



The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Sensory Screening Program would like to provide the following updates:

February 10, 2023

Hearing and Vision Screening Training

This letter is to provide a status update regarding the Arizona Hearing and Vision Screening Training Program. Please reference the Sensory Screening Update [Hearing/Vision Screening Updates for the 2021-2022 School Year](#) regarding the planned changes to the ADHS Sensory Screening Training Process.

Through the ADHS procurement process, a contractor has been identified and a contract has been awarded for a statewide training vendor to coordinate and implement the training of trainers and screeners on behalf of the Department per Chapter 13. Department of Health Services - Health Program Services, ARTICLE 1. Hearing Screening, and the forthcoming rules to carry out ARS §36-899.10 Vision Screening.

The solicitation has been awarded to the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AzAAP), effective January 1, 2023. The AzAAP will administer the Arizona Hearing and Vision Screening Training Program on behalf of the ADHS.

Key structure changes:

- Beginning March 13, 2023, to become an ADHS certified hearing or vision screener, training must be scheduled through and provided by the AzAAP. These trainings will be at no cost to participants.
- Announcement of the training contract was published to the ADHS Sensory Screening Program website on February 10, 2023. Current trainers will have until March 12, 2023, thirty (30) calendar days from the announcement of the training contract, to complete any scheduled trainings and submit rosters to the ADHS Sensory Screening Program.
 - Rosters received after March 12, 2023 are at risk of not being entered into the system and those participants may need to be retrained through the statewide training program administered by the AzAAP.
- The AzAAP will have the option of working with subcontractors to fulfill the training requirements. Those interested in training on behalf of the Arizona Hearing and Vision Screening Training Program through a subcontractor agreement must be recertified as a trainer through the AzAAP. This will establish fidelity to the ADHS Sensory Screening Program revised curricula and training program and ensure that all training certifications are up to date as outlined in the Hearing Screening Rules.
 - Information on working with the AzAAP as a subcontractor will be forthcoming.

All questions regarding this information should be directed to SensoryProgram@azdhs.gov. Do not contact the AzAAP directly regarding any questions about hearing and vision training.

- Additional Points of Clarification:
 - By March 1, 2023 a calendar of scheduled trainings will be available on the ADHS Sensory Screening Program website at: <https://www.azdhs.gov/prevention/womens-childrens-health/cyshcn/index.php#sensory-training>
 - Vision Screening Rules are not yet in effect. Therefore, there is no requirement that schools perform vision screenings, or that those who perform vision screenings or train vision screeners be certified by the ADHS to do so.
 - Private business operations are outside the scope of the Hearing Screening Rules. However, any training provided through an entity other than the ADHS Sensory Screening training program or the AzAAP will not result in an ADHS certification for participants.
 - All current ADHS hearing screening certifications remain valid until their 4 year expiration date as outlined in the Hearing Screening Rules. Hearing screening certifications that expire will need to be renewed through the AzAAP.
 - All current ADHS vision screening certifications remain valid until the expiration dates that will be outlined in the forthcoming Vision Screening Rules.
 - Access to the ADHS Equipment Loan Program is available to those who have current ADHS screener certifications.
 - Frequently asked questions can be found on the Sensory Screening Program website at: <https://www.azdhs.gov/prevention/womens-childrens-health/cyshcn/index.php#hearing-screening>

If you have additional questions that are not already answered in the Frequently Asked Questions and/or you need additional clarifications not listed above, we invite you to attend our Virtual Office Hours. Office Hours will be an open forum and you may join the meeting link at any time during the Office Hours to ask questions.

Wednesday, February 15 · 2:00 – 4:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/frt-amqx-dgg>

Or dial: (US) +1 304-981-5436 PIN: 344 528 526#

Friday, February 17 · 8:00 – 10:00am

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Thank you for your patience as we have worked to restructure the ADHS Sensory Screening Training Program. Making training available at no cost to the community is of highest priority to increase the number of quality hearing and vision screenings administered to Arizona’s children.

The Sensory Screening Program will provide updates throughout the year based on programmatic updates, local trends, and statewide data. All questions and inquiries should be emailed to sensoryprogram@azdhs.gov.