Bullhead City Area Resource Guide

Servicing: Fort Mohave, Mohave Valley, Oatman and Topock

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN BIRTH TO AGE 5



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Assistance Programs

Arizona Department of Economic Security (AZDES)

2601 Hwy 95 Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-704-7776 https://des.az.gov/

Basic Needs: Adult Protections Services, Food Assistance, Medical Assistance (www. healthearizonaplus.gov), Refugee Resettlement, Shelter and Housing

Child and Family: Cash Assistance, Child Care, Child Support Services, Community Resources

Disabilities: Developmental Disabilities, Early Intervention, Achieving a better life experience

Employment: Job Seekers, Reentry Services, Employer Resources, Apprenticeship, Unemployment-Employer, Senior Community Service Program, Veterans, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Eligible Training Provider List.

Older Adults: Home and Community Based Services, Healthy Living, Medicare Assistance, Legal Services Assistance, Family Caregiver Support, LongTerm Care Ombudsman, Aging Publications, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference

APS Crisis Bill Assistance Program WACOG

928-753-6247

Provides utility assistance. They offer other services ranging from weatherization of homes to cut energy cost to rental assistance on a case by case basis.

CASA Council Helping Children of Mohave County/La Paz County

Beverly Siemens Board President 530-632-5567 casasupport.org

CASA Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which is a foundation that raises money to benefit the unmet needs of children in outof-home care (foster care, relative placements, and In-Home Services).

Assistance Programs

Community Legal Services

2701 E. Andy Devine, Suite 400 Kingman, AZ 86401 928-681-1177 1-800-255-9031 TTY: Arizona Relay: 711 FAX: 928-681-5998 Email: infomoco@clsaz.org

* Applications for services in Mohave and La Paz Counties are completed via the Kingman office.

Community Legal Services (CLS) is dedicated to providing legal assistance, advice or representation, self-help materials and legal education so people can know their rights. We focus on helping survivors of domestic violence; assisting victims of consumer fraud and abuse, protecting tenants from unlawful/unfair practices by landlords, foreclosures, legal problems affecting agricultural workers, wage claims and other employment matters, and federal and state programs affecting peoples' health and economic stability.

River Cities United Way

Main: 928-855-6333 Alt.: 928-683-4270

Helping Businesses and individuals with rent utilities, and various needs.

Social Security Office

1502 Bailey Ave. Needles, CA 92363 800-772-1213

Obtain social security cards, name change, social security benefits.

Assistance Programs

The River Fund-Bullhead City Office

1343 Hancock Road Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-704-0039 Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Services include, but are not limited to:

- •Utility bills/deposits;
- •Appliance repair/replacement;
- Disaster relief (partial or complete destruction of dwelling);
- •Transportation/vehicle repairs;
- Rent and Mortgage payments;
- Medical bills (office visit co-pays, prescriptions, COBRA payments, transportation, medical equipment, and other medical-related issues or needs;
- Temporary housing;
- •An unexpected loss of living expenses;
- •Legal document replacement; and
- •Other major hardships on a caseby-case basis.

WestCare Safe House

928-201-5136

WestCare Safe House is a domestic violence service near Bullhead City, AZ providing help for people dealing with domestic abuse.

Birth to Five Resources:

Breastfeeding Resources

Arizona 24/7 Breastfeeding Hotline

1-800-307-4231

La Leche League

1-877-452-5324 https://lllusa.org/

Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Hotline

1-800-833-4642

Birth to Five Resources:

Child Care Resources

Birth to Five Resources:

Home Visitation

Child Care Resource & Referral Child and Family Resources, Inc.

1-800-308-9000 www.azccrr.com M-F 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Sat 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Child Care Information Line: 1-800-308-9000

Child Care Resource & Referral, CCR&R, is a statewide program of Child & Family Resources, Inc. Funding is provided by the Arizona Department of Economic Security's Child Care Administration through federal Child Care Development Block Grant funds. Staff provides referrals to families including but not limited to: child care. financial assistance, housing/utility assistance. Staff also provides consumer education on the different types of childcare options in the state & how to make the best option for your child and family.

Health Start Program Mohave County Department of Public Health

1222 Hancock Road Bullhead City, AZ 86442 JoBeth Giovanardi GiovaJ@mohave.gov 928-753-0714 ext. 4323

Community home visiting program that collaborates with pregnant women and their families. The goal of Health Start is to give your child and family the best chance of success with a strong support system through education, development, and referrals to community resources.

Healthy Families Program Child and Family Resources, Inc.

