



SENSORY SHORTS

The ADHS Sensory Screening Program



TRAINING UPDATES

In January 2023, the ADHS Sensory Screening Program awarded a statewide training contract to the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AzAAP) in order to ensure the availability of ADHS sensory screener certification training at no cost to participants statewide.

This change to the training process facilitated an update to the hearing screening curriculum to establish consistency with best practice standards, ensure statewide fidelity in the screening process, and create a self-paced online training opportunity.

To date, more than 560 participants have received hearing screening training at no cost under the updated training process. The vast majority of these are initial certifications.

Additionally, 37 individuals have volunteered to collaborate with AzAAP to provide certification to staff in their own school districts.

In 2024, the Sensory Screening Program plans to continue to expand the reach of our no cost training and to roll out the updated vision screening training program.

560

Hearing Screeners

No cost training provided in all 15 Arizona counties!

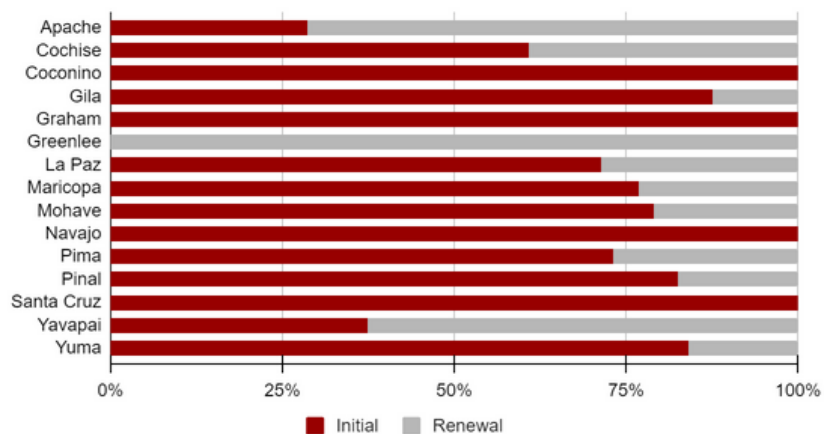
"I think it was all valuable as all the information and knowledge gives great understanding to why we screen."

37 Hearing Trainers

Trainers now in 32 districts covering more than 850 schools

"I feel so empowered now and excited to be able to help my district and any others if needed."

Initial and Renewal Certification by County



A MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM:

2023 has been a year of significant change and growth in the ADHS Sensory Screening Program.

I want to express my gratitude to all the trainers, audiologists, nurses, and other school health personnel who provided input, historical context, and feedback in the 2023 revision and development of the hearing screening training program. Many others provided suggestions and support for the updates to the Hearing and Vision Screening Rules.

I sincerely appreciate your patience and support as we continue to restructure and improve resources that will serve not only the schools who are required by law to perform hearing and vision screenings but those who choose to do so in line with best practice recommendations.

The goals of the Sensory Screening Program cannot be achieved without your efforts and they do not go unnoticed.

Sincerely,



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Program Manager



SCREENING RULES

The latest draft of Hearing and Vision Screening Rules is open for public comment from Nov. 1, 2023 - Nov. 7, 2023.

Feedback on the revisions have been largely positive and constructive. At this time we anticipate approval mid to late Spring 2024 and implementation July 2024.

You can find the draft on the [ADHS Rules website](#)

SENSORY SCREENING

ITS ABOUT THE BRAIN!

DID YOU KNOW?

Amblyopia is a condition where the brain is not able to blend the images from both eyes together so it begins to ignore or suppress vision from one of the eyes.

Untreated, this can lead to permanent vision loss in the affected eye.

Screening for **stereoacuity** (depth perception) can identify students who are at risk for developing **amblyopia**.

Early identification and intervention helps the brain to strengthen those visual pathways and utilize vision from both eyes together.

