

WHEN YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT A CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT

Teachers working with children in private preschools or other childcare settings are often the first people who are aware that a child has a developmental delay in one or more skill areas. It is important that the teacher document what he or she sees and shares this information with the parent, family, or guardian. Although this may be an awkward or sensitive moment, it is important that the child receive early intervention services that may help her or him gain essential skills. Early intervention services are typically free and have enabled children to make great gains in development.

With the family's permission, anyone can refer a young child they think may be delayed in their development to the following agencies:

Arizona Early Intervention Program (Blake Foundation)	birth to age 3	325-6495 ext 119
Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center for Hearing Impaired Children • Visually Impaired Preschooler's Center 	birth to age 5	770-3002
Child Find, Az. Dept. of Education	ages 3 to 21	(800) 352-4558
Child/Family Services of the Dept. of Economic Security, Div. of Developmental Disabilities	ages 3-5	519-1676
Newborn Screening Program, Arizona Dept. of Health Services	birth to 12 months	(800) 548-8381 (602) 364-1409
Pilot Parents of Southern Arizona	birth to age 21	324-3150
School districts	ages 3-5	See list below

Local school districts are responsible for identifying children with disabilities who are 3 years and older. Schools screen children when there are concerns. Parent, family or guardian permission is required to evaluate. Screening and evaluation conducted by the school district is free of charge to the family. We encourage families to contact the school district to arrange an initial screening for their child. Some school districts may require that the child be enrolled for school in that district.

DISTRICT	NAME	PHONE
Altar Valley	Anne Abramson	822-9201
Amphitheater	Sandy Johnson	696-6421
Catalina Foothills	Nancy Sergeant-Abbate	577-5069
Flowing Wells	Annette Campbell	696-8850
Marana	Phyllis Zebrowski	682-4815
Sahuarita	Paula Valdez	625-3502 ext. 1011
Sunnyside	Sylvia Mendoza	545-3670
Tanque Verde	Karen Troyan	749-5751 ext. 203
	Linda Peery	749-5751 ext. 202
Tucson Unified	Danna Sandrock	232-8314