1355 Ramar Rd Ste 10 Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-753-4410 Jo Harper jharper@cfraz.org

Home visitation program, families can enroll while pre-natal or before the baby turns 3 months old. The program also includes a car seat safety program, assistance with diapers and community based referrals as needed.

Birth to Five Resources:	Birth to Five Resources:
Home Visitation	Other

High Risk Perinatal Program Mohave County Department of Public Health

1222 Hancock Road Bullhead City, AZ 86442 JoBeth Giovanardi GiovaJ@ mohave.gov 928-753-0714 ext. 4323

Provides free in-home community health nursing services to assist eligible families and their newborns during the transition from the Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU) to their home and community. The CHN provides support to the family by providing education and connections to community resources.

Eligibility: Infants who have spent five or more days in the NICU.

Birth to Five Helpline

1-877-705-KIDS (5437)

The Birth to Five Helpline is a free service available to all Arizona families with young children, as well as parents-to-be, with questions about their infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

(see page 27 for more information)

Bullhead City Lion's Club

928-514-5062 Janis Young

Bullhead City Lions Club serves the areas of Bullhead City, Fort Mohave, Mohave Valley, Topock, AZ; Laughlin, NV, Needles, CA with eye exams and glasses. The club also provides vision screening for children 2 yrs to 14 years of age in all the public, private & charter schools. We often will vision screen at local health fairs to address any need for homeschooled children.

Lantern

(Formerly Bright By Text)

Text "ARIZONAPBS" to 274448 www.azpbs.org/kidstext

Bright by Text is a free program for parents and caregivers that sends tips and resources promoting child development, targeted to a child's age from prenatal to 11 years old, right to their cell phone.

Birth to Five Resources:

Other

Family Support Coordination Parenting Arizona

Hanany Topete 602-684-1192

Chicanos Por La Causa/Parenting Arizona's Family Support Coordination program supports families with children age birth to 5. Our goal is to assist them in understanding, accessing, and navigating services that promote family well-being by engaging families and connecting them with community resources. Family Support Coordinators provide guidance, advocacy, and coordination throughout the process. Our aim is to refer families to timely and essential services, fostering family well-being and self-sufficiency.

First Things First

1940 Mesquite Ave Suite E Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403 928-854-8732 www.FirstThingsFirst.org

Local region covers Mohave and La Paz County

First Things First is Arizona's early childhood agency, with programs and resources to support great childhoods. By focusing on the first five years, we are making a difference in the lives of young children, their families and our communities. Quality early learning and child care are essential for stronger, healthier families and for the economic future of Arizona.

Child Care Centers

Bullhead City School District (BCSD) #15 - Early Learning Center

1820 Lakeside Dr. Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-758-4909

Child care center serving children birth to the age of five. Accepts DES subsidy.

Discovery Learning Center and Child Care

1895 Lakeside Dr. Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-763-3290

Child Care Center accepting children 1 to 12. Accepts DES subsidy.

Child Care Centers

Little Scooters Preschool

2750 Miracle Mile Blvd. Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-758-2282 Open 6am.-6pm.

Provides preschool services to families with children ages Birth-12 years old. Accepts DES subsidy.

Little Treasures

1373 Baseline Rd, Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-758-3151 Newborn through 12. Accepts DES

New Day School

1837 Joy Ln. Fort Mohave, AZ 86426 928-768-6465 Open 6am.-6pm. Closed Sat. & Sun.

Providing preschool services to families with children ages 2-5 years old. Accepts DES subsidy.

New Day School Bullhead

1380 Riverview Dr Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-763-1115

Child Care center taking children 1 to 12 years of age. Accepts DES subsidy.

Stepping Stones Preschool

863 Airpark Dr. Bullhead City, AZ 86429 928-754-2221 Ages 0-12 Years Open 5 a.m.-12a.m. Full time / Drop In

Site offers daycare, early learning and extended childcare services for children. Individual learning styles and growth paces are supported to ensure proper stimulation for development. Theme-based curriculum includes arts & crafts, dramatic play, games, sensory exploration and outdoor time. Learning centers encourage handson experimentation. Accepts DES subsidy.

Tiny T Birds @Mohave High School

2251 HW-95 Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-758-3916

Serving families with children ages 1 to 5 years old. Accepts DES subsidy.

Disabilities & Special Needs Resources

Arizona Center for Disability Law, Inc

https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org

Arizona Early Intervention Program (AZEIP) Root For Kids

A statewide system of services and supports for families of infants and toddlers, birth to three years of age, with delays or disabilities. AzEIP provides eligible children and their families access to services to support the child's development through in-home individualized parent education and support. AzEIP has service-providing agencies located in your area.

