



## **What is the Arizona Early Intervention Program?**

The [Arizona Early Intervention Program](#) (AzEIP) is a statewide program designed to assist babies and toddlers who may have disabilities or are falling behind in their development. It's operated under [Part C](#) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and managed by the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES). AzEIP's main goal is to provide early intervention services to children from birth to three years old to enhance development and learning potential.

### **Who Can Join?**

Your child qualifies for AzEIP if they're between birth and 36 months old and either

- 1) Shows Signs of Developmentally Delay

A developmental delay occurs when a child hasn't reached about half of the things they're supposed to do at their age in areas like physical skills, cognitive skills, communication, social and emotional skills, and self-direction.

- 2) OR Has an Established Condition

A child with an established condition is a child who has a diagnosed physical or mental condition that is likely to cause developmental delay or disability (i.e., autism, deaf-blindness, traumatic brain injury, etc.).

### **What's Included?**

If your child is eligible, AzEIP offers a range of services tailored to the individual needs of each child and family. These services may include developmental assessments, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, special instruction, assistive technology, and family support services.

### **How Do I Start?**

Families can access AzEIP services through a [referral process](#), which can be initiated by healthcare providers, early childhood educators, concerned family members, or the parent. It's very quick and easy to fill out the referral form. If you need help, you can always ask a friend, family member, or teacher to complete the form on your behalf. Once referred through the online form, the child undergoes an evaluation to determine eligibility for services. This evaluation is scheduled usually within a week or two of referral. If eligible, an individualized Family Service Plan (FSP) is developed in collaboration with the family to outline goals and interventions tailored to the child's needs. To learn more about this process, check out this [article](#) on our [website](#)!



If you have any questions or need assistance navigating this process, please don't hesitate to reach out to [hello@loveyourschool.org](mailto:hello@loveyourschool.org)! If you have more questions, we want to hear from you!

**More Resources:**

[AzEIP Information - Arizona Department of Economic Security](#)

[Part C: Early Intervention Services for Children with Developmental Delays - AzEd.Gov](#)

[Arizona Early Intervention Program \(AzEIP\) – Raising Special Kids.](#)

[Your Child Was Determined Eligible for Arizona Early Intervention Program – Raising Special Kids](#)

[AZ Early Intervention Program - NRTA](#)

[Eligibility for the AzEIP - Division of Developmental Disabilities](#)