Beaver Dam/ Littlefield/Scenic Resource Guide

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN BIRTH TO AGE 5



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928-753-6247

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Arizona Department of Economic Security (AZDES)

1057 Vista Ave. Page, AZ 86040 928-645-8131 https://des.az.gov/

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

Arizona Department of Economic Security (AZDES)

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

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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.

Salvation Army Family Services

742 Pioneer Blvd. Mesquite, NV 89027 1-800-SAL-ARMY

Provides rent payment assistance, electric and water utility bill payment assistance, food boxes, sack lunches and personal hygiene items.

Social Security Office

1091 N Bluff St #1100 St. George, UT 84770 800-772-1213

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

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Arizona 24/7 Breastfeeding Hotline

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La Leche League

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

Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Hotline

1-800-833-4642

Birth to Five Resources:

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Child Care 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 and 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

GiovaJ@mohave.gov JoBeth Giovanardi 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. Health Start enrollment eligibility is prenatal women and families with children up to the age of 2 years old.

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

Parents As Teachers Child and Family Resources, Inc.

Jo Harper

jharper@cfraz.org 928-753-4410 Home visitation program for Mohave families who are pregnant and/ or have children 0-5. Parents as Teachers (PAT) addresses the need for parent education and family support. Certified Parent Educators are well qualified to provide child development and parenting information with personal home visits, group connections, screenings and referral to resources.

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Other

Birth to Five Helpline

1-877-705-KIDS (5437)

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(see page 19 for more information)

Family Support Coordination Root For Kids

2044 Mesa Palms Dr, St. George, UT 84770 435-673-5353

The Root For Kids Family Support Coordinator partners with families to assist with locating community support agencies that provide needed community services. The Family Support Coordinator completes the Protective Factors Survey with each family. During the survey, the Family Support Coordinator learns about the unique needs of each family, develops a service plan and provides information about the community resources that can address family's concerns. The Family Support Coordinator assists the family in following through with obtaining these resources to allow for success in achieving the goals of the service plan.

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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.

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.





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

Emergency/Non-Emergency

Beaver Dam Elementary/ Beaver Dam Preschool

PO Box 730 3436 E. Rio Virgin Rd. Beaver Dam, AZ 86432 928-418-2001

Pre-K through 12th grade. Preschool is a Quality First star rated site.

Littlefield/Beaver Dam School District

PO Box 730 3490 E. Rio Virgin Rd. Beaver Dam, AZ 86432 928-418-2003

Serving families Pre-K through 12th grade.

Arizona Department of Child Safety

1057 Vista Ave. Page, AZ 86040 928-608-4245 Child Abuse Hotline 1-888-767-2445

AZ Statewide Crisis Line

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

Beaver Dam/Littlefield Fire District

630 North HWY 91 Littlefield, AZ 86432 Non-Emergency 928-347-5114 **Emergency Dial 911** Emergency services.

Beaver Dam Police Department

920-887-0791 ext. 11 Dispatch: 920-386-3726 ext 8

Mohave County Sheriff's Office

700 County Highway 91 Littlefield, AZ 86432 Non-Emergency 928-347-4900 **Emergency Services.**

Health Services

Health Services:

Mohave County Department of Public Health

20 S. Colvin St. Colorado City, AZ 86021 928-875-8960

Services provided include Free immunization clinics for Kids and Adults. The other services we offer are listed under the different programs.

Mental Health

M.I.K.I.D.

928-753-4354 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.

Postpartum Support International Helpline

1-800-944-4773

Text in English: 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:

Pediatrics

Canyonlands HealthCare

3272 E. Rio Virgin Rd. Littlefield, AZ 86432 928-347-5971

Medical Hours Mon.-Fri. 7:30-6:00 Dental Hours Mon.-Thurs, 8:00-5:00 Closed for lunch 12:30-1:30. Closed Friday

Nutrition and Food Re

Desert Rose Community Food Bank

633-643 Pioneer Rd. Littlefield, AZ 86432 928-347-5141

Provide food boxes to families in need.

Salvation Army Family Services

742 Pioneer Blvd. Mesquite, NV 89027

1-800-SAL-ARMY

Provides rent payment assistance, electric and water utility bill payment assistance, food boxes, sack lunches and personal hygiene items.

WIC Program Mohave County Department of Public Health

Sunrise Children Foundation 355 W Mesquite Blvd suite d-15 Mesquite, NV 89027 702-346-3030

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

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.



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.

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

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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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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

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Healthy Families Program Child and Family Resources, Inc.

1355 Ramar Rd Ste 10 Bullhead City, AZ 86442 928-753-4410 lo Harper iharper@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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.





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

Emergency/Non-Emergency

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.

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 Department

12950 Oatman-Topock Hwy, Topock, AZ 86436 928-768-4546

Emergency services.

Mohave County Sheriff's Office

9880 Vanderslice Rd. Mohave Valley, AZ 86440 928-768-7055

The Sheriff's office duty is to serve the Civil Processes and legal documents originating from Arizona Superior Courts, Justice Courts; attorneys, private individuals and out of state entities needing service in Mohave County. Seventy-five members of the Sheriff's office assist the Sheriff by carrying out search and rescue missions and other duties.

Community Health Outreach Workers

River Cities United Way

Main: 928-855-6333

Community Health Outreach Workers will work closely with medical providers, primary care teams, and other agencies to improve patient care and outcomes.

Mohave County Health Department

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

Family Planning Clinics, Environmental Health Programs, Mental Health Services, Nutrition Programs, Vaccination Programs, Woman, Infant and Children 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 qualified 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:

Health Services:

Mental Health

Pediatrics

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.

Tiny Tots Pediatric

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

Pediatric Services.

Health Services:

FOHC

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

Health Services

Pediatrics

Children's Medical Center

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

Pediatric Services.

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.

Colorado River Pediatrics

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

Pediatric Services.

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.



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

Nutrition and Food Resources

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.

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!







FIRST THINGS FIRST

Colorado City Area Resource Guide

Servicing: Centennial Park and Cane Beds

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN BIRTH TO AGE 5



FIRST THINGS FIRST

About First Things First

Approved by Arizona voters, First Things First (FTF) works to ensure that your youngest children have access to quality early childhood experiences so they will start school healthy and ready to succeed. Across the state, FTF Regional Partnerships Councils — in collaboration with local leaders — identify the education and health needs of children birth through age 5 in their communities and fund strategies to address those needs.

