Arizona Early Intervention Program
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C

Part C early intervention builds upon and provides supports and resources to assist family members and caregivers to enhance children’s learning and development through everyday learning opportunities.
Arizona Part C Infrastructure

- Participating Agencies:
  - Department of Economic Security (DES)
    - Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)
    - Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP)
  - Department of Education (ADE)
  - Department of Health Services (DHS)
  - Arizona Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB)
  - Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

- Service Providing Agencies:
  - DES/DDD (service coordinators)
  - DES/AzEIP (contractors)
  - ASDB (Teachers)
Who is Eligible for AzEIP Services?

A child birth to 36 months of age who has not reached 50% of the developmental milestones expected at his/her chronological age, in one or more of the following domains:

– Physical (fine and/or gross motor, including vision and/or hearing)
– Cognitive
– Communication
– Social or emotional
– Adaptive
AzEIP established conditions

A child with an established condition known to have a high probability of resulting in developmental delay

*Including but not limited to:*

- Cerebral palsy
- Failure to thrive/pediatric under-nutrition
- Chromosomal abnormalities (e.g., Down syndrome)
- Severe attachment disorders
- Significant auditory or visual impairment
- Disorders reflecting disturbance of the nervous system (autism spectrum disorders, seizure disorders, born *addicted* to narcotics or alcohol)
Eligibility Determination

Screening
- First visit after referral
- Use Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) or other approved tools

Eligibility Determination
- Includes multiple sources of information
- Comprehensive Evaluation covering all areas of development or review of existing records
- Evaluation/records are to determine eligibility and IFSPs are review of ongoing progress

COVID-19 Response

- Referrals are still being accepted
- Early Intervention Teams are determining eligibility using virtual means and available records
- Redetermination may occur during home visits when appropriate
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– Early Intervention Services continue to be provided
– All families in AzEIP were contacted
– Alternative Service Delivery Methods are being utilized
With parental consent, AzEIP teams may share the following information:

- Evaluation Report or medical records used to determine initial AzEIP eligibility
- Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) documents available throughout time in AzEIP
- Quarterly Reports or home visit documentation from team members

Timeline expectations remain the same for transition from Part C to Part B

- Notification to PEA must occur at the time of Transition Planning Meeting
- Transition Conference must be held at time and location convenient to the family to discuss preschool options

COVID-19 and Transition
For more information

- AzEIP Website: https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/developmental-infant