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Secondary Tel.: (888-SOS-CHILD) TDD 800 530-1831
Arizona Department of Child Safety
Tel.: 1-602-255-2500
Email: DCSDirector@azdes.gov
Address: P.O. Box 6030, S/C CH010-23A, Phoenix, AZ 85005-6030

Records Coordinator: Ruben Ruiz, 602-364-4319/DCSRecordsRequest@azdes.gov

REGIONS

Central Region – Eastern Maricopa County (from central Phoenix to the east) and Pinal County
Northern Region – Apache, Coconino, Mohave, Navajo and Yavapai Counties
Pima Region – Pima County.
Southeastern Region – Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee and Santa Cruz Counties
Southwestern Region – La Paz County, Western Maricopa County (from the west to central Phoenix), and Yuma County

INVESTIGATIVE OFFICE LOCATIONS

Apache County:
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Coconino County:
1300 W. University Avenue, Ste. 100, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, 928-637-1900
1057 Vista Avenue, Page, AZ 86040, 