Phone: 928-854-8732

Address: 1940 Mesquite Avenue Suite E

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Website: www.FirstThingsFirst.org

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Assistance Programs

Arizona Department of Economic Security (AZDES)

1057 Vista Ave. Page, AZ 86040 928-645-8131 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 out-of-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.

Cherish Families

280 W. Township Ave. Colorado City, AZ 86021 Amanda Knudson 928-875-0969 cherishfamilies.org/ aknudson@cherishfamilies.org Cherish Families provides food, clothing, hygienic and other needs for individuals from polygamous families or people from communities who are in crisis In addition, we work with clients to set up long term supports to help provide for basic needs while moving toward stabilization. For information on basic needs contact us here.

Salvation Army Family Services - St. George

803 S. Bluff St. St. George, UT 84770 435-275-4975

Provides food, clothing, and utility payment assistance to people in need.

Social Security Office

1091 N Bluff St #1100 St. George, UT 84770 800-772-1213

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

Assistance Programs

Short Creek Dream Center

980 W. Field Ave. Hilldale, UT 84784 435-619-4294

www.shortcreekdreamcenter.org/ konstance@shortcreekdreamcenter.org

The Short Creek Dream Center exists to serve the twin towns of Hildale and Colorado City as they continue to grow, heal, and transform.

From transitional housing, recovery, community outreach and helping combat the effects of poverty, the Dream Center exists to help find and fill the needs of the Short Creek Community and beyond.

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

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.

Birth to Five Resources:

Home Visitation

Health Start Program Mohave County Department of Public Health

IoBeth Giovanardi Gioval@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. Health Start enrollment eligibility is prenatal women and families with children up to the age of 2 years old.

Healthy Families Program & Parents As Teachers Child and Family Resources, Inc.

60 Township Ave. Colorado City, AZ 86021 lo Harper iharper@cfraz.org 928-753-4410

Home visitation programs, families can enroll while prenatal to five years old. The programs also includes a car seat safety program, assistance with diapers and community based referrals as needed.

High Risk Perinatal Program Mohave County Department of Public Health

IoBeth Giovanardi Gioval@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 Resources:

Other

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Family Support Coordination Root For Kids

St. George Office 2044 Mesa Palms Dr St. George, UT 84770 435-673-5353 www.rootforkids.org

The Root For Kids Family Support Coordinator partners with families to assist with locating community support agencies that provide needed community services. The Family Support Coordinator completes the Protective Factors Survey with each family. During the survey, the Family Support Coordinator learns about the unique needs of each family, develops a service plan and provides information about the community resources that can address family's concerns. The Family Support Coordinator assists the family in following through with obtaining these resources to allow for success in achieving the goals of the service plan.

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Local region covers Mohave and La Paz County

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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.

Disabilities & Special Needs Resources

Arizona Center for Disability Law. Inc

https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org

Arizona Early Intervention Program (AZEIP)

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

Autism Courage Foundation

180 W. Wilkins St. Colorado City, AZ 86021 435-691-3195 autismcouragefoundation.com/#/ autismcouragefoundation@gmail.com

We provide appropriate education and support to individuals of need. We maintain the highest standards of respect, privacy, care and empathy for delayed learners and their providers/caregivers. We network with community members to provide resources, guidance, educational scholarships and gifting that infuse individuals with Hope and Courage to build a fulfilled future

Encircle Families

(Formerly Raising Special Kids)

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

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.

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VISIT FirstThingsFirst.org/AgesAndStages

Education

Colorado City Unified School District

PO Box 309 Colorado City, AZ 86021 435-900-8001 928-875-8066

Serving families from Pre-K through 12th grade

Creekside Montessori School

520 W. Johnson Ave. Colorado City, AZ 86021 928-614-1641 Margaret Williams margaret@creeksideway.com

Creating a peaceful community of diverse, respectful, self-motivated, & independent learners.

Cottonwood Elementary & Cottonwood Developmental Preschool

185 East University Ave. Colorado City, AZ 86021 928-875-9055

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Accepts DES subsidy.

Education

Masada Charter School Early Learning Center Sensory Rich Developmental Preschool

300 West Woolley, Bldg #B PO Box 2277 Centennial Park, AZ 86021 928-875-2525 www.masadaschool.org

The vision of Masada Charter School is to 'Unleash the Learning' Power of Students'. Our mission is to provide the opportunity for students to develop their learning skills and be motivated to use them continually in their lives through the close involvement of parents and the use of the most current learning technology. These means will lead to comprehensively, literate, selffulfilled individuals who will benefit the community.

Water Canyon Preschool

250 Newell Ave. Hildale, UT 84784 435-874-1182

Monday and Wednesday (Session 1) 3 yr olds Room A: 8:10-10:55 Tuesday and Thursday (Session 2) 3 yr olds Room A 8:10-10:55 Monday-Thursday (Session 1) 4 yr olds Room OEK 8:10-10:55 Monday-Thursday (Session 2) 4yr olds Room OEK 11:55-2:40

Emergency/Non-Emergency

Arizona Department of Child Safety

1057 Vista Ave. Page, AZ 86040 928-608-4245 Child Abuse Hotline 1-888-767-2445

AZ Statewide Crisis Line

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

Colorado City Fire Department

40 S. Pioneer St. Colorado City, AZ 86021 Non-Emergency 928-875-2400 **Emergency Dial 911** Emergency services.

Colorado City Police Department

50 N. Colvin St. Colorado City, AZ 86021 Non-Emergency 928-875-9170 **Emergency Dial 911 Emergency Service**

Health Services

Heritage Midwifery

1065 N. Hildale St. #941 Hildale, UT 84784 P:435-256-8131 F. 435-256-8931 Helen Barlow heritagecpm@gmail.com 453-256-8131 Midwives care for low risk

Hometown Wellness

1070 Hildale St. Hildale, UT 84784 Thiel Cooke 435-216-5488

pregnant women.

Hometown Wellness is a primary care facility serving a wide range of patients.

Mohave County Department of Public Health

2096 S. Hwv 389 Colorado City, AZ 86021 928-753-8675

Services provided include Free immunization clinics for Kids and Adults. The other services we offer are listed under the different programs.

Health Services:

Health Services

Mental Health

FOHC

M.I.K.I.D.

