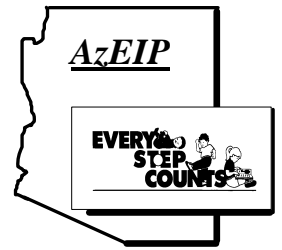


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# ARIZONA EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

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Dear Early Intervention Stakeholders:

The Arizona Department of Economic Security is pleased to announce the final draft of the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) system redesign service specifications, the proposed rates associated with the early intervention services, and the methodology used in determining the rates.

The redesign:

- incorporates structural changes that promote an evidence-based team approach to early intervention services, to improve outcomes for families and their children, birth to three years of age.
- consolidates two separate service delivery systems into one, with uniform and competitive rates for related services.
- ensures the provision of services under a team-based approach, that focuses on enhancing families' confidence and competence to support their children.
- maximizes early intervention personnel resources and improves the recruitment and retention of therapists and other early intervention practitioners, by establishing a rate structure that promotes provider capacity in rural and hard to serve communities of the state.

The resources available at [WWW.AZDES.GOV/DDD](http://WWW.AZDES.GOV/DDD) are being presented to the public for final review and comment prior to their being incorporated and released as part of a formal procurement this fall. You are invited to attend one of two public meetings that have been scheduled for presentation of the proposed service specifications, proposed rates, and rate methodology. The first will be held August 7, 2006 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the du Bois Center Ballroom, Northern Arizona University, S. San Francisco St, Flagstaff. The second is scheduled on August 8, 2006 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Estrella Vista Reception Center, 1471 N. Elisio Felix Jr. Way in Avondale.

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Comments and/or questions about the materials may be emailed to [AzeipRedesign@azdes.gov](mailto:AzeipRedesign@azdes.gov) until **5:00 p.m. Friday, August 11, 2006**. Additional information about the redesign can be found on the DDD website at [WWW.AZDES.GOV/DDD](http://WWW.AZDES.GOV/DDD). The Department anticipates implementation of the early intervention redesign by spring 2007.

Thank you for your interest in improving Arizona's early intervention services for families.

Sincerely,



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Resource Materials posted to the web:

[DRAFT EI Service Specifications](#)

[DRAFT EI Redesign Rate Methodology and Assumptions](#)

[DRAFT SFY 07 Benchmark and Adopted Rates](#)