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FAMILY RESOURCE GUIDE

Supporting families of children who are
Deaf, Hard of Hearing or DeafBlind

Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing

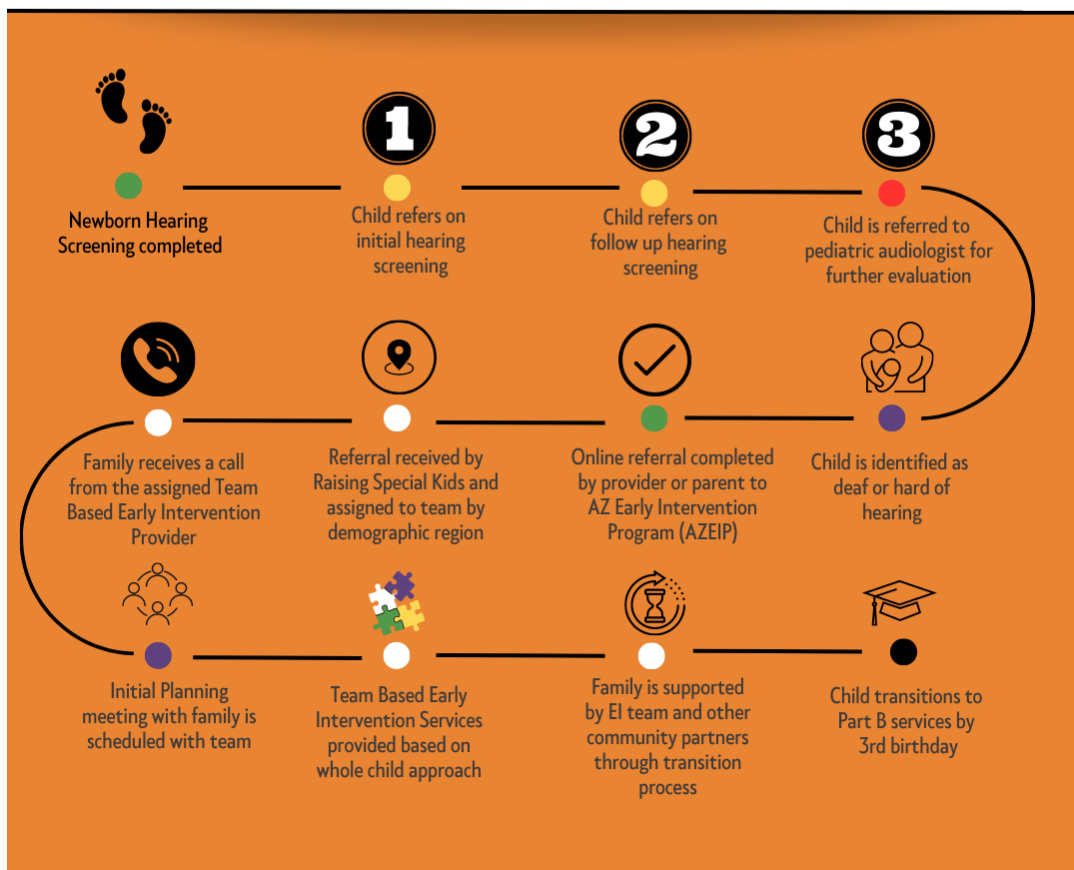
ACDHH is a central resource and support for children who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or DeafBlind and their families. ACDHH Family and Youth Services work with various organizations and systems throughout the state to ensure that families have access to eligible services through system navigation and connection to community resources towards raising successful Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind Children.

If your child has been identified with a hearing loss, you may have several questions and not sure where to start with all the information that you have received. There are several local programs available to support you in making the decisions that are best for your family.

We have developed a roadmap that will assist in navigating the start to your family's journey.

Journey through Screening and Beyond

Supporting and identifying children who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deafblind



Educational Support programs

As your child transitions through the educational system, understanding the programs available to support your child's individual needs is vital to their educational success. This process can start with early intervention services and lead all the way to assisting with career development or at any milestone along the journey to success. Collaborating with your support coordinators/caseworkers or family advocates can be instrumental in determining the next steps in the educational transition process for your deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind child.

Arizona Early Intervention Program (AZEIP)

The Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) is Arizona's statewide interagency system of services and supports for families of infants and toddlers, birth through two years of age, with disabilities or delays. AzEIP is established by Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which provides eligible children and their families access to services to enhance the capacity of families and caregivers to support the child's development.

If your child has not been referred to AZEIP, you can complete an online referral at <https://des.az.gov/azeip> or by phone at (888) 592-0140.

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (ASDB)

ASDB's Early Learning Program (ELP) serves children, birth to age five, who are deaf/hard of hearing, blind/visually impaired, and deafblind across the state of Arizona. The goal of the ELP is to ease the transition from early childhood to preschool, and ultimately better prepare our youngest learners for kindergarten. Birth to three and preschool teachers work together to facilitate the transition from IDEA Part C services (birth to age three) to IDEA Part B services (age three to age five) to achieve this goal.