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

928-753-4354 www.mikid.org/

Creek Valley Health Clinic

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

20 S. Colvin St. #418 Colorado City, AZ 86021 P: 435-900-1104 F: 928-875-2499

Postpartum Support International Helpline

Creek Valley Health Clinic offers a range of essential healthcare services designed to meet the diverse needs of our community. Our primary care services cover routine medical care, ensuring that individuals receive thorough and precise attention to their general health needs. We specialize in early childhood developmental screening, prioritizing the healthy growth and development of our youngest patients.

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

> Recognizing the critical connection between physical and mental health, Creek Valley Health Clinic integrates behavioral health services seamlessly into our primary care setting. This approach allows us to provide a comprehensive and individualized healthcare experience, addressing a spectrum of health concerns. Whether it's routine check-ups or specialized services. Creek Valley Health Clinic is committed to promoting overall wellness and providing accessible, high-quality healthcare for our community.

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)

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Libraries

Nutrition and Food Resources

Washington County Library

440 F. Newel Ave. Hildale, UT 84784 435-874-1341

The Hildale Public Library is dedicated to providing free & equal access to information and knowledge through books, programs, and collaboration with our diverse community. We believe in the freedom to read, to learn, and to discover in a safe environment.

Salvation Army Family Services - St. George

803 S. Bluff St. St. George, UT 435-275-4975

Provides food, clothing, and utility payment assistance to people in need.

Colorado City WIC

2096 S HWY 389 Colorado City, AZ 86021 928-753-8675

Supplemental healthy foods, nutrition education, referrals to other 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!







FIRST THINGS FIRST

Kingman Area Resource Guide

Servicing: Chloride, Dolan Springs, Golden Valley, Hackberry, Temple Bar Marina, Truxton, Valentine, Valley Vista, White Hills, Wikieup, and Yucca

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN BIRTH TO AGE 5























2025-2026

FIRST THINGS FIRST

About First Things First

Approved by Arizona voters, First Things First (FTF) works to ensure that your youngest children have access to quality early childhood experiences so they will start school healthy and ready to succeed. Across the state, FTF Regional Partnerships Councils — in collaboration with local leaders — identify the education and health needs of children birth through age 5 in their communities and fund strategies to address those needs.

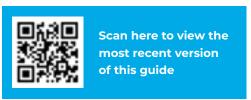
Phone: 928-854-8732

Address: 1940 Mesquite Avenue Suite E

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Website: www.FirstThingsFirst.org

FirstThingsFirst.org/Regions/La-Paz-Mohave/



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Assistance Programs

Arizona Department of Economic Security (AZDES)

2400 Airway Ave.
Kingman, AZ 86409
Nutrition, Cash and Medical Assistance
855-432-7587
Child Care Assistance
928-753-6621
Child Support Assistance
928-753-5105
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

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

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

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 out-of-home care (foster care, relative placements, and In-Home Services).

Assistance Programs

Community Legal Services

2701 E. Andy Devine, Suite 400 Kingman, AZ 86401 P: 928-681-1177 1-800-255-9031

TTY: Arizona Relay: 711

F: 928-681-5998

Email: infomoco@clsaz.org

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.

Cornerstone Mission Project, Inc

3049 Sycamore Ave Kingman, AZ 86409 928-757-1535

Provides a faith-based resource center for people who are homeless.

Services: Public showers. soup kitchen, housing related coordinated entry

River Cities United Way

928-855-6333

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

Salvation Army

543 E. Andy Devine Ave. Kingman, AZ 86401 928-718-2600

Provides food, clothing, and utility payment assistance to people in need.

Social Security Office

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

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

Birth to Five Resources:

Breastfeeding Resources

Birth to Five Resources:

Child Care 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

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.

Birth to Five Resources:

Home Visitation

Health Start Program Mohave County Department of Public Health

700 W. Beale St. Kingman, AZ 86401 JoBeth Giovanardi Gioval@mohave.gov 928-753-0714 ext. 4323

Community home visitation 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.

625 E. Beale Street Kingman, AZ 86401 928-753-4410 lo Harper jharper@cfraz.org 928-753-4410

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.

High Risk Perinatal Program Mohave County Department of Public Health

700 W. Beale St. Kingman, AZ 86401 loBeth Giovanardi Gioval@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 Resources:

Other

Advice And Aid Pregnancy Center

2975 Northern Ave.
Kingman, AZ 86409
928-692-1301
www.pregnancyadviceaid.org
Free pregnancy tests, free
ultrasounds for 9-14 weeks,
individual pregnancy counseling,
post abortion counseling, education
and information on options and
alternatives, referrals for prenatal
and childbirth classes, clothing (0-5
and maternity), diapers, wipes,
formula and furniture for mothers
and families. Love, Care and
Encouragement.

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.

Birth to Five Helpline

1-877-705-KIDS (5437)

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(see page 27 for more information)

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 wellbeing and self-sufficiency.

Birth to Five Resources:

Other

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.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

844-432-2337 x5101 shpbeds.org/chapter/az-kingman/ Volunteers build beds for children and youth that need them.

Child Care Centers

Bright Beginnings Childcare Center

810 Fastern St Kingman, AZ 86401 928-418-0584

Child care center servicing children birth to the age of 12. Accepts DES subsidy.

Grace Neal Preschool

1730 Kino Ave. Kingman, AZ 86409 928-692-8830

Childcare services birth through 12 years of age. Accepts DES Subsidv.

Kingman Gingerbread House

4145 N. Bank St. Kingman, AZ 86409 928-757-7977

Childcare services provided for families with infants to school age. Accept DES Subsidy.

Lily Pad Preschool and **Daycare Center**

1099 Sunrise Ave. Kingman, AZ 86401 928-718-4482

Center provides services to ages 1 to 12 years of age. Accepts DES Subsidy.

Child Care Centers

Little Knights and Ladies Child Development Center, Inc.

1911 Kino Ave. Kingman, AZ 86409 928-529-5287 Open 7am.-6pm.

Childcare service for families with children Ages 1-5 years old. Accepts DES subsidy.

Little Minnows Learning Center

3348 Western Ave. Kingman, AZ 86409 928-757-3144 Open 6am.-8pm.

Childcare services with families with children ages 6 weeks- 12 years old.

SLS Family Child Care Provider

928-733-7836 Open Monday - Thursday

Local registered child care provider taking children ages 2 and up. Times and availability discussed by appointment only, please call the contact number above.

