

CHAPTER 1: GENERAL OVERVIEW

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INTENDED USER(S): All ADES/AzEIP personnel, AzEIP Service Providing Agencies including all employees, contractors, subcontractors, and volunteers.

REFERENCES/AUTHORITY: 20 U.S.C §§1476, et seq.; 34 CFR §§303, et seq.; A.R.S. §41- 2021; §41-2022, 20 U.S.C. §1441; 34 C.F.R. §§303.601- 605, 34 C.F.R. §303.208, 20 U.S.C.

§1435; C.F.R. §303.120, 20 U.S.C. §1435; 34 C.F.R. §§303.212(a), 301-303, 34 C.F.R. §303.301

1.1 Child Find

- 1.1.1 AzEIP Participating Agencies and ICC participate in the development and distribution of AzEIP public awareness materials to ensure that primary referral sources are informed about AzEIP procedures for referral of children to AzEIP, including their responsibility to refer a child no more than seven (7) calendar days after a child has been identified as potentially eligible.
- 1.1.2 ADES/AzEIP participates in committees and workgroups and facilitates the development of statewide guidelines, as appropriate, to ensure coordinated efforts within the state.
- 1.1.3 ADES/AzEIP and its EIPs facilitate local collaboration with community partners, including regional meetings, the preparation of local procedures, and memoranda and other efforts as needed.
- 1.1.4 ADES/AzEIP, the ADES/Division of Developmental Disabilities (ADES/DDD) and the Arizona Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (ASDB) implement the requirements of the Child Find IGA between the ADES and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) when referrals are received for children who may be potentially eligible for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B. See AzEIP Policy and Procedure Manuals, Chapter 3: *Early Intervention Services* and Chapter 4: *Transition*.
- 1.1.5 ADES/AzEIP and ADE engage in ongoing communication and coordination to provide technical assistance to schools and EIPs, ensuring appropriate child find efforts between AzEIP and the schools.
- 1.1.6 The referral of children who are the subject of a substantiated case of abuse or neglect or is identified as directly affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure are referred to AzEIP. In accordance with Arizona statutes and DCS policy, a child who is the subject of a substantiated case of abuse or neglect or is identified as directly affected by illegal substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure may be removed from their parents' care or remain in the care of their parents with state-supervised services.

- 1.1.7 Within 30 days or less of removal, a child who is removed from the care of his/her parent(s) is referred to:
- A. The Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) for assessment, which includes developmental screening
 - B. The physician for an Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) visit
 - C. The RBHA (or their contractor) or the physician refer to AzEIP when a developmental screening shows a concern in any area of development
 - D. When a child remains in the care of his/her parent(s), DCS makes referrals directly to AzEIP. After referral, AzEIP coordinates with the other entities involved with the child as appropriate and permitted under IDEA and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).