For more information or to make a referral, visit the website - bit.ly/3S6GK4l or make a referral by calling 888-592-0140

For questions or to check the status of the referral call 602-532-9960

Encircle Families

(Formerly Raising Special Kids)

5025 E. Washington St. Ste. 204 Phoenix, AZ 85034 www.raisingspecialkids.org 602-242-4366

Raising Special Kids exists to improve the lives of children with the full range of disabilities, from birth to age 26, by providing support, training, information and individual assistance so families can become effective advocates for their children.

Essential Therapy Solutions

2020 Silver Creek Dr, Ste. D102 Bullhead City, AZ 86442 480-677-3349 https://www.etherapyaz.com

Essential Therapy Solutions offers various services and programs in both home and clinic settings. **Essential Therapy Solutions** contracts with AzEIP to help children birth to 3 years of age and with the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) for children and some adults 3+ years. We also accept families with insurance as well as cash pay. The services we provide are Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Feeding Therapy, Service Coordination, Developmental Instruction and Telehealth.

Early Intervention Information

What is Early Intervention?

Early Intervention is specialized support for infants and toddlers (birth to age 3) who have or may be at risk for developmental delays. It includes services like speech therapy, physical therapy and developmental support to help children reach important milestones.

Why is Early Intervention Important?

Early support can improve a child's growth, learning and future success. It helps children become more independent, improves school readiness and may reduce long-term therapy costs.

What Can I Do if I Have Concerns?

Talk to your child's pediatrician – Don't wait! Early action makes a difference.

Check developmental milestones – Use the CDC Milestone Tracker App (free on iOS & Android) or search CDC Milestone Checklist online.

Request a developmental screening – Ask your doctor or complete a free Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/ages-and-stages/

Get an evaluation - See more info below.

How do I get my child evaluated?

If your child is Birth to Age 3:

Contact the Arizona Early Intervention Program where you can refer your child for evaluation. Scan the QR Code for more information.



If your child is age 3 to 21:

Contact your local school district to learn about Child Find events or request an evaluation. With parent permission, a home visitor, child care provider, teacher or healthcare provider can also refer the child for evaluation. Scan the QR Code for more information.



FIRST THINGS FIRST Ages & Stages

Available in English and Spanish



From the day your child is born, understanding how they play, learn, speak, act and move offers important clues about your child's development. While all children develop differently, it helps to know if your child is meeting typical milestones at different ages and stages and how you can support their healthy development. Understand what's happening at different stages of your child's life and how you can help them learn and grow.

VISIT FirstThingsFirst.org/AgesAndStages

Education

Bullhead City School District #15

1004 Hancock Rd. STE 101 Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-758-3691

Bullhead City School District is home to three elementary schools, one middle school, one junior high, and a dedicated preschool-andalternative-education program. We serve approximately 2500 students, from preschool through eighth grade, and offer programs designed specifically for students with gifted or special needs. Please take some time to browse these pages to learn more about our incredible schools and programs. Serves preschool-8th Grade.

Desert Star Academy

5599 HWY 95 Bullhead City, AZ 86426 928-788-3987

Providing preschool services for families with children 3-12 years old. Open at 8am.-5pm.

Diamondback Elementary/ Preschool

2550 Tesota Way Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-758-6858

Preschool taking 4 year olds. Program is at no cost to families that qualify for a Title 1 Grant.

Coyote Canyon Early Childhood Special Education

1820 Lakeside Dr. Bullhead City AZ 86442 928-758-8858

Early Childhood Special Education is a state and federally mandated program for children aged 3-5 who meet state eligibility criteria because they are experiencing developmental delays. School districts and other public agencies are responsible for locating, identifying, and evaluating eligible children and for offering a free appropriate public education (FAPE). Eligible children are entitled to a FAPE at no cost to the family with programming designed to help children meet challenging objectives alongside their typically developing peers. When a delay is suspected, or children are not meeting milestones, local school districts offer Child Find services, providing screening, and if needed, evaluation services to determine eligibility.

Accepts DES subsidy.

Fort Mojave Elementary

1760 Joy Ln Fort Mohave, AZ 86426 928-769-3986 Preschool serving ages 3 to 5 years.

Education

Mohave Accelerated Learning Center/Preschool

625 Marina Blvd Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-704-9345

The school serves children kindergarten through age 12 with a rigorous and accelerated academic program designed to prepare them for college and career success, the school proudly features an oncampus preschool for 4- and 5-yearolds.

Mohave Valley School District

8450 S. Olive Ave. Mohave Valley, AZ 86440 928-768-2507 info@mvdistrict.net

Comprised of Fort Mojave Elementary (serving students in grades PK-2), Camp Mohave Elementary (serving students in grades 3-5), and Mohave Valley Junior High (serving students in grades 6-8), the Mohave Valley School District serves about 1,200 students. Students have access to a wide variety of services and activities, including special education services, after-school extra-curricular and intramural sports programs, and access to updated technology in every classroom on all three campuses.

