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Early Childhood Programs for the Visually Impaired

Mission Statement

We are committed to
looking at the whole child,
as a member of a family,
as a child first who happens to
be visually impaired.

We will nurture
the child and the family
through education,
involvement
and continued support.

We will be sensitive to
the cultural, emotional,
social and educational priorities
of each family.

We are committed to
fostering a partnership with fam-
ilies that will enable the child
with visual impairments to reach
personal independence.

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**Arizona State Schools for
the Deaf and the Blind**

*A program committed to
partnerships with families
of children birth to three
with visual impairments*

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Early Childhood Services - Birth to 3 In Cooperation with the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AZEIP)

Who may be eligible for early childhood services?

- ♦ Families of a child with a medically diagnosed bilateral visual impairment residing in Southern Arizona may be eligible for services.
- ♦ Children, birth to 3, with a medically diagnosed visual impairment may be eligible for a functional vision assessment by a trained Pediatric Vision Specialist.

- ♦ ***Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind*** is a state and federally funded program.

Who can refer a child for Early Childhood Services?

- ♦ Family Members
- ♦ Physicians*
- ♦ Ophthalmologists*
- ♦ Therapists*
- ♦ School Personnel*
- ♦ Daycare Providers*
- ♦ Other Community Agencies*

*With permission of the family

***A variety of support
services may be available
to eligible children, their
families and the
community:***

- ♦ Parent education and advocacy
- ♦ In-home family support
- ♦ Functional Vision Assessment
- ♦ Developmental Assessment
- ♦ Orientation and Mobility Services
- ♦ Support during Transition to Preschool Services
- ♦ Working with the ophthalmologist
- ♦ In-service support to daycare providers and other community agencies serving children with visual impairments

