

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

1.0 Public Awareness

1.0.1 AzEIP Participating Agencies and Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) promote public awareness and understanding of AzEIP through the following:

- A. interagency planning and dissemination of public awareness materials
- B. provision of training and technical assistance
- C. the development of partnerships within the early childcare and education and health and human services systems, and the business communities.

1.0.2 AzEIP Participating Agencies collaborate with each other and primary referral sources to ensure that:

- A. public awareness and child find activities are relevant, culturally, and linguistically appropriate, ongoing, and designed to identify all potentially eligible children residing throughout the state
- B. all areas of the state are well represented in all aspects of AzEIP planning and implementation.

1.0.3 ADES/AzEIP and the AzEIP Participating Agencies develop partnerships with the Native American tribal communities in planning public awareness and child find activities on tribal lands.

1.0.4 ADES/AzEIP and the appropriate AzEIP Participating Agency personnel and Early Intervention Programs (EIPs) develop public awareness materials, including presentations, brochures, and other media, which consistently describe:

- A. the purpose and availability of early intervention services
- B. the process for making referrals
- C. criteria for eligibility
- D. the obligation to ensure that referrals are made no more than seven (7)

calendar days after a professional has identified a potentially eligible child. ADES/AzEIP and the AzEIP Participating Agencies facilitate local public awareness and childfind efforts (such as participation in health fairs and school child find events) by ensuring the distribution of public awareness materials, and other information as appropriate, to physicians, hospitals, public health nurses, social service organizations, schools, Head Start, childcare centers, WIC offices, immunization clinics, faith-based organizations, tribal early childhood programs, and other referral sources.

- 1.0.5 AzEIP participating agencies provide technical assistance to targeted medical, education, human service, and childcare programs. AzEIP Participating Agencies provide technical assistance within their agencies, and for state and community partners, as appropriate. Training and technical assistance includes information about AzEIP and its public awareness activities.