



Foundation for Blind Children

# Infant News

Feb-Mar 2010



## DDD news

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) is implementing the Family Cost Participation (FCP) policy. This policy will apply to families who are eligible for DDD services. However children who are eligible for Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS) or Arizona Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) are not affected by this policy. Family Cost Participation will require families to pay a portion of the costs related to services provided by DDD. These include developmental special instruction( DSI), physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT) and speech therapy( SPT). Service Coordination and evaluations that determine services will not be billed. What families pay is based on family size and income. The policy will take effect March 2010. Your service coordinator will review your

individualized family service plan (IFSP), to help you determine services and the cost to your family. Families affected by this policy should receive or will receive a letter from DDD explaining the policy. If you have questions please contact DDD at (602) 364-1379 or [DDDHotline@azdes.gov](mailto:DDDHotline@azdes.gov).



## Community Resources

Arizona Community Action Association in partnership with APS, DES and SRP publish a People's Information Guide, which is a wonderful resource for families who are having trouble meeting their rental/mortgage or utility payments. Community Action Programs are located throughout Arizona. Assistance programs are administered through counties, cities and non-profit organizations. To find out the number for your particular area call: Community Information and Referral, open 24hrs a day, 7days a week. Phone: 602-263-8856 or [www.azcaa.org](http://www.azcaa.org)



## Family Support Saturday

This year's theme is *Maintaining Family Balance During Challenging Times*. It will be held at the Foundation for Blind Children's main campus 1235 E. Harmont Drive on February 20, 2010, 9:00am to 3:30pm. As always, we will have several workshop sessions and support groups to take advantage of. Ask your developmental specialist or visit: <http://seeitourway.org/ProgramsServices/familyworkshops/index.html> .

Sessions include:

- Financial planning for children with special needs
- Orientation and Mobility
- Spending planning
- Frugal families
- Make and take
- Family resources
- Transition to adult based services

Friday Program Schedule:

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

**February Parent Meeting Topics:**

2/5 Sleep Clinic, Dr. Derwek  
 2/12 Intro to tactile com/Braille  
 2/19 Literacy/Suzi  
 2/26 Media/Inge

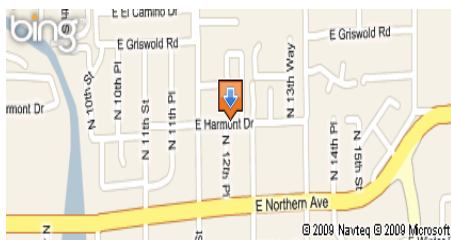
**March Parent Meeting Topics:**

3/5 Staff training, no program  
 3/12 Social skills/ Behavior  
 3/19 Spring Break, no program  
 3/26 Planning seeds of independence

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

**1235 E. Harmont Dr  
 Phoenix, AZ 85020**

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



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**FBC Spotlight**

Preschool Services:

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**Special Events:**

**Bunco for Blind Kids  
 February 5, 2010**

**6:30 pm  
 \$21 advance  
 \$30 day of event**

<http://seeitourway.org/Development/bunco/bunco.html>

**Grant Writing Boot Camp  
 March 17-18, 2010**

**50% of proceeds benefit Foundation for Blind Children**

<http://seeitourway.org/misc/2010GrantWritingBootCamp/2010GrantWritingBootCampFlyer.pdf>

FBC Canyon Crawlers Join our clients, staff and friends (many of whom climbed Kiliminjaro) as they hike the Grand Canyon rim to rim. More info:

<http://seeitourway.org/FBCanyonCrawlers/index.html>



## Monday Program Schedule:

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

## February Parent Meeting

## Topics:

2/1 Literacy  
 2/8 Intro to tactile com/Braille  
 2/15 **Holiday, no program**  
 2/22 Media/ Inge

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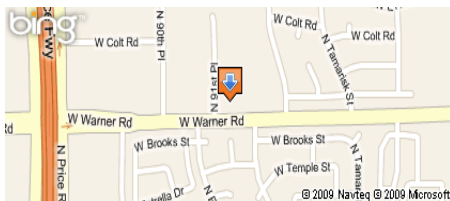
## Topics:

3/1 Social Skills/ Behavior 1  
 3/8 Behavior 2  
 3/15 **Spring Break, no program**  
 3/22 Open meeting  
 3/29 Planning seeds of independence

**We meet every Monday, except holidays or staff breaks, at the Floye Steele Center:**

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

**About a ¼ mile east of the  
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