



## Information for families of children with special needs

Ages:

0-2

3-5

6-17

18-20

21+

# Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

The AZ Department of Economic Security's Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) provides supports and services to eligible people with autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, or cognitive disability. For people who qualify for AZ Long Term Care System (ALTCS), DDD coordinates & contracts with providers for acute & long-term care services. For people with a qualifying diagnosis but don't meet ALTCS functional levels, DDD coordinates community services — but doesn't provide services unless the state legislature approves funds. The AZ Legislature established DDD in 1974; as of March 2008, 18,998 children were eligible for DDD services.

## WHO is Eligible?

- Person of any age who applies voluntarily
- Arizona resident with Social Security Number
- Child is under age 3: exhibits significant developmental delay or is at risk for a developmental disability
- Child is between ages 3-6: at risk for a developmental disability
- Child is age 6+:
  - 1) has a diagnosis of:
    - Cerebral palsy
    - Autism (not just on the autism spectrum)
    - Epilepsy, or
    - Cognitive disabilityand
  - 2) Disability occurred prior to age 18 and
  - 3) Has "substantial functional limitations" in 3 of 7 areas:
    - Self-Care (bathing, eating, hygiene, etc.)
    - Receptive & Expressive Language
    - Learning (acquiring & processing information)
    - Mobility
    - Economic Self-Sufficiency
    - Capacity for Independent Living
    - Self-Direction (managing finances, making independent decisions, etc.)

## WHAT Services Are Covered?

**If eligible for ALTCS**, long-term care services are described on the Individual Support Plan (ISP) and provided by DDD contractors and coordinated by DDD support coordinators (see DD ALTCS fact sheet).

**If not eligible for DD ALTCS**, support coordination is provided by DDD. Additional services may be provided if state funds are available.

## HOW MUCH Does it Cost?

There is no cost for DDD support coordination. No monthly premium, enrollment fee or co-payment for services, if received via DD ALTCS.

## HOW Are Services Delivered?

Child is under age 3: thru AZ Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) — see AzEIP fact sheet

Child is age 3+ and DD ALTCS eligible: services from DDD contracted service providers, and support coordination by DDD. — see DD ALTCS fact sheet

Child is age 3+ and not ALTCS eligible: DDD support coordination of community resources.

## WHAT DOCUMENTS Do I Need?

- Proof of Age & Identity (birth certificate, school records)
- Proof of Qualifying Diagnosis (medical records, etc.)
- Proof of Child's Income
- Proof of AZ Residency (birth certificate, hospital or religious record of birth, passport, etc.)

## WHERE Do I Apply?

Contact local DDD office: List available on DDD website:  
<https://egov.azdes.gov/CMS400Min/InternetFiles/InternetProgrammaticForms/pdf/DDD-1474AFORNA.pdf>

Refer Online

[https://www.azdes.gov/ddd/EligibilityReferral/frm\\_EligibilityRequirements.aspx](https://www.azdes.gov/ddd/EligibilityReferral/frm_EligibilityRequirements.aspx)