

SHARING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Children and families are often referred to AzEIP by many local community partners. Some families are referred multiple times by different community partners. Tell families that you can share information with their child's doctor, their early head start program, childcare program after you have their consent.

Let families know that very often referral sources want to know what has happened with the referral, if the child has been determined eligible for AzEIP and, if so what services the child is receiving. Sharing this information can help other community partners to support the child and family, but can only be done if the family gives their consent. Let the family know that with their consent you can share a copy of their child and family's IFSP, and that once a quarter you can send a copy of the Quarterly Update to the doctor, or head start program.

What SCs need to know:

- Referral Sources want to know what has happened after they make a referral.
- Families may not understand that they have to consent to share information with their child's doctor, early head start teacher or child care program.
- Families may not know why a doctor or other community partner wants a copy of their IFSP—let them know how the community partner might support the team and family on their outcomes



When should we talk about this?

During your initial visit tell families that you can share information about their involvement with AzEIP only with their consent.

As you develop the IFSP, ask the family again if they would like to share information with their child's doctor or other community partners—again explain that you will need consent.

During Annual or other reviews, again ask about sharing information with community partners.

SAMPLE SCRIPT

“Your child’s doctor may want updates on your child’s participation in AzEIP. Keeping your doctor informed about your Individualized Family Service Plan and your outcomes can ensure that your doctor knows how you and your family are being supported around your child’s disability. We can send a copy of your IFSP to your doctor and provide him or her with updates quarterly, however, we can only do that with your consent, or written permission. Do you want to consent to sharing information with your child’s doctor?”

We use a Quarterly Progress Report to update community partners when we have your consent. The report includes the outcomes from the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), the progress made on those outcomes, and which team members are involved in supporting you and your child on those outcomes.

Your child’s doctor, might not be the only community partner who might want updates. If you and your child are involved in early head start, a home visiting program or your child attends a preschool program or you are involved in some other early childhood program, they may want updates as well. They may want information so that they can ensure that your child is fully included in their activities, or so that they can provide you with support. Are there other people in your life who you would like us to update?

What community partners might want to be updated?

Primary Care Physicians

Early Head Start Programs

Home Visitors

Child Care Programs

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