Disabilities & Special Needs Resources

Arizona Center for Disability Law. Inc

https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org

Arizona Early Intervention Program (AZEIP)

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

Disabilities & Special Needs Resources

Encircle Families

(Formerly Raising Special Kids)

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

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 Clinic

1912 Miami Kingman, AZ 86401 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.

RISE Services

2519 Airway Ave. Kingman, AZ 86409 928-753-5889

Provides support services for children, adults and seniors with developmental and physical disabilities.

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.





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

Building Blocks Preschool

2040 Golden Gate Ave Kingman, AZ 86401 928-753-5699

Child Care Center serving children birth to age 12. Accepts DES subsidy.

Emmanuel Christian Academy

3120 Hualapai Mountain Rd. Kingman, AZ 86401 928-681-4220

Private Christian School for ages pre-k through 8th grade.

Kingman Academy of **Learning- Primary School**

3400 N. Burbank St. Kingman, AZ 86409 928-692-2500

Charter schools providing services to families with children in preschool through high school.

Kingman Unified School District

3033 MacDonald Ave Kingman, AZ 86401 928-753-5678

Provides academic instruction for students in pre-K through grade 12. Homeless School Transition Program, Special Education Classes/Centers.

Little Brick Schoolhouse

2302 Lilly Ave. Kingman, AZ 86401 928-753-5439

Preschool services for families with children ages 3-12 years old.

Little Eagle Preschool

1475 Gordon Dr. Kingman, AZ 86409 928-757-7888 Open 6am.-6pm.

Preschool services provided to families with children ages 3-5 years. Accepts DES subsidy.

Little Explorers Preschool

3175 Gordon Dr. Kingman, AZ 86409 928-753-6413

Preschool, Junior Kindergarten, and Special Needs programs available. Accepts DES subsidy.

Education

WACOG Head Start - Brian **Mever-Davis**

601 Van Buren St. Kingman, AZ 86401 928-753-8730

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 - Cerbat

2689 Jagerson Ave. Kingman, AZ 86409 928-757-7574

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.

WACOGHead Start - Golden Valley

3404 Santa Maria Rd. Golden Valley, AZ 86413

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 - Hubbs House

421 Golconda St. Kingman, AZ 86401 928-753-1066

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 - Kingman North

1971 Jagerson Ave. Bldg. 700 Kingman, AZ 86409

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.

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Emergency/Non-Emergency

Arizona Department of Child Safety

2400 Airway Ave. Kingman, AZ 86004 928-753-5056 Child Abuse Hotline 1-888-767-2445

AZ Statewide Crisis Line

1-844-534-4673 or 1-844-534-HOPF

Kingman Aid to Abused People

Confidential Location Kingman, AZ 86401 928-753-4242

Services: Baby clothes donation programs, cleaning product donation programs, domestic violence hotline, domestic violence shelter, housing related coordinated entry, personal grooming supplies, sexual assault hotline, sexual assault shelter, underwear/sleepwear donation program.

Kingman Fire Department

412 E Oak St Kingman, AZ 86401 Office: 928-753-2891 Fax: 928-753-7597

Email: fire@cityofkingman.gov Dispatch: 928-753-8050

Kingman Police Department

2730 E Andy Devine Ave. Kingman, AZ 86401 928-753-2191

Provides emergency response law enforcement and crime prevention services for the city.

Mohave County Sheriff's Office

600 W. Beale Street Kingman, AZ 86401 928-753-0753

The Sheriff's office duty is to serve the Civil Processes and legal documents originating from Arizona Superior Courts, Justice Courts; attorneys, private individuals and out of state entities needing service in Mohave County. Seventy-five members of the Sheriff's office assist the Sheriff by carrying out search and rescue missions and other duties.

Health Services

Community Health Outreach Workers

River Cities United Way

928-855-6333

Community Health Outreach Workers will work closely with medical providers, primary care teams, and other agencies to improve patient care and outcomes.

Mohave County Health Department

700 Beale St. Kingman, AZ 86402 928-753-0714 Mailing Address: PO Box 7000 Kingman, AZ. 86402

Family Planning Clinics, Environmental Health Programs, Mental Health Services, Nutrition Programs, Vaccination Programs, Woman, Infant and Children Program (WIC), Women's Health Programs.

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

Health Services:

Dental

Just For Kids Dentistry

2401 Stockton Hill Rd # 1 Kingman, AZ 86401 928-718-7188

Kids Little Smiles

2202 Hualapai Mountain Rd Kingman, AZ 86401 928-718-7645

Pediatric dental provider.

Health Services:

Mental Health

M.I.K.I.D. - Kingman

2615 E. Beverly Ave. Kingman, AZ 86409 928-753-4354 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.

Health Services:

Mental Health

Mohave Mental Health Children's Clinic

915 Airway Ave. Kingman, AZ 86409 928-718-4800 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 qualified 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.

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

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)

Southwest Behavioral **Health Outpatient Clinic**

2215 Hualapai Mountain Rd. Ste H Kingman, AZ 86401 928-753-9387 www.sbhservices.org

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

Family Practice Residency Clinic

3801 Santa Rosa Drive Ste #400 Kingman, AZ 86401 928-681-8701

KRMC's Family Practice Residency Clinic offers comprehensive medical care to people of all ages, from newborns to senior adults. Whether you're ill or simply in need of a check-up, our family medicine residents will provide you thorough, attentive medical care.

Joshua Tree Pediatrics

2202 Stockton Hill Rd. #100 Kingman, AZ 86401 928-681-8706

At Joshua Tree Pediatrics, our skilled pediatricians and support staff provide a full range of healthcare services for children 0-18. From routine health maintenance and preventative care-to diagnosing and treating complex medical problems, we are here to assure your child's maximum health and wellbeing at each stage in their development.

Health Services:

FOHC

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

Kingman Family Walk-in Clinic Regional Center for Border Health

2302 Stockton Hill Rd. Suite G Kingman, AZ 86401

Family Primary Care: Immunizations, family planning services, woman and teens health, laboratory services, and chronic disease management.

Behavioral Health: Intake, assessments, referral services, children and adult services. substance abuse, evaluation and treatment, general mental health therapy, psychiatric health and medication management.

North Country Healthcare

Dr. Tiffany Russell 1510 Stockton Hill Rd. Kingman, AZ 86401 928-753-1177

North Country HealthCare's doctors and care providers are dedicated to providing primary care to you and your whole family. Our family practice offers walkins and same day appointments for routine and sick visits. We accept most insurance plans and offer affordable payment options for those who are uninsured or underinsured. Our low-cost options include a sliding fee scale discount program which is based on income and family size.

