



Places to Go for Help

Here is a list of places you can go to for help. If what you need is not on this list, ask your Social Worker, Child Life Specialist, or nurse.

Arizona Early Intervention Program (AZEIP)

The Arizona Early Intervention Program, also known as AzEIP (pronounced Ay-zip), is a statewide system of supports and services for families of children, birth to three, with disabilities or developmental delays. These state agencies are part of the AzEIP system:

- Department of Economic Security (DES)
- DES/Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP)
- DES/Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)
- Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS)
- Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (ASDB)
- Arizona Department of Education (ADE)
- Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS)

ALTCS is the State of Arizona's Medicaid program that provides long term services, at little or no cost, to financially and medically eligible Arizona residents who are aged, blind, disabled, or have a developmental disability.

Phoenix ALTCS office: 602-417-6000

Website: <http://www.azahcccs.gov>

Association of Hole in the Wall Camps

The Association of Hole in the Wall Camps leads a global family of camps and programs that positively change the lives of children living with serious and life-threatening medical conditions. Designed for fun with a therapeutic impact, camp fosters optimism and personal growth, boosts confidence and self-esteem.

Telephone: 203-562-1203

Website: <http://www.holeinthewallcamps.org>

Phoenix Children's Hospital Camp Coordinator: Pronto Parenteau

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Email: rlyddon@phoenixchildrens.com

Baby Signs® – Sign Language for Babies

Sign language can help infants, toddlers, and children with speech delays. Classes include...

Baby Signs Parent Workshop

This 90-minute class provides parents with an overview of the Baby Signs Program including the many benefits of signing, basic how to teach babies to sign, and many of the most useful signs through games, songs, and entertaining activities.

Sign, Say & Play Classes

A series of six theme-based classes generally offered over a 6-week period, with 45-minute sessions designed for parents and babies to attend together. 37 useful signs are taught through fun songs, books, and activities. In addition, parents learn simple ways to support their baby's intellectual development-tips.

More Sign, Say & Play Classes

These classes are an extension of our Sign, Say & Play classes and follow the familiar Sign, Say & Play format with fun songs, games, and activities that teach 36 more signs. In addition, parents learn simple ways to support their baby's emotional development.

Website: www.babysigns.com

Phoenix Children's Hospital Speech Therapy Department

Telephone: 602-546-0980

Beads of Courage - Creative Courage Journal

Creative Courage Journal Program Includes a colorful, interactive journal with writing and art activities that help the child to reflect upon their accomplishments while providing a distraction from related treatments and procedures. The journal is accompanied by 25 unique beads that are distributed with their own trading card, and referred to in the journal as the bead collection. Referring clinicians will also be given a selection of handmade, one-of-a-kind glass beads to honor and acknowledge every CCJ participant during their treatment journey. These Act of Courage beads are donated to Beads of Courage by artists from around the world. There are special pages in the CCJ where each Act of Courage bead can be documented and described by your child during their treatment.

Ask your Child Life Specialist for more information.

Liz McPeak Email: lmcpeak@beadsofcourage.org

Website: <http://www.beadsofcourage.org>

CarePages

Phoenix Children's Hospital is pleased to provide CarePages websites as a benefit to families and their loved ones. In just a few easy steps, you can create a CarePages website and begin to share your journey with others. Through free, personalized CarePages websites, members can create their own community of hope.

Ask your nurse for more information on CarePages.

Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD): The Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division) is the state agency that provides supports and services for eligible people who have autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, mental retardation, or have substantial life limitations in functioning.

Website: <https://www.azdes.gov/ddd/>

Raising Special Kids

The mission of Raising Special Kids is to improve the lives of children with disabilities by providing families with parent to parent support, training, information, and individual assistance.

Programs and services are offered free of charge, in English and Spanish, without regard to the child's disability, age, family income, qualifying conditions or other eligibility factors.

Telephone: 602-242-4366

Website: www.raisingpecialkids.org

Starlight Children's Foundation Arizona - Great Escapes Program

The *Great Escapes* family activities program was created to provide families with a chance to spend recreational time together to relax, regroup and return home with a renewed sense of strength and hope.

Contact your Child Life Specialist for more information.

Rebecca Arvizu Telephone: 602-284-0449

Email: rebecca.arvizu@starlight.org

Website: <http://www.starlight.org/arizona/greatescapes/>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program pays benefits to disabled adults and children who have limited income and resources.

Website: <http://www.ssa.gov>

Telephone: 1-800-772-1213

For a list of support groups go to <http://www.phoenixchildrens.com/health-information/child-health-topics/support-groups/>