form at swhd.org/helpline
3. Download the Birth to Five Helpline app in the Apple App Store or on Google Play for one-touch call, text or email options

Remember, parenting may not come with instructions, but you don't have to navigate it alone. The Birth to Five Helpline is here to support you every step of the way.

Professional Development Course Starts Oct. 6

Learn how to better support infants and toddlers through this three-course online program that was designed by Arizona State University in collaboration with AzEIP. Explore infant mental health, child development and assessment strategies that emphasize responsive, relationship-based approaches.

Designed for early intervention providers, as well as caregivers, each instructor-led course offers practical tools for serving children ages 0–3.

Take three courses for the price of two, and complete the full sequence for a limited-time special rate. Starting Oct. 6, **Register today**

<https://educatorhub.asu.edu/catalog/early-intervention-bundle/>



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FAMILY CONNECTION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025
12 - 1 pm or 6 - 7 pm



Engage with AzEIP Leadership Team and learn about the Birth to 5 Helpline

- 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>

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Meeting ID: 160 2791 4312

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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 lists events for families. Follow Arizona Early Childhood Community on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/azearlychildhoodICC>