Libraries

Mohave County Library -Dolan Springs

16140 Pierce Ferry Road Dolan Springs, AZ 86441 928-767-4292 Call for current hours

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

Mohave County Library -Golden Valley

4901 Pay Roll Ave. Chloride, AZ 86431 928-565-2200 Call for current hours

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

Mohave County Library -Golden Valley

3417 Verde Rd. Golden Valley, AZ 86413 928-565-2989 Call for current hours

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

Mohave County Library -Kingman

3269 N. Burbank St. Kingman, AZ 86409 928-692-2665

Services: Book loan, document copying services, faxing, public access computers, public internet access, family story time, after school fun for kids.

Mohave County Library -Meadview

149 E Meadview Blvd. Meadview, AZ 86444-0187 928-564-2535 Call for current hours

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

Mohave County Library -Valle Vista

7264 Concho Dr. Ste B Kingman, AZ 86401 928-692-7662 Call for current hours

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

Nutrition and Food Resources

Happy Hearts Consignment/ Thrift Store

5317 Hwv 68 Golden Valley, AZ 86413 goldenvalleyfamilyresources@gmail.com Food Distribution

Kingman Area Food Bank

2930 E Butler Ave. Kingman, AZ 86409 928-757-4165

Provides emergency food boxes once every 30 days if needed.

Salvation Army

1200 E. Andy Devine Ave. Kingman, AZ 86401 928-718-2600

Provides food, clothing, and utility payment assistance to people in need.

WIC Program Mohave County Department of Public Health

700 W. Beale St. Kingman, AZ 86402 928-753-0794 ext. 4334 8am-6pm M-Thurs 8am-12pm Friday

Supplemental healthy foods, nutrition education, referrals to other 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!







FIRST THINGS FIRST

La Paz County Resource Guide

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN BIRTH TO AGE 5



FIRST THINGS FIRST

About First Things First

Approved by Arizona voters, First Things First (FTF) works to ensure that your youngest children have access to quality early childhood experiences so they will start school healthy and ready to succeed. Across the state, FTF Regional Partnerships Councils — in collaboration with local leaders — identify the education and health needs of children birth through age 5 in their communities and fund strategies to address those needs.

Phone: 928-854-8732

Address: 1940 Mesquite Avenue Suite E

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Website: www.FirstThingsFirst.org

FirstThingsFirst.org/Regions/La-Paz-Mohave/



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Assistance Programs

Arizona Department of Economic Security (AZDES)

1032 S. Hopi Ave. Parker, AZ 85344 855-432-7587 https://des.az.gov/

Basic Needs: Adult Protections Services, Food Assistance, Medical Assistance, 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

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

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

APS Crisis Bill Assistance Program WACOG

877-829-2264

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 out-of-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

Email: infomoco@clsaz.org

FAX: 928-681-5998

* 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.

Nikki's Nook

28332 Hwy 72 Bouse, AZ 85325 623-498-7246-Liz 928-916-9744-Randi

A completely free thrift store/ resource center featuring clothing, household goods, small appliances, bathroom supplies, bedding, books, and food pantry. Open Saturdays from 11-3.

River Cities United Way

Main: 928-855-6333

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

Salvation Army-Quartzsite

101 N Moon Mountain Ave. Quartzsite, AZ 85346 928-927-3636 360-921-7571 (cell)

Thrift Store and Service Center. We provide supportive assistance to those in a crisis situation and work with many agencies to provide additional help. Urgent needs, please use cell phone number.

We offer year round backpacks and school supplies, Santa event, Angel Tree and monthly diaper assistance program.

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:

Birth to Five Resources:

Child Care 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

2001 College Drive Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403 JoBeth Giovanardi GiovaJ@mohave.gov 928-753-0714 ext. 4323

Serves families in Parker
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.

Birth to Five Resources:

Home Visitation

High Risk Perinatal Program Mohave County Department of Public Health

2001 College Drive LHC, AZ 8640 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.

La Paz Home Visitation Program Child & Family Resources, Inc.

117 W Riverside Dr. Parker, AZ 85344 928-753-4410 Jo Harper jharper@cfraz.org

Offering the Parents as Teachers and the Healthy Families models. These free programs are designed to support prenatal health and wellness, child development, school readiness, early literacy, family resiliency and so much more. Visits occur in the comfort of your own home and the program supplies all the materials for learning activities. Parent socials, car seat program and community referrals are included in services.

Birth to Five Resources:

Other

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)

CRIT Early Literacy Program

26600 Mohave Road Parker, AZ 85344 928-669-1339 928-669-1332 critlibraryarchives@gmail.com

The Colorado River Indian Tribes Early Literacy program, funded by First Things First, helps families understand the importance of early literacy and teaches how to implement it in their homes. The program encourages and facilitates adult/child interaction and developmentally-appropriate play. The program distributes books and hosts events for parents/caregivers and children birth - 5, including story times at least two times a week.

CRIT Nutrition And Physical Activity Program

1321 Mohave Avenue Parker, AZ 85344 928-525-1287 Office

The Colorado River Indian Nutrition and Physical Activity Program, funded by First Things, is geared toward encouraging the healthy development of children ages 0-5 through physical exercise and nutrition. Activities are geared toward promoting physical activity and healthy eating with the goal of reducing the rate of obesity in small children. Culturally-related activities will be incorporated into the activities as well prenatal. breastfeeding promotion and toddler group.

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

602-684-1192 familysupport@cplc.org 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

Early Learning Academy

1013 W Arizona Ave Ste. B Parker, AZ 85344 928-301-4000 earlylearningacademy19@gmail.com Early Childhood Center for infants 6 weeks to preschoolers (age 5) After school care for children 5-12 years of age.

Tiny Cactus Daycare

43 W. Riverside Dr. Parker, AZ 85344 928-575-1095 www.tinycactusdaycare.com Full-time and Part-Time Serving Ages 1-5 After school program for 6-12 vears old

Disabilities & Special Needs Resources

Arizona Center for Disability Law. Inc

https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org

Arizona Early Intervention Program (AZEIP)

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 guestions 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 602-242-4366 www.raisingspecialkids.org

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.

Services include individual consultation, parent-to-parent support, trainings and workshops.

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.





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

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.



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.

Education

Bouse Elementary School District

44936 Joshua Dr. Bouse, AZ 85325 928-851-2213 Services grades K - 8

CRIT Head Start

18026 Mohave Road Parker, AZ 85344 928-662-4311

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.

