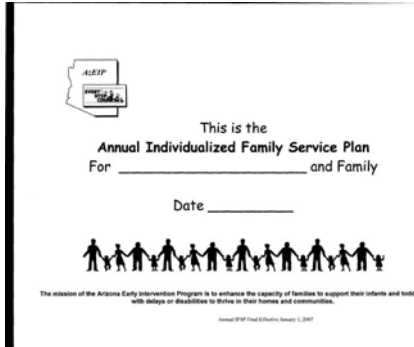




## IFSP: What is this?



The Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) is both a process and a living document.

The IFSP helps to identify the services that children in the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) may receive. These services are based on family resources, priorities and concerns. These are family issues, not just the child's issues. These priorities and concerns are converted into outcomes that the educational team can work on.

We must keep in mind that outcomes are related to family routines and are geared to take advantage of the child's natural learning environment. In other words, the AzEIP philosophy is to take advantage of the child's best "teacher" and their

natural environment. Our hope is to create outcomes that make sense to families and that easily become part of their routines. For example, if your child enjoys bath time and there is a concern about language development, we can create strategies in which language is stressed during this activity. We can sing as we wash body parts and make sure we label the body part we are touching, "this is Timmy's elbow, elbow elbow; this is Timmy's elbow, feel how clean it is..."



AzEIP's webpage has links to help you better understand the process. Go to: <https://egov.azdes.gov/CMSInternet/main.aspx?menu=98&id=3026> on the left column click on "IFSP resources." You can also ask your infant teacher for more details.

## Flu Season

This year we will be diligent about taking all necessary precautions in order to keep you and your family healthy. During home visits feel free to offer your sink and soap to ask your early interventionists to wash their hands. Feel free to have such a conversation with them as most will inform you that they use hand sanitizer between visits.

Again, we ask that you cancel your home visit or plans to attend Monday or Friday Program if your child, yourself or someone in your family is sick. We don't want to bring illness into your home but also don't want to take illness from your home into another. This year we will be sending families home from Monday or Friday Program if we notice someone from your party is feeling under the weather. Here is what to look for:

- Fever
- Tiredness
- Dry cough
- Sore throat
- Runny/stuffy nose
- Stomach symptoms, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

We visit several children with compromised respiratory systems, please help us to keep them healthy.

**Friday Program Schedule:**

9:00-9:30 Group Music Therapy  
 9:30-10:00 Center Activities  
 10:00-11:15 Parent Meeting



**October Parent Meeting Topics:**

10/2 Open Meeting/breakout for Deaf-Blind  
 10/9 Fall Break – NO PROGRAM  
 10/16 Speech/Feeding Development  
 10/23 Popticle/Nutricion  
 10/30 IFSP

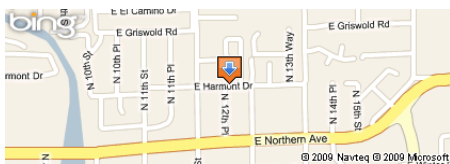
**November Parent Meeting Topics:**

11/6 Social Skill Development  
 11/13 Play/Toys  
 11/20 General Development of the Blind Child  
 11/27 Holiday – NO PROGRAM

We meet every Friday, except holidays or staff breaks, at the Rose Mofford building:

1235 E. Harmont  
 Phoenix, Az 85020

One block north of Northern, one block east of 12<sup>th</sup> Street.



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November 7, 2009 is Night for Sight at Mastro's City Hall Steak House starting at 6:00pm. Its good food, auctions and this year our guest of honor is Diamond Backs president Derrick Hall. \$10,000 raffle winner will be announced that night, tickets are \$50 or 5 for \$200.

November 21, 2009 @ 9:00 am is our first ever craft fair. \$100 donation gets you a table to sell your creations or simply drop by and shop.

If you would like more information please visit our website [www.seeitourway.org](http://www.seeitourway.org) or call 602-331-1470.

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EI = Early Intervention. Any specialist who works with birth to three population is an early interventionist.

DSI = Developmental Special Instruction. This is the main person visiting your home. FBC calls them baby teachers. The developmental specialist is responsible for integrating all aspects of development for the child with a disability. FBC's DSIs are further trained to recognize and deal with aspects of development affected by vision loss.

TVI = Teacher for the Visually Impaired. Trained specifically to work with people who have a visually impairment, providing assessment and developing strategies/adaptations that help a person with visual impairment access learning opportunities.

O&M = Orientation and Mobility Specialist. Helps students understand where they are in space and how to move in environments in a safe manner.

PT = Physical Therapy. Helps to develop or regain gross motor abilities.

OT = Occupational Therapy. Helps to develop or regain fine motor abilities.

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**Monday Program Schedule:**

9:00-9:30 Center Activities  
 9:30-10:30 Parent Meeting  
 10:30- 11:00 Music Therapy



**October Parent Meeting Topics:**

10/5 IFSP  
 10/12 Fall Break – NO PROGRAM  
 10/19 Open Meeting  
 10/29 Popsicle/Nutricion

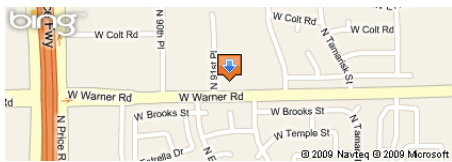
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 11/16 Play/Toys  
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 11/30 Open Meeting

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2005 N. 91<sup>st</sup> Place  
 Chandler, Az 85224

About ¼ mile east of 101 on Warner.



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