



## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Beginning in the new fiscal year on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 (FY25) there will be a statutory aligned process change with the Residential Voucher system. The State Placing Agencies (SPA) will initiate the residential voucher process by sending the Initial applications rather than the residential treatment centers (RTC). This change is in accordance with A.R.S. §15-1183 (B) and A.A.C. R7-2-404 (B)(2)(a)(i). SPAs will 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.***