

Tucson-Area Resources for Child Communication and Development ***Recursos en el Área de Tucson para la Comunicación y el Desarrollo de Niños***

This guide, provided by the University of Arizona's L4 Lab, is for Tucson-area caregivers seeking resources to support their children's development, particularly in the area of communication. Resources are listed by category, then alphabetically. We do not endorse any particular organization, business, or resource. Descriptions come from each resource's website; their accuracy or relevance is not guaranteed.

Esta guía, preparada por el Laboratorio L4 de la Universidad de Arizona, es para cuidadores en el área de Tucson que buscan recursos para apoyar el desarrollo de sus hijos, especialmente en el área de la comunicación. Los recursos están listados por categoría y luego en orden alfabético. No respaldamos ninguna organización, negocio, o recurso en particular. Las descripciones son del sitio web de cada recurso; no se garantiza su exactitud ni relevancia.

I. Speech-Language Therapy (*Terapia del habla y lenguaje*)

Clausen Speech Therapy

Website: <https://clausenspeechtherapy.com/>

Email: natalie@clausenspeechtherapy.com

Phone: (520) 909-8258

Description: Clausen Speech Therapy is a private practice dedicated to helping children and adolescents with speech, language, and literacy difficulties. The treatment provided is family-centered and utilizes evidence-based practices.

Desert Blossom Speech and Language Center

Website: <https://desertblossomslc.com/>

Email: desertblossomslc@gmail.com

Phone: (520) 330-6108

Address: 7670 E Broadway Blvd Ste 108, Tucson, AZ 85710

Description: Amanda O'Hanlon Kett, MS, CCC-SLP, has over ten years' experience as a pediatric speech-language pathologist. She has worked with clients ranging in age from 14 months to 21 years, focusing primarily on preschool-aged children with speech/language delays and children with autism. She has extensive experience evaluating children, both individually and as part of a multidisciplinary evaluation team. She enjoys collaborating with parents and teachers to provide individualized and child-centered interventions. Amanda has provided evaluations and therapy to students with autism, developmental language disorder, childhood apraxia of speech, speech sound disorders, fluency disorders (stuttering), hearing impairment, and a range of rare syndromes. She participated in a two-year autism training through the Arizona Department of Education as part of a team and is trained in administration of the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS). She is experienced in using both low-tech and high-tech alternative and augmentative communication supports (AAC).

Desert Lily Bilingual Speech Therapy Clinic

Website: <https://keilagutierrez2.wixsite.com/mysite>

Phone: (520) 303-0003

Email: keila.gutierrez@desertlilyspeech.com

Address: 101 S. La Cañada Dr., Ste. 38, Green Valley, AZ 85614

Description: I have provided speech therapy services for many children and families for over 10 years. I know that what you want more than anything right now is for your child to speak clearly with you, their friends, and other important people in their life. For that to happen, you need an expert; someone who is knowledgeable and compassionate. The problem is, you don't know who's the right person to help you, which makes you feel worried about your child and their future. It's heartbreaking that your child doesn't get to fully enjoy social aspects of their life because of their speech difficulties despite having the desire to communicate. I founded Desert Lily to help parents like you find the right speech therapist for their child. I understand that your child is fun, caring, and resilient. That's why I give you and your child the tools to succeed.

Jenny's Speech

Website: <https://jennyspeech.com/>

Phone: (520) 989-9799

Email: JennysSpeechClinic@gmail.com

Description: Speech therapy. Social skills, speech impediment, autism, early intervention.

Mealtime Connections, LLC

Website: <https://www.mealtimeconnections.com>

Phone: (520) 829-9635

Address: 1601 N. Tucson Blvd., Ste. 6, Tucson, AZ, 85716

Description: Mealtime Connections brings together a group of professionals who have a passion for working with infants and young children and who have an understanding of complex medical, developmental, and feeding concerns. Our philosophy is based on the belief that feeding is a relationship that is based on trust. We want every child to enjoy eating, have confidence in his or her eating skills and to eat enough to thrive. Mealtime Connections provides the highest level of evaluation, family support, and therapy for every child and family we meet. We provide a variety of support services that are tailored to meet the individualized needs of each child and family. Our therapists can identify strengths, specific challenges, work with the child's medical team, and partner with the family to create a successful treatment plan and home program.

Over The Moon Pediatric Therapy

Website: <https://www.otmoontherapy.com/>

Phone: (520) 222-6672

Address: 5001 E. 5th St., Tucson, AZ, 85711

Description: Over The Moon Therapy provides occupational and speech therapy services to children with developmental challenges. We believe that children deserve to be comfortable

and experience joy, and we work closely with parents to help them drive their children's developmental growth while also having fun. Over The Moon Therapy is the sole local clinic rooted in DIRFloortime, a developmental, relationship-based model of intervention using strengths-based and neurodiversity-affirming techniques. Focused on the whole child, Over The Moon Therapy offers a trans-disciplinary approach that is well coordinated through our qualified and caring team.

