


# Arizona Early Intervention Program

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# Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C

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*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

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## – 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:

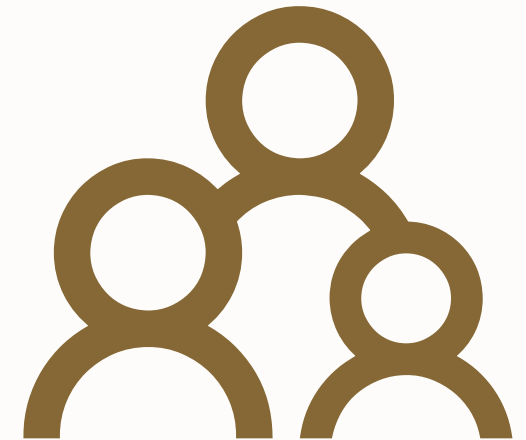
- DES/DDD (service coordinators)
- DES/AzEIP (contractors)
- ASDB (Teachers)

# Who is Eligible for AzEIP Services?

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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

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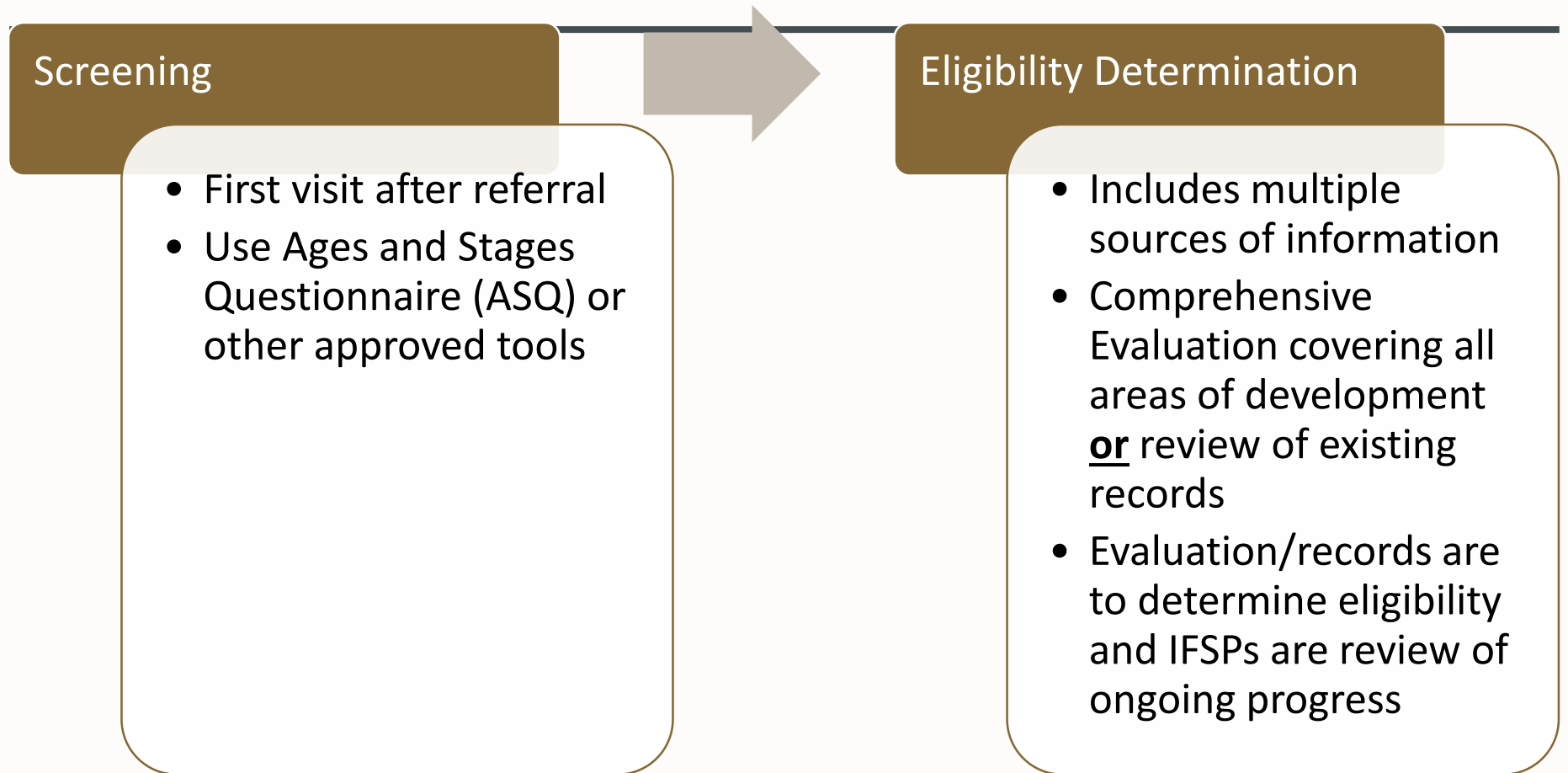
A child with an established condition known to have a high probability of resulting in developmental delay

*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



# COVID-19 Response

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- 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



Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP)

**is accepting referrals  
during the COVID-19 crisis**



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# COVID-19 Response

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- Early Intervention Services continue to be provided
- All families in AzEIP were contacted
- Alternative Service Delivery Methods are being utilized



## 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



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

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## COVID-19 and Transition

# For more information

– AzEIP Website:

<https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/developmental-infant>

– AzEIP COVID-19 Response:

<https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/early-intervention/arizona-early-intervention-program-azeip-serving-children>