Parker Unified School District

1608 S. Laguna Ave Parker, AZ 85344 928-669-9244

Services pre-k and K - 12

Quartzsite Elementary School District

49241 Ehrenberg Road Ehrenberg, AZ 85334 928-923-7907

Services pre-k and grades K - 8

Salome Consolidated **Elementary School District** and Preschool Program

38128 Saguaro & Main Salome, AZ 85348 928-859-3339

Services grades Pre-K - 8 Developmental preschool program for ages 3-5 based on eligibility.

WACOG Head Start

49241 Ehrenberg-Poston HWY Ehrenberg, AZ 85334 928-782-1886

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.

Wenden Elementary School **District and Preschool Program**

71001 Santa Fe Ave Wenden, AZ 85357 928-859-3806

Services grades Pre K - 8 Developmental preschool program for ages 3-5 based on eligibility.

Emergency/Non-Emergency

Arizona Department of Child Safety

1032 S. Hopi Ave Parker, AZ 85344 928-669-9293 Child Abuse Hotline 1-888-767-2445

AZ Statewide Crisis Line

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

Bouse Fire Department

44031 Plomosa Rd. Bouse, AZ 85325 928-851-2648

Buckskin Fire Department

8500 Riverside Dr. Parker, AZ 85344 928-667-3221

CRIT Fire Department Station 17 (Big River)

150260 Capistrano Way Big River, CA 92242

CRIT Fire Department Station 80

1819 W Mohave Rd. Parker, AZ 85344 928-669-2328

CRIT Fire Department Station 90

23701 Mohave Rd Parker, AZ 85344 928-662-4388

CRIT Law Enforcement Services

26600 Mohave Rd. Parker, AZ 85344 928-669-1386 TIPS Line: 928-669-5341

Ehrenberg Fire Department

49100 Ehrenberg Poston Hwy. Ehrenberg, AZ 85334 928-823-8033

Emergency/Non-Emergency

La Paz County Dispatch

1109 W Arizona Ave Parker, AZ 85344 928-669-6141

The primary function of Dispatch is to receive all emergency and nonemergency calls for service and from field units ensuring that the proper departments are dispatched. The La Paz County Central Dispatch is the communication center for all of La Paz County emergency services, with the exception of American Medical Response ambulance and the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

La Paz County Sheriff's Office

1109 W Arizona Ave Parker, AZ 85344 928-669-6141

McMullen Valley Fire **Department**

66998 Salome Rd. Salome, AZ 85348 928-859-3261

Parker Fire District

1101 W Arizona Ave Parker, AZ 85344 928-669-2206

Parker Police Department

1314 W 11th St. Parker, AZ 85344

Quartzsite Fire Department

70 Tyson St. Quartzsite, AZ 85346 928-927-6556

Quartzsite Police Department

928-927-4644 305 N. Plymouth Ave. PO Box 2812 Quartzsite, AZ 85346

Health Services

Health-Worker-CHW

Community Health Worker Program

La Paz County Health Department

1014 W. 11th Street Parker, AZ 85344 928-669-9364 Point of contact: Carmen Gonzalez www.lapaz.gov/645/Community-

The Community Health Worker Program assists residents and visitors to gain access to a wide variety of resources and services that may be required for health and safety. The CHW program covers: Bouse, Cibola, CRIT, Ehrenberg, Parker/Parker Strip, Salome, Quartzsite, and Wenden. CHWs can support members of the public with translation services, veteran resources, health education, informal counseling, mental health services, and more. Some of our goals include improving access to healthcare services, increasing knowledge and use of community and social service resources, and reducing barriers to services available to La Paz County residents and visitors.

La Paz County Health Department

1112 Joshua Ave, Suite #206 Parker, AZ 85344 Hours 7:00am-6:00pm 928-669-1100

Immunizations, TB testing, STD testing, Family planning, Covid-19 Immunizations, birth certificate printing.

Please call for details and appointments.

Health Services

Mental Health

Community Health Associates

1021 S Kofa Ave. Parker, AZ 85344 928-669-5319

Individual Counseling, Marriage/ Family Counseling, Group Counseling, Substance Use Treatment, DUI Treatment, Crisis Services, Health Promotion, Case Management, Peer Support, Community Resources

Health Services:

Mental Health

M.I.K.I.D.

928-753-4354 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.

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,

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 988.

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

Health Services

FQHC

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

Parker Walk-In Clinic **Regional Center for Border Health**

601 W Riverside Drive Parker, AZ 85344 928-256-4109

https://www.rcfbh.org/

Behavioral Health Services, Pediatrics & Primary Care Services

Parker Walk-in Clinic is a family integrated service committed to provide the best affordable access to quality health and behavioral health services.

Nutrition and Food Resources

CRIT Food Distribution Program (FDPIR)

12302 Kennedy Drive. Parker, AZ 85344 Location: 2nd Avenue & Mohave Rd. 928-575-1191

Commodity Foods Our services are open to anyone living within the CRIT Reservation boundaries.

Our services are for low or no income households residing on the CRIT Reservation.

Applications are accepted M - F8 - 5

CRIT WIC Program

13350 1st Avenue Parker, AZ 85344 928-669-5588

Supplemental healthy foods, nutrition educations, referrals to other health services.

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Friends of the Quartzsite Food Bank

40 N Moon Mountain Ave Quartzsite, AZ 85346 928-661-7000 fqfoodbank@gmail.com Provides food, clothing, and toiletries

Parker Food Bank

1124 Geronimo Ave Parker, AZ 85344 928-669-0114

Walk-ins served. No referral required. Photo ID and proof of address in La Paz County.

Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

St. Vincent de Paul

1015 S. Joshua Ave. Parker, AZ 85344 928-669-2523

Monthly food boxes and bag lunches.

Serving Parker, Bouse, Wenden, Salome, Ehrenberg and homebound. Call for more information.

Yuma Community Food Bank

928-343-1243 yumafoodbank.org

Distribution sites: Bouse, Cibola, Ehrenberg, Salome/Wenden, Parker, and Quartzsite.

Libraries

the public.

Bouse Public Library

44031 F. Plomosa Rd. Bouse, AZ 85325 928-851-1023

Hours: Mon - Thur, 8am - 4pm Bouse Public Library is one of two branches of the La Paz Public Library. Books, magazines, movies and internet access available to

Centennial Public Library

69725 Centennial Park Rd. Salome, AZ 85348 928-859-4271 Hours: 8am-4pm Mon-Thur

Centennial Public Library is one of two branches of the La Paz Public Library. Books, magazines, movies and internet access available to the public.