Sunrise Elementary/ Preschool

2645 Landon Dr. Bullhead City, AZ 86429 928-219-3004

Preschool serving ages 3 to 5 years.

Topock Elementary School District/Preschool

5083 Tule Dr. Topock, AZ 86436 928-768-3344

Serving Families Pre-k through 6th grade. Preschool accepts children ages 3 to 5 years old.

Education

WACOG Head Start Bullhead City

1055 Marina Blvd. Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-758-3334

Center based early childhood development program. Eligibility Requirements: Income guidelines and age (3 & 4 years old by August 31). Priority to children with disabilities, homeless, foster children, lowest income.

WACOG Head Start Mohave Valley

1425 E. Willow Dr. Mohave Valley, AZ 86440 928-768-1090

Center based early childhood development program. Eligibility Requirements: Income guidelines and age (3 & 4 years old by August 31). Priority to children with disabilities, homeless, foster children, lowest income.

Young Scholars Academy

1501 Valencia Rd. Bullhead City, AZ 86426 928-704-1100 Open 8a.m.-4p.m.

Provides services to families with children 3-12 years old.

Emergency/Non-Emergency

Arizona Department of Child Safety

2440 Adobe Rd. Ste. 110 Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-704-5880

Child Abuse Hotline 1-888-767-2445

AZ Statewide Crisis Line

1-844-534-4673 or 1-844-534-HOPE

Bullhead City Fire Department Administration Office Station #1

1260 Hancock Rd. Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-758-3971 Non-emergency Dispatch 928-763-1999

Emergency Services.

Car seat classes. Call for more information.

Bullhead City Police Department

1255 Marina Blvd. Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-763-9200 Non-Emergency Dispatch 928-763-1999 Non-emergency Dispatch Emergency Services.

Emergency/Non-Emergency	Health Services
Golden Shores Fire Departmen 12950 Oatman-Topock Hwy, Topock, AZ 86436 928-768-4546	t Community Health Outreach Workers River Cities United Way Main: 928-855-6333
Emergency services. Mohave County Sheriff's Office	Community Health Outreach Workers will work closely with medical providers, primary care teams, and other agencies to improve patient care and outcomes.
9880 Vanderslice Rd. Mohave Valley, AZ 86440 928-768-7055	Mohave County Health Department
The Sheriff's office duty is to serve the Civil Processes and legal documents originating	1222 Hancock Road Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-758-0722
from Arizona Superior Courts, Justice Courts; attorneys, private individuals and out of state entities needing service in Mohave County. Seventy-five members of the	Family Planning Clinics, Environmental Health Programs, Mental Health Services, Nutrition Programs, Vaccination Programs, Woman, Infant and Children Program (WIC), Women's

Seventy-five members of the Sheriff's office assist the Sheriff by carrying out search and rescue missions and other duties.

nildren Program (WIC), Women's Health Programs.

Birth & Death Certificates, Vital Records, Flu & Pneumonia Shots, HIV & STD testing, Laboratory Services.

Health Services

Dental

Just 4 Kids Dentistry

2580 AZ-95 #101 Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-758-9464 Pediatric dental provider.

Wild West Kids Dental

2401 Miracle Mile Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-704-5573 Pediatric dental provider.

Health Services:

Mental Health

Mohave Mental Health Children's Clinic

2580 HWY 95 Suite 209 Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-757-8111 www.mmhc-inc.org

Outpatient clinics offer a full array of behavioral health services to both children and adults. Services may include assessment, psychiatric interventions, therapy and counseling (provided in individual, family, and groups), medication, residential or inpatient programs. case management, vocational services, and living skills training. Other supportive services, such as peer support services, health promotion, and family support services are also offered, geared towards helping individuals and families develop additional selfawareness and specialized recovery skills to improve independent functioning and quality of life. All services are provided by gualified behavioral health staff and are driven by a service plan developed by the client and the client's child and family team or adult recovery team.

M.I.K.I.D. - Bullhead

810 Gemstone Ave. Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-753-4354 bullhead@mikid.org https://www.mikid.org/

Provides support, education, and skill development to families and their children, youth, and young adults who are experiencing mental health and behavior changes.

Eligibility: AHCCCS, Mercy Care, Care First or other State insurance.

Postpartum Support International Helpline

Call/Text in English: 1-800-944-4773 Text en Español: 971-203-7773 https://postpartum.net/

The HelpLine will provide you with support and resources. You will be asked to leave a confidential message and a trained and caring volunteer will return your call or text.

