FIRST THINGS FIRST Family Guide

Navajo Nation Region

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 Navajo Nation Region is defined as the Arizona portion of the Navajo Nation Reservation.



GET THIS INFO ONLINE:

FirstThingsFirst.org / Find-Programs





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.

Family Support - Children with Special Needs

Get individualized support and coaching to help you identify and address developmental concerns early, respond to challenging behaviors, and support your child's physical, social and emotional development.

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.

Family Friend and Neighbor Caregivers

Many children spend parts of the day with non-parent caregivers in informal home settings. Learn how you can better support the health, development and learning of the young children in your care through health and safety practices, educational activities and understanding more about child development.

Growing in Beauty - Family Support
Services Program
Navajo Nation Department of Dine Education, Office
of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services
Adrienne Benally | (928) 871-6338
adriennebenally@nndode.org

Growing in Beauty - Parents as Teachers
Navajo Nation Department of Dine Education
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Arizona Kith and Kin Project Candelen

Sharrisa Ben | (505) 903-3541 sben@asccaz.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.

Nutrition and Physical Activity

Participate in a series of fun classes to be more informed about nutrition and wellness and help motivate your family to eat healthy and be physically active.

Fruit and Vegetable
Prescription Program (FVRx)
COPE (Community Outreach
and Patient Empowerment)
Kymie Thomas | (505) 409-3506
fvrx@copeprogram.org

Food Assistance

Find support if your family needs temporary help in providing safe and nutritious food.

Healthy Beginnings Food Box Program St. Jude Food Bank

Syro Whiterock | (928) 283-6886 lcs.sjfb@gmail.com

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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.



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



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

LEARN MORE

https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/regions/navajo-nation/ (928) 810-4306









Space may be limited and eligibility requirements may apply. While this listing only includes programs funded by First Things First, many of them can connect you with additional services that might be right for you.