To learn more about ASDB's ELP program, please visit online at <https://asdb.az.gov/elp> or by phone at 520-770-3731.

Desert Voices Oral Learning Center

Desert Voices' mission is to teach each child, who are deaf or hard of hearing, the oral language skills needed to talk and understand when spoken to. Our goal is to prepare the children and their family to mainstream into their school of choice with hearing children their age.

To learn more about Desert Voices program, please visit online at <https://desertvoices.org> or by phone at 602-224-0598.

Sequoia School for the Deaf (SSD)

Since 1998, Sequoia Deaf School has been on a mission of educating K-12 Deaf and hard of hearing students in a bilingual/bicultural environment. Our students learn both American Sign Language (ASL) and written English. They learn the history of both the hearing and Deaf cultures. Sequoia Deaf School provides students with Deaf role models and encourage community involvement. In addition, Sequoia Deaf School offers students the resources they need to jump start their college education, play sports, reach out to their community, and become well rounded and well educated adults.

To learn more about Sequoia School for the Deaf, please visit online at <https://sequoiadeafschool.org> or by phone at 480-890-4001.



Learn more about other early learning programs that are available in your area to support your child and family's needs.

Arizona Head Start Association (AZHSA):

Early Head Start was established in 1994 as part of the reauthorization of the Head Start Act. Early Head Start is a program for low-income families with infants and toddlers, birth to five, and pregnant teens. The goal of the program is to enable parents as primary caregivers and teachers to their children and to help parents meet their own goals, including economic independence. The Arizona Headstart Association has several different program locations across the state.

To learn more about Early Head Start or Head Start programs, please visit online at <https://www.azheadstart.org/> or by phone at 1-866-763-6481.

First Things First Programs (FTF):

First Things First supports programs providing Quality Child Care and Preschool Quality early learning programs help young children learn, grow and thrive. Many child care centers, homes and preschool programs in Arizona participate in Quality First, a program of First Things First, to improve the quality of early learning for kids from birth to age 5.

To learn more about First Things First , please visit online at <https://firstthingsfirst.org> or by phone at 602-771-5100.

Southwest Human Development (SWHD):

Southwest Human Development is Arizona's largest non profit organization dedicated to early childhood development. In partnership with families, they provide children with the care, attention and support needed to set them on a path to success in school and life, and help them reach their fullest capabilities. SWHD services help to improve lives and help families by supporting young children and their caregivers during this important time. Programs and services are provided to children, families and professionals in the areas of:

- Child Development and Mental Health
- Easterseals Disabilities Services
- Early Literacy Head Start and Early Head Start
- Family Support and Child Welfare
- Professional Development and Training

To learn more about Southwest Human Development, please visit online at <https://swhd.org> or by phone at 602-266-5976.

Strong Families AZ:

Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) Home visiting programs connect expecting parents and parents of young children with a trained support person. Participation is free and voluntary, and families receive regular support and coaching in the comfort of their own home.

- Arizona Health Start
- Healthy Families AZ
- Nurse Family Partnership
- Parents as Teachers
- Family Spirit
- High Risk Perinatal/Newborn Intensive Care Program
- SafeCare

To learn more about Strong Families AZ programs, please visit online at <https://strongfamiliesaz.com> or by phone at 602-364-1462.

Family Support Services

SUPPORT GROUPS THAT CAN ASSIST IN CONNECTING FAMILIES

Raising a child that is Deaf, Hard of Hearing or DeafBlind is a journey that can be supported through many different programs that are offered in the State of Arizona. Selecting the services that fit your family is essential to the success of your child.

ASDB Deaf Mentor Program:

The Deaf Mentor Program provides families with deaf/hard of hearing children an opportunity to work with highly trained deaf/hard of hearing adult role models to begin acquiring American Sign Language and introducing the family to Deaf Culture. Deaf Mentors strive to promote strong family relationships by focusing on natural language acquisition, strengthening communication, and allowing deaf/hard of hearing children early access to actively participate in their environment as they develop healthy identities.

To learn more about the ASDB Deaf Mentor program, please visit online at <https://asdb.az.gov/deafmentor> or by phone at 602-824-8914.

AZ DeafBlind Project (AZDB):

The Arizona Deafblind Project is a federally-funded grant program from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs and is administered by the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB). The project provides technical assistance, training, and support for children and youth who have a combined vision and hearing loss. This support extends to families, educators, and service providers of children and youth who are deafblind. The Project has a main office on the Tucson Campus of ASDB, with a satellite office in Phoenix.

To learn more about the AZ DeafBlind Project, please visit online at <https://azdeafblindproject.org> or by phone at 520-770-3268.

AZ Hands and Voices (AZHV):

Hands & Voices is a nationwide non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families and their children who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as the professionals who serve them. AZHV is a parent-driven, parent/professional collaborative group that is unbiased towards communication modes and methods. Our diverse membership includes those who are deaf, hard of hearing, and their families who communicate orally, utilize American sign language, cue, and/or combined methods. We exist to help our children reach their highest potential.

