



# ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## **FY25 Residential Voucher Process Change**

On July 1st, 2024 (FY25) there was a statutory aligned process change with the residential voucher system. The State Placing Agencies (SPA) began initiating the residential voucher process by sending the Initial Applications rather than the residential treatment centers (RTC). This change was in accordance with A.R.S. §15-1183 (B) and A.A.C. R7-2-404 (B)(2)(a)(i). SPAs have 5 days from the date of entry to the residential treatment center (RTC) to send an application to the home school district (HSD), which is the last age-appropriate district or charter attended as reported in AzEDS.

**A.R.S. § 15-1183 (B)** If a state placing agency places a child in a private residential facility for care, safety or treatment reasons, the state placing agency is responsible for requesting an initial residential education voucher and notifying the home school district of the placement.

**A.A.C. R7-2-404 (B)(2)(a)(i)** When a placement decision is reached, the State Placing Agency (SPA) shall complete a SPA Application for Voucher Funding and forward a copy to the student's Home School District (HSD) for appropriate signatures **within five days of placement.**

**State placing agencies per A.R.S. § 15-1181(12)** are the Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC), the Department of Economic Security (DES), the Department of Child Safety (DCS), the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).