

## **Resources Supporting Families and Children with Health Conditions and/or Disabilities**

AFCCA Foundation for Children. – Grants for students in school, who have unmet medical needs, with no other resources. Could be no insurance, something insurance doesn't cover, etc. Applications are made by the school nurse and payment is made directly to the provider.

<http://azfoundationforchildren.org/school-nurse-information/>

Arizona Center for Disability Law, Self-Advocacy Guides, related to healthcare, special education, housing, employment and more,

<http://www.azdisabilitylaw.org/selfguides.html>

Arizona Early Intervention Program, for children birth through age 2 who have, or are at risk for, developmental delay or disabilities; to begin the application process, complete an online referral here:

<https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/developmental-infant>

Arizona Child Find, a federally mandated service provided by schools, for families who have concerns about their child's development, ages birth through 21,

[www.azed.gov/special-education/az-find](http://www.azed.gov/special-education/az-find)

Arizona Healthcare Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) (TANF), online application for health coverage (insurance), nutrition assistance, and /or temporary cash benefits [www.healtharizonaplus.gov](http://www.healtharizonaplus.gov)

Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS), Elderly and/or Physically Disabled (EPD/ALTCS) for individuals of any age with a condition or disability that is substantial enough to require the type of assistance a nurse may provide. (Note: For children this type of high level assistance is frequently provided by family members/care givers in the home setting rather than in a hospital or facility), <https://www.azahcccs.gov/Members/GetCovered/apply.html>

United Healthcare Community Plan - Children's Rehabilitative Services (CRS), provides integrated, coordinated care for children with specific conditions, for more information see: <http://www.uhcommunityplan.com/az/medicaid/childrens-rehabilitative-services.html>

Community Health Centers, provide primary and some secondary services (dental, behavioral health, each center is unique in its offerings), for anyone with or without insurance, some offer a sliding fee scale for those who qualify; zip-code search engine <http://www.aachc.org/what-is-a-healthcare-center/map/>

Division of Developmental Disabilities, (DD/ALTCS or DD/AHCCCS); children over age 6 and adults with Autism, Seizure disorder, Cognitive Disability or Cerebral Palsy; children 3-6 with or at risk for developmental delay or disability; begin application process by completing a referral online at:

<https://des.az.gov/services/disabilities/developmental-disabilities> and <https://www.azahcccs.gov/Members/GetCovered/apply.html>

EAR Foundation of Arizona, provides a broad range of competent educational, informational, research, prevention, intervention and advocacy services for the benefit of persons of all ages who have a hearing loss, are deaf, may be at risk for hearing loss or deafness, have tinnitus, or have a balance disorder. The HEAR for Kids program provides hearing related services and/or equipment for children who have no other resources. <https://www.earfoundationaz.com/home.html>

Feeding Matters, provides information, resources and training for families and professionals who work with children with feeding difficulties.  
<https://www.feedingmatters.org/>

Healthcare Marketplace, [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov). Open enrollment for 2016 will begin in November. If one loses insurance during the year they can enroll in a Marketplace plan, because they will be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period of up to 30 days after their health insurance ended. To make an appointment with someone who can assist with an in-person application call, 602-218-3900.

Hospice of the Valley, <http://www.hov.org/> support for families and children experiencing the death, or expected death of a loved one

Keogh Foundation, provides information and certified Navigators for the healthcare insurance Marketplace. Keogh has Navigators who are trained to assist individuals and families who have children with special health care needs to identify plans that will meet their needs. <http://keoghhealth.org/> 602-266-0397.

Medical Services Project – provides primary care for school age children who have no other resources, usually uninsured may include eyeglasses, dental care, etc. Contact your school nurse, public health nurse or Head Start Program to refer a

child in need of services.

<http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/owch/children/medicalservices.htm>

Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs,

[www.azdhs.gov/phs/owch/ocshcn/](http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/owch/ocshcn/). The right information at the right time, 602-542-1860

Raising Special Kids, provides health systems information and referral, Special Education assistance and training, as well as parent to parent peer support for families of children with special health care needs, (602) 242-4366 ,

[www.raisingpecialkids.org](http://www.raisingpecialkids.org)

Ryan House, is one of two organizations of its kind in the country, offers respite services free of charge for families of children, birth through age 16, with life limiting conditions, (602) 200-0767 , <http://www.ryanhouse.org/>

Social Security Administration, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), provides Medicaid insurance and cash benefit for children whose condition meets the federal disability definition and live in a household with very limited income, <http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/>

Sonoran University Center of Excellence <http://sonoranucedd.fcm.arizona.edu>  
this website has resources for families and individuals related to housing (My House My Home: Real Homes for Real People, and future planning (A Roadmap for Family Caregivers)

Southwest Human Development, Birth to Five Helpline, child development specialists are available Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 8:00pm, at no cost. Topics include: sleep, discipline, parenting, feeding and eating, child development, fussiness/colic, potty training, health and challenging behavior. Call at 1-877-705-5437 or fill out a request on line and they will call at the time best for you. <https://www.swhd.org/programs/health-and-development/birth-to-five-helpline/>

Strong Families Alliance of Home Visiting Programs, a searchable website to identify a home visiting program available in your area. Home visiting programs provide parenting skills, health and safety promotion and domestic violence prevention supports; all aimed at helping families raise healthy children who are ready to succeed in school and life. <http://strongfamiliesaz.com/what-is-available-in-your-area/>

Tribal/Regional Behavioral Health Authorities, for families seeking behavioral health services through their AHCCCS plans, <http://www.azdhs.gov/bhs/recipients/BHSTRBHA.htm> . The site also provides the national 24/7 suicide hotline, as well as local hotlines by county. For families with private health plans, call their plan representative at the number on their insurance id card to identify behavioral health providers in their plan network.

Understood.Org, <https://www.understood.org/en> , the parent and professional resources and information portal by the National Center for Learning Disabilities provides practical tips, toolkits, strategies and information. Topics include attention, anxiety, learning disabilities, handling frustration, self-advocacy and so much more.

United Healthcare Children's Foundation – grants for children who have medical needs not covered by their health insurance plan. <http://www.uhccf.org>

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