To learn more about the AZ Hands and Voices, please visit online at <https://azhv.org> or by phone at 1-866-685-1050.

Raising Special Kids (RSK):

Raising Special Kids provides information, training, resources, and support to families of children with disabilities and special health care needs in Arizona. Experienced staff lend an understanding ear and assist families in identifying and locating appropriate resources. Workshops offer training in a variety of skills including advocacy, effective communication and collaboration techniques.

To learn more about Raising Special Kids, please visit online at <https://raisingspecialkids.org> or by phone at 1-800-237-3007.



Community & Clinical Resources

RESOURCES FOR AMPLIFICATION DEVICES OR SERVICES

Navigating the systems of care and developing a connection to community resources can assist in identifying supplemental services for children who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or DeafBlind.

ASU Speech and Hearing Clinic (ASU):

The ASU Speech and Hearing Clinic provides high-quality professional services to individuals of all ages, infants through senior citizens, with needs in communication and hearing improvement. We offer audiology and speech services to the general public which includes a thorough evaluation using modern equipment and procedures; consultation with other medical, developmental and educational specialists; and involvement of family members in individualized treatment programs.

For more information, please contact the ASU Speech and Hearing Clinic at 480-412-5437.

AT Still University/AFA Balance & Hearing Institute (ATSU):

The AFA Balance & Hearing Institute located in Mesa, Ariz., officially opened its doors in January 2013. The AFA Balance & Hearing Institute was made possible by a generous start up donation from the Audiology Foundation of America (AFA) and other supporting partners. Unlike most private practice or retail franchises, the AFA facility is part of a university teaching institution, the Arizona School of Health Sciences at A.T. Still University. The AFA Institute offers a full range of hearing and balance care for patients of all ages.

For more information, please contact the ATSU/AFA Institute at 480-265-8067.

Banner Children's Medical Center :

Banner Children's Medical Center provides a full range of audiology services for children of all ages. Services include assistive listening device dispensing, behavioral testing for all ages, hearing aid dispensing, repair and testing, diagnostic evaluations and other specialty services. The pediatric audiology team provides services to patients and families in a family centered and kid-friendly environment.

For more information, please contact Banner Children's Audiology at 480-412-5437.

Children's Rehabilitative Services (CRS):

District Medical Group Children's Rehabilitative Services (DMG CRS), provides a caring, comforting and stimulating environment for not only your child but your whole family. DMG CRS is the only multi-specialty interdisciplinary clinic (MSIC) in Maricopa County and was designed to support coordinated, convenient and high-quality care for children with complex conditions. In addition, social workers and other support services are on-site to help coordinate care for your child and make accessing the services and equipment (like wheelchairs, hearing aids and more) you need as easy as possible.

For more information, please contact CRS Audiology at 602-914-1520.



Ear Foundation of AZ (EFAZ):

The EAR Foundation of Arizona works in collaboration with persons, health care institutions, governmental agencies, foundations, trusts, and other organizations to provide and promote the best possible outcomes for persons with hearing loss, and for those who are at risk for hearing loss or deafness, who are deaf, who have tinnitus, or have balance disorders.

For more information, please contact Ear Foundation at 602-904-6344.

Northern Arizona University Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic (NAU):

The clinic offers a full range of speech, language, and hearing services, including but not limited to voice evaluation and treatment, cognitive retraining, audiological evaluation and hearing aid dispensing.

For more information, please contact the NAU SLH Clinic at 928-523-8110.

Phoenix Children's Hospital (PCH)

Phoenix Children's Hospital provides a full service program for Audiology services that includes comprehensive audiological evaluations and diagnostic testing for patients who do not pass their newborn hearing screening. Services also include outpatient screenings, hearing assistive technologies, parent education relating to hearing loss, hearing aids and cochlear implants. Other supplemental services may include speech therapy, otolaryngology, neuro-otology and other services as recommended by members of the Audiology team.

For more information, please contact PCH Audiology at 602-933-0905.

University of AZ Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic (UA):

Physician, community, and self-referrals accepted. Most clinic activities are on a fee-for-service basis. The clinics are newly renovated and equipped with instrumentation necessary to help individuals with hearing impairment or loss. Graduate students work under a certified Audiologist to provide complete hearing evaluations, including advanced electrophysiologic testing when needed. We also fit a wide variety of hearing aids using an evidence based approach for their selection, fitting and follow up. We provide cochlear implant services, including activation and mapping.

For more information, please contact the UA SLH Clinic at 520-621-7070.

Valleywise Health Medical Center

Valleywise Health Center provides a comprehensive approach to ensure patients receive "whole person" treatment. Specialty services include ENT, Audiology testing, diagnostic evaluations and other related needs for patients of all ages.

For more information, please contact the Valleywise HMC at 1-833-VLLYWSE.



As you begin to explore and learn about the local resources available to your family, ACDHH Family Services Program is here to assist you. We provide advocacy, information, and referrals to support your family on your journey of raising a successful Deaf, Hard of Hearing or DeafBlind child.

Scan here for additional resources or to connect with our Family Services Program.