Speech Center of Southern Arizona

Website: <https://www.speechcenteraz.com>

Phone: (520) 721-4544

Email: office@speechcenteraz.com

Address: 1760 E. River Rd., Ste. 115, Tucson, AZ 85718

Description: We are a privately owned speech pathology practice, established in 1993 by Sherril Howard, MS, CCC-SLP, and Diane Hansen, MA, CCC-SLP. Our licensed speech-language associates are highly qualified in the assessment and treatment of speech, voice, language, and swallowing problems. Our talented SLPs enjoy working with children of all ages, from infants to 18 years old. In recent years Diane has become the sole owner of Speech Center, a pediatric clinic where we focus on helping children and their families find answers, reach milestones and accomplish their communication goals. The children in our care are exposed to language and communication in a healthy, stress-free way that considers the "whole child" and not only supports the child's growth, but the family's ability to communicate together. Using these evidence-based methods, Diane has gotten excellent results with her clients for over three decades and holds all in her office to her own standards, creating continuity of care for parents and their children.

Speech Solutions Speech and Swallowing Therapy

Website: <https://speechsolutionsaz.com/>

Phone: (520) 261-3306

Address (East): 6616 E. Carondelet Dr., Ste. 100, Tucson, AZ 85710

Address (Central): 1639 E. Prince Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705

Description: Struggling with speaking, swallowing, or thinking? Call us to schedule an appointment or for a free consultation.

Speech with Heart

Website: <https://www.speechwithheart.com/>

Phone: (520) 261-6378

Email: info@speechwithheart.com

Address: 5800 Arizona Pavilions Dr. #1712, Cortaro, AZ 85652

Description: Speech with Heart, LLC, is an in-home pediatric provider of language and speech therapy. We also provide early intervention for toddlers. In-home visits available in Tucson, Oro Valley, Marana, and Vail, AZ.

Therapy Group of Tucson

Website: <https://supportvoice.com/>

Phone: (520) 232-2021

Address (Central): 5700 E. Pima St., Tucson, AZ 85712

Address (South): 821 E. 47th St., Tucson, AZ 85713

Description: If you are in need of medically based speech, occupational, physical and ABA therapy services, you are in the right place. Since 2008, we have provided speech pathology services to both children and adults with speech, language, swallowing, voice and fluency disorders. We also provide accent modification services, too. All of our speech, occupational, physical and ABA therapists and assistants are fully licensed by the State of Arizona.

Therapy Tree

Website: <https://therapytreeaz.com/>

Phone: (480) 787-5387

Email: hello@therapytree.com

Address: 5151 E. Broadway Blvd., Ste. 1500, Tucson, AZ 85711

Description: At Therapy Tree, we endeavor to treat the whole person with a multidisciplinary family-centered approach. We are one tree with many branches, and we coordinate together to provide the best overall outcome for our patients and to empower children and adults to live more rich and fulfilling lives. We provide evidence-based, results-oriented therapy, which is tailored to meet the needs of each individual. At Therapy Tree, we LOVE working with children! Our therapists use motivating and fun activities to encourage children, capture their interest, and provide successful and motivating experiences in order to help children to progress in their skills and to develop a love for learning and a strong self-esteem.

Tucson Medical Center Pediatric Therapy

Website: <https://www.tmc.az.com/outpatient-services/pediatric-therapy/>

Phone: (520) 324-2075

Address: 5099 E. Grant Rd., Atrium Building, Tucson, AZ 85712

Description: Pediatric therapy is about more than building strength and improving function. It's about inspiring children to gain the skills and confidence to reach their full potential. And it's also about supporting families throughout the process. At TMC Pediatric Therapy, your child will be cared for by pediatric experts who know the importance of engaging, nurturing, and motivating children to become the best they can be. Whatever the challenges—developmental delay, injury, illness or disability—we will use age-appropriate strategies to meet your child's current physical, social, and emotional challenges—and help them build a foundation for future progress and success. Children may receive therapy while inpatients or in the outpatient clinic. We encourage family involvement with each session, and we will educate families for home

practice. Interaction with the pediatrician, other referral sources and community resources enhances therapy for our children. All therapy professionals are licensed by the state of Arizona, and bilingual service is available.