In an emergency or crisis situation, call or text 988.

In a non-emergency situation, call or text the HelpLine at 800-944-4773. You never need a diagnosis to ask for help.

Call or text the National #MaternalMentalHealth Hotline at 1-833-TLC-MAMA (1-833-852-6262)

Health Services:

Mental Health

Southwest Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic

2580 HWY 95 Suite 119 Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-763-7776 www.sbhservices.org Mon-Fri 8am-7pm

Services provided: Individual, Group and Family Counseling, Medication Services, Psychiatric Care, Skills Training, Case Management, Vocational Services, DUI Education, and DV Education.

Health Services

Pediatrics

Children's Medical Center

Dr. Naila Tariq 1225 Hancock Road #B Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-758-0183 Pediatric Services.

Colorado River Pediatrics

Dr. Barton NP Theresa Marin 1611 Joy Lane #2 Fort Mohave, AZ 86426 928-788-8000 Pediatric Services.

Health Services:

Pediatrics

Tiny Tots Pediatric

Dr. Marilou Reyes 2585 Miracle Mile #124 Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-763-7020 Pediatric Services.

Health Services:

FQHC

(Federally Qualified Health Centers are outpatient clinics that serve rural areas)

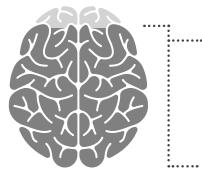
North Country Healthcare

2585 Miracle Mile Ste. 116 Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-704-1221

Provides family practice clinic, well-woman exams, well-baby checkups, immunizations and referrals to necessary specialists.

Why Early Childhood Matters

From birth to age 5, a child's brain grows more than at any other time in life. And early brain development has a lasting impact on a child's ability to learn and succeed in school and life. The quality of a child's experiences in the first few years of life – positive or negative – helps shape how their brain develops.



90% of Brain Growth Happens Before Kindergarten

At birth, the average baby's brain is about a quarter of the size of the average adult brain. Incredibly, it doubles in size in the first year. It keeps growing to about 80% of adult size by age 3 and 90% – nearly full grown – by age 5.

The brain is the command center of the human body. A newborn baby has all of the brain cells (neurons) they'll have for the rest of their life, but it's the connections between these cells that really make the brain work. Brain connections enable us to move, think, communicate and do just about everything. The early childhood years are crucial for making these connections. At least one million new neural connections (synapses) are made every second, more than at any other time in life.

The early years are the best opportunity for a child's brain to develop the connections they need to be healthy, capable, successful adults. The connections needed for many important, higher-level abilities like motivation, selfregulation, problem solving and communication are formed in these early years – or not formed. It's much harder for these essential brain connections to be formed later in life.

Libraries

Mohave County Library-Bullhead

1170 Hancock Rd. Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-758-0714

Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday

Mohave County Library-Ft. Mohave

5902 AZ-95 #102 Fort Mohave, AZ 85426 928-768-1151 Open 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday

Mohave County Library-Golden Shores/Topock Community

13136 S. Golden Shores Parkway Topock, AZ 86436 928-768-2235

Open Tues, Thurs, Sat 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Open Wednesdays 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m

Library loans books, e-books, audio books, videotapes, CDs and DVDs.

Nutrition and Food Resources

Bullhead City Food Bank

590 Hancock Rd. Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-758-7717 (behind church)

Provides emergency food boxes and clothes to families in need.

Salvation Army Family Services

1461 Palma Rd. Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-758-3141

Provides food boxes and baby formula to people in need in the Bullhead City, AZ and Laughlin, NV area.

WIC Program Mohave County Department of Public Health

1222 Hancock Road Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-758-0722

Supplemental healthy foods, nutrition education, referrals to health services Prenatal-5 years of age qualify.

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"Nothing Out of the Question" "Toda Pregunta es Buena"

1-877-705-KIDS (5437)

Call the Helpline to speak with an early childhood specialist, on duty Mon-Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Birth to Five Helpline is a free service available to all Arizona families with young children, as well as parents-to-be, with questions about their infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

Topics addressed include but not limited to:

- Sleep
- Health and Nutrition
- Safety
- Challenging Behaviors
- Feeding and Eating
- General Child Development
- Potty Training/Learning
- Fussiness/Colic
- Parenting

An extension of the Birth to Five Helpline is the Fussy Baby program. This program provides telephone, home visiting and virtual video consultation and support to help families navigate challenges associated with hard-to- soothe infants, excessive crying, sleeping problems and feeding difficulties during their child's first year of life.

Download the Birth to Five Helpline app!





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