CRIT Library

26600 Mohave Rd. Parker, AZ 85344 928-669-1332

C.R.I.T. Library-Archives offers collections of books in Fiction / Non-Fiction - Native American Collections in Adult- Young Adult-Tweens - Children - Early Literacy. We also provide job application assistance- email set-up-Archival Research-Traditional Language classes- Computer Lab-Print-Fax-Arts n Crafts-Traditional workshops- STEM/STEAM-Afterschool Tutoring- After School Activities

Libraries

Parker Public Library

1001 Navajo Ave Parker, AZ 85344 Fenix Markel 928-669-2622

The Parker Public Library is dedicated to providing free & equal access to information and knowledge through books. programs, and collaboration with our diverse community. We believe in the freedom to read, to learn, and to discover in a safe environment. For more information please visit our website.

Quartzsite Library

465 North Plymouth Avenue P.O. Box 2812 Ouartzsite, AZ 85346 qsitelib@hotmail.com Schedule of Library Hours:

Monday-Friday 8am - 5pm Closed Saturday Sunday & Holidays 928-927-4333

Access to library services including books, audio tapes, computers, videos and magazines is free. Resident cards are valid for two years. The Yuma Reading Council, in partnership with the Quartzsite Library, is offering adult literacy, GED and English as a second language training. If you are interested in volunteering for any one of these projects, please contact the library at 928-927-4333 for more information. Trained tutors are now available for ESL tutoring, privately or in small groups.

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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!







FIRST THINGS FIRST

Lake Havasu City Area Resource Guide

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN BIRTH TO AGE 5



FIRST THINGS FIRST

About First Things First

Approved by Arizona voters, First Things First (FTF) works to ensure that your youngest children have access to quality early childhood experiences so they will start school healthy and ready to succeed. Across the state, FTF Regional Partnerships Councils — in collaboration with local leaders — identify the education and health needs of children birth through age 5 in their communities and fund strategies to address those needs.

Phone: 928-854-8732

Address: 1940 Mesquite Avenue Suite E

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Website: www.FirstThingsFirst.org

FirstThingsFirst.org/Regions/La-Paz-Mohave/



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Assistance Programs

Arizona Department of Economic Security (AZDES)

2031 Spawr Cir. Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403 855-432-7587 https://des.az.gov/ www.healthearizonaplus.gov

Basic Needs: Adult Protections Services, Food Assistance, Medical Assistance, 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

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

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

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 out-of-home care (foster care, relative placements, and In-Home Services).

Assistance Programs

Clothes Closet

1968 Mesquite Ave. LHC. AZ 86403 928-230-3113 clothescloset@frontier.com

The Clothes Closet helps anyone in need of clothing, food, or other necessities without charge. They help find community resources in a judgment free atmosphere.

Faith and Grace, Inc.

24 hour Hotline 928-302-1358 Safe housing for women and children of domestic violence.

HAVEN Family Resource Center

2174 McCulloch Blvd. N LHC. AZ 86403 928-505-3153

Administers services for victims of abuse and sexual assault. Provides a crisis hotline for families in crisis and for victims of child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

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.

Assistance Programs

River Cities United Way

145 N. Lake Havasu Ave. LHC, AZ 86403

Main: 928-855-6333

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

Salvation Army-Lake Havasu

2049 Swanson Ave LHC, AZ 86403 928-680-3678

Provides rent payment assistance, electric and water utility bill payment assistance, food boxes, sack lunches and personal hygiene items.

Social Security Office

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

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

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:

Birth to Five Resources:

Child Care 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

2001 College Drive Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403 IoBeth Giovanardi Gioval@mohave.gov 928-753-0714 ext. 4323

Serves families in Parker 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.

2005 Injo Drive #103 Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403 Jo Harper iharper@cfraz.org 928-753-4410

Free 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

2001 College Drive LHC, AZ 8640 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)

Family Support Coordination Parenting Arizona

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 wellbeing and self-sufficiency.

Birth to Five Resources:

Other

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.

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.

Pregnancy Care, Inc

500 N. Lake Havasu Ave Suite B104 LHC, AZ 86403 928-855-2273

Administers programs for pregnant women in La Paz and Mohave County.

Child Care Centers

Family Tree Daycare

3415 Oro Grande Blvd. LHC. AZ 928-505-8719

Serving 3 months through age 5.

Guiding Light Christian Educational Center

220 Mescal In LHC, AZ 86403 928-855-1022

Serving ages 1 through 1st grade. Accepts DES subsidy

Child Care Centers

Hilltop Learning Center

3180 McCulloch Blvd N LHC. AZ 86403 928-855-3085

Serving ages 2 ½ through 5 years. Accepts DES subsidy

Little People's Day Care, Inc.

2419 Smoketree Ave N #102 LHC. AZ 86403 928-453-6348

Serving ages 2-5 years. Accepts DES subsidy

New Day School

2200 Sotol Lane LHC, AZ 86403

3438 Oro Grande Blvd. LHC, AZ 86406 928-680-1002

2915 Havasupai Blvd. LHC 86404 928-855-2227

Serving ages 1 through 5 years. Accepts DES subsidy

Playtime Childcare

2625 Cliffwood Plz LHC, AZ 86403 928-505-6251

Serving ages 1 through 12 years. Licensed in-home, group home childcare. Available evenings and weekends. Accepts DES subsidy.

Disabilities & Special Needs Resources

Arizona Center for Disability Law. Inc

https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org

Arizona Early Intervention Program (AZEIP)

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

Disabilities & Special Needs Resources

Encircle Families

(Formerly Raising Special Kids)

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

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

500 Lake Havasu N, Ste C-100 Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403 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.

Milemarkers

5601 Hwv 95 C-308 LHC. AZ 86404 928-854-5439

Milemarkers provides music, occupational, physical and speech therapy services, after school program, adult day program, employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. transition to employment curriculum, individual habilitation support, and supervised visit, Connections Program and Nurturing Parent program.

Playful Beginnings

909-583-4040

Psychological testing for autism as well as in home ABA (social/ behavior) intervention for children in Lake Havasu between the ages of 2-12 years. Accepting United Health Care, Blue Cross Blue Shield AZ, Anthem Blue Cross, and HealthChoice.

RISE Services

1979 McCulloch Blvd. Suite 101 and 103 LHC. AZ 86403 928-316-6520

Provides support services for seniors, children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities

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.