University of Arizona Speech and Hearing Clinics

Website: <https://slhs.arizona.edu/clinic/speech-language-services>

Email: SLHSClinic@arizona.edu

Phone: (520) 621-7070

Address: 1131 E. 2nd St., Tucson, AZ 85721

Description: Your communication is our priority. Our team of certified speech-language pathologists work with graduate student clinicians to provide state-of-the-art services to thousands of people each year. Our clinic provides services to children and adults in the DDD system. Otherwise, activities are on a fee-for-service basis.

Wings on Words Preschool – Child Language Center

Website: <https://clctucson.org/>

Phone: (520) 628-1659

Address: 202 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85705

Description: At Wings on Words, we believe every child has something important to say. Our mission is to help them say it through unique, specialized intervention programs, research, and professional training to improve speech, language, and literacy learning for young children. We aim to help each child find their own words to make the world a better place for everyone. We do this, together, by building, every day, an inclusive school culture that encourages, supports, and celebrates the diverse voices of one another, and the children, families, and the community we serve. WOW offers programs for children ages 2.5 to 5 years.

II. Additional Evaluation Resources (*Recursos Adicionales para Evaluación*)

1. Developmental Screenings and Evaluations (*Evaluaciones del Desarrollo*)

In addition to the speech and language clinics listed above, the below programs (AzEIP and AZ Find) offer free developmental screenings for children ages 0 to 5 years. Based on the screening results, your child may qualify for a free evaluation. Based on the evaluation results, your child may qualify for free treatment.

Además de las clínicas de habla y lenguaje mencionadas arriba, los siguientes programas (AzEIP y AZ Find) ofrecen evaluaciones informales del desarrollo para niños de 0 a 5 años. Dependiendo de los resultados de la evaluación informal, tu hijo podría calificar para una evaluación exhaustiva gratuita. Dependiendo de los resultados de la evaluación, tu hijo podría calificar para terapia gratuita.

**Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) (ages 0 to 2 years and 10.5 months)
(0 a 2 años y 10.5 meses)**

Website: <https://des.az.gov/AzEIP/>

Phone: (888) 592-0140

Description: The Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) is Arizona's statewide interagency system of services and supports for families of infants and toddlers, birth through two years of age, with disabilities or delays. AzEIP is established by Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which provides eligible children and their families access to services to enhance the capacity of families and caregivers to support the child's development.

AzEIP es el sistema estatal de servicios y apoyos para familias de bebés y niños pequeños, desde el nacimiento hasta los dos años de edad, con discapacidades o retrasos en el desarrollo. AzEIP está establecido por la Parte C de la Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), que proporciona a los niños elegibles y a sus familias acceso a servicios para mejorar la capacidad de las familias y cuidadores para apoyar el desarrollo del niño.

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**AZ FIND (Child Find) (ages 2 years, 10.5 months, to 5 years)
(2 años, 10.5 meses, a 5 años)**

Website: <https://www.azed.gov/specialeducation/az-find/>

Phone: (520) 770-3175

Description: Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA '04) that requires Public Education Agencies (PEA) to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, aged birth through 21, located within their boundaries of responsibility who are in need of early intervention or special education services. You can contact the statewide agency or your local school district's Child Find office:

Child Find es un componente de la Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA '04) que requiere que las Agencias de Educación Pública (PEA) localicen, identifiquen y evalúen a todos los niños con discapacidades, desde el nacimiento hasta los 21 años, que se encuentren dentro de sus áreas de responsabilidad y que necesiten servicios de intervención temprana o educación especial. Puede contactar a la agencia estatal o a la oficina de Child Find de su distrito escolar local.

Tucson Unified School District – Child Find

Website: <https://www.tusd1.org/preschool-child-find>

Phone: (520) 232-7034

Amphitheater Public Schools – Child Find

Website: <https://www.amphi.com/Page/23001>

Phone: (520) 696-6860

Email: AMPHICHILDFIND@amphi.com

Catalina Foothills School District – Child Find

Website: <https://www.cfsd16.org/index.php/academics/student-support-services/child-find>

Phone: (520) 209-8081, Special Services Director

Marana Unified School District – Child Find

Website: <https://www.maranausd.org/academics/special-education>

Phone: (520) 682-4815

Sahuarita Unified School District – Child Find

Website: <https://susd30.us/schools/early-childhood-center/resources/child-find-screenings/>

Phone: (520) 625-3502 x1929

Sunnyside Unified School District – Child Find

Website: <https://old.susd12.org/special-education>

Phone: (520) 545-3600

Vail School District – Child Find

Website: <https://www.vailschooldistrict.org/page/special-education>

Phone: (520) 879-2049, Special Education Secretary

2. Hearing/Vision Screening and Evaluation Resources (*Recursos para Evaluaciones de Audición/Visión*)

Arizona Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation

Website: <https://azlionsvisionhearing.org/>

Phone: (602) 267-7573

Address: 3124 E. Roosevelt St. Bldg. D #1, Phoenix, AZ 85008

Description: Our primary goal is to restore vision and/or hearing to improve the quality-of-life and productivity of those with no other resources. The Arizona Lions Vision & Hearing Foundation is raising funds as well as awareness of the needs of both hearing loss and eye disease.

Eyes on Learning

Website: <https://eyesonlearning.org/>

Description: Eyes On Learning is dedicated to making sure that children with vision problems are identified early and receive an eye exam and follow-up treatment to achieve better vision health.

III. Family Support Organizations (*Organizaciones que Apoyan Familias*)

Arizona Children's Association

Website: <https://www.arizonaschildren.org/services/family-education-support-services/>

Phone: (800) 944-7611

Description: Our Family Education & Support Services are a unique family resource dedicated to providing parents and caregivers with training and tools to promote the optimal development of every child from birth to age 5. Our programs incorporate best practice and/or evidence-based opportunities for parents and children to learn and grow together. We offer all parents and caregivers information and support to increase their knowledge of child development and age-appropriate behaviors, positive parenting skills and strategies, and the opportunity to build a network of parenting support. All families, grandparents, childcare providers, and others are welcome to attend. All program services are voluntary, non-clinical, individualized, and focused on the expressed needs of the families in attendance. Classes and workshops are provided in English and Spanish and are conducted in community-friendly locations.

Casa de los Niños

Website: <https://casadelosninos.org/>

Phone: (520) 624-5600

Email: info@casadelosninos.org

Description: For over 49 years, Casa de los Niños has served the Tucson community to prevent child abuse and neglect and to support and empower families. We deliver a continuum of evidence-based services to effectively address the needs of children and families within our community.

Child & Family Support Services

Website: <https://www.cfss.com/tucson>

Phone: (520) 505-3464

Description: We believe that every individual and family are unique and require a personalized approach to behavioral healthcare, not a one-size-fits-all solution. We believe that there is no “one way” to provide clinical support; instead, everything is catered to your needs, the needs of your family, and the community you are a part of. We believe in authentic clinical interactions that happen where you need them most, including in your home and communities. We want to be there with you on your journey to positive change.

Child-Parent Centers

Website: <https://childparentcenters.org/>

Phone: (520) 882-0100

Description: We are a non-profit agency delivering Head Start and related programs throughout southeastern Arizona for prenatal through preschool-age children and their families. The focus of our work is school readiness in early childhood development, health and nutrition, and parent engagement and family development.

Easterseals Blake Foundation

Website: <https://www.easterseals.com/blakefoundation/our-programs/>

Phone: (520) 327-1529

EBF General Description: Easterseals Blake Foundation is dedicated to the vision of a Southern Arizona community where all people live healthy, productive, and independent lives. We serve more than 30,000 individuals and families across 10 counties. By providing disability, mental health, and child welfare services we make profound, positive differences in people’s lives every day!

EBF Parents as Teachers Program: FREE for families with children birth through age three. Personalized support for families of children who have developmental delays or other special needs, not qualifying for early intervention or developmental preschool through their school district. Contact our program supervisor at (520) 635-7230 or ParentsAsTeachers@blake.easterseals.com.

First Things First

Website: <https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/>

Parent Resources Web Page: <https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/>

En español: <https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/recursos-en-espanol/>

Phone: (877) 803-7234

Description: From birth to age 5, children's brains develop faster than any other time in their lives and set the foundation for future learning. That's why Arizonans created First Things First—a voter-initiated, statewide organization that funds early education and health programs to prepare young children to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. Local regional councils, staffed by community volunteers, decide how funds are spent to support the healthy development and learning of Arizona's young children.

Note: this website has a huge list of parent resources!

IV. Additional Online Resources (*Recursos Adicionales del Sitio Web*)

L4 Lab (University of Arizona)

Main L4 website: <https://sites.arizona.edu/lfour-lab/>

Please visit the Family Resources tab of our main website for communication development strategies, milestone information, and information about communication delays and disorders.

VAULT Learning website: <https://sites.arizona.edu/vault-learning/>

This website is for caregivers and clinicians who want to learn how to deliver VAULT, our treatment method for late-talking toddlers. All resources are free, including self-paced trainings in how to do VAULT and fun activity ideas for using VAULT with toddlers.

V. Additional Research Studies (*Estudios Adicionales de Investigación*)

Talk MOORE Camp (Plante Lab, University of Arizona)

Phone: (520) 626-9332, Becky Vance

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Six-week summer treatment study for 4- and 5-year-olds, focusing on grammatical skills.