FIRST THINGS FIRST Family Guide

First Things First supports early childhood programs in Arizona through grants to community organizations that provide services—at no cost—for young children from birth to age 5 (before kindergarten) and their families.

The boundaries of the First Things First Gila River Indian Community Region match those of the reservation boundaries.

Gila River Indian Community Region

FIRST THINGS FIRST FIND PROGRAMS

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Parenting

There's no one right way to raise a child, and you don't have to be perfect. These programs are here to help you learn effective ways to support your child's healthy development and learning.

Home Visiting Programs

Work 1-on-1 with a trained and caring parent educator, in the convenience of your own home, to build on the parenting skills you already have and nurture your child's health, development and learning.

Parenting Education

Attend a series of group classes proven to increase your understanding of child development and improve your parenting skills.

Quality Child Care and Preschool

Quality early learning programs help young children learn, grow and thrive. More than 1,000 child care centers, homes and preschool programs in Arizona participate in Quality First to improve the quality of early learning for kids from birth to age 5. Many offer Quality First Scholarships to help low-income families afford quality early care and education.

Birth to Five Helpline

A free service available to all Arizona families with young children, (as well as parents-to-be), who have questions about their baby, toddler or preschooler. Ask experts about your child's feeding, sleep, behavior or any other concern. The Birth to Five Helpline is here to help.



Southwest Human Development 1-877-705-KIDS (5437) birthtofivehelpline.org

Child Health and Development

All children develop differently, but it helps to know if they're meeting typical milestones or could use extra assistance, and many medical and dental problems can be prevented.

Well-Child Programs

Get information, assistance and referrals from a developmental specialist to help you support the health and development of your young child.

Well-Child and Family Care

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Baby Smarts Home Visitation Program Gila River Health Care Cynthia Stone (520) 562-3321 x 7991 cstone@grhc.org

Gila River Health Care Rochelle LodgePole | (520) 610-1686 rlodgepole@grhc.org

Learn more and find programs near you at: QualityFirstAZ.com

Developmental and Sensory Screening

Have your child checked for vision, hearing or developmental concerns (including communication, social-emotional, problem-solving and motor skills) and, if needed, get a referral for further evaluation or support. Well-Child and Family Care

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