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

Havasu Preparatory Academy Preschool

3155 Maricopa Ave LHC, AZ 86406

928-854-4011 Our preschool program introduces

children to the concept of school in a playful and nurturing environment.

Preschool is a paid tuition program.

Lake Havasu Unified School District

2200 Havasupai Blvd. LHC. AZ 86403 928-505-6900

Provides academic instruction for students in pre-K through grade 12.

Little Knights Preschool

2675 Palo Verde Blvd. S LHC, AZ 86403 928-854-5347

Serving ages 3-5 years.

Nautilus Preschool

1425 Patricial Drive LHC. AZ 86404 928-505-6060

Provides a high-quality education that meets the unique needs and development of the whole child. We strive to provide a safe learning space where every child feels valued, respected, and loved.

Oro Grande Classical Academy Preschool

1250 Pawnee Dr. LHC. AZ 86406 928-505-6080

Our goal is to incorporate virtues and values, good manners, and develop a social and educational foundation in an effort to become kindergarten ready. Serving 4 year olds.

Our Lady of the Lake **Catholic Preschool**

1975 Daytona Drive LHC. AZ 86403 928-855-0154

Preschool accepts students from 3 to 5 years old. All students must be 3 years of age before September 1, 2025 and must be potty trained.

Education

Paw Prints Preschool Telesis Preparatory Academy

2598 Starlite Lane LHC. AZ 86403 928-855-8661 ext. 122 Serving ages 3-5 years.

Smoketree Developmental Preschool

2395 Smoketree Ave LHC. AZ 86403 928-505-6033

Developmental preschool program for children with special needs, ages 3-5, who qualify for services based on state and federal guidelines. Accepts DES subsidy.

WACOG Head Start -Havasupai

880 Cashmere Dr. LHC, AZ 56404 928-505-4046

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 -Lake Havasu City

2385 Pima Dr. N. LHC, AZ 86403 928-680-6212

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.

Emergency/Non-Emergency

Arizona Department of Child Safety

1755 McCulloch Blvd, N. Ste 101 928-854-0315 Child Abuse Hotline 1-888-767-2445

AZ Statewide Crisis Line

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

Lake Havasu City Fire Department

928-855-1141 Emergency services.

Lake Havasu City Police Department

2360 McCulloch Blvd. N LHC. AZ 86403 Emergency: 911 Non-emergency: 928-855-1171 Provides emergency response law enforcement and crime prevention services for the city.

Mohave County Sheriff's Department

3500 A7-95 LHC. AZ 86404 928-453-0745

The Sheriff's office duty is to serve the Civil Processes and legal documents originating from Arizona Superior Courts, Justice Courts; attorneys, private individuals and out of state entities needing service in Mohave County. Seventy-five members of the Sheriff's office assist the Sheriff by carrying out search and rescue missions and other duties.

Health Services

Health Services:

Dental

Community Health Outreach Workers

River Cities United Way

145 N. Lake Havasu Ave. LHC, AZ 86403

Main: 928-855-6333

Community Health Outreach Workers will work closely with medical providers, primary care teams, and other agencies to improve patient care and outcomes.

Mohave County Health Department

2001 College Drive LHC, AZ 86403 928-453-0703 Mohave.gov

Family Planning Clinics, Environmental Health Programs, Mental Health Services, Nutrition Programs, Vaccination Programs, Woman, Infant and Children Program (WIC), Women's Health Programs.

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

Cosmic Kids Dentistry

80 Acoma Blvd. S. LHC, AZ 86403 928-855-7717

Pediatric dental provider.

Kids Little Smiles

5601 Hwy. 95 Ste A116 LHC, AZ 86406 928-505-5437

Pediatric dental provider.

Health Services

Mental Health

Mohave Mental Health-Children's Clinic

151 Riviera Dr. Suite B LHC, AZ 86403 928-855-3432 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 qualified 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.

928-704-9111 www.mikid.org/ Services Lake Havasu

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**

1845 McCulloch Blvd. Suite B-1 LHC. AZ 86403 928-453-2661 www.sbhservices.org

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

Health Services:

Pediatricians

Havasu Medical Group-Primary Care and Diabetes

1851 Mesquite Ave Ste #202 LHC, AZ 86403 928-854-0094

Pediatric services.

Havasu Rainbow Pediatrics

1980 Mesquite Ave., #101 LHC, AZ 86403

Medical group practice located in LHC that specializes in Pediatrics.

Health Services

FOHC

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

Havasu Pediatric and Family Center -

Regional Center for Border Health

1940 Mesquite Ave. Ste A LHC, AZ 86403 928-459-3512

Provides primary health care and integrated behavioral health services.

North Country Healthcare

2090 N. Smoketree Ave LHC, AZ 86403 928-854-1800

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

Offer pediatric care.

Nutrition and Food Resources

Christ Chapel Food Pantry

3450 Chemehuevi Blvd. LHC. AZ 86403 928-855-7230 Open Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Please call before coming in as food availability varies.

HCHF Community Food Bank

1980 N Kiowa Blvd LHC, AZ 86403 928-264-1177

Open M, T, TH, F from 10am-1pm

Restoration Hope Church Food Pantry

3430 McCulloch Blvd. N. LHC. AZ 86403 928-302-3264

Open Saturdays 9:00-12:00

St. Vincent De Paul **Food Distribution Center**

1851 Commander Dr. LHC. AZ 86403 928-680-2874 Food Distribution 9:30-2:00 Wednesday-Friday

WIC Program Mohave County Department of Public Health

2001 College Drive LHC, AZ 86403 928-453-0716

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

Recreation

Mohave County Library - Lake Havasu City

1770 N. McCulloch Blvd. LHC, AZ 86403 928-453-0718 https://www.mohavecountylibrary. us/lake-havasu-city

Library loans books, e-books, audio books, videotapes, CDs and DVDs. Programs for all ages including Baby jamboree (ages 0-2) and Sunshine Hour (ages 2-5).

Sunshine Indoor Play

5601 Hwy 95 Unit H814 LHC. AZ 86404 928-466-6750 kate@sunshineindoorplay.com www.sunshineindoorplay.com

Sunshine Indoor Play is more than just an indoor playground. We are a Mommunity that is by your side through every step of your parenting journey. We offer lactation support, birth classes, car seat help, babywearing fit checks, postpartum support groups, and more. We also host mommy and me classes and events.

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.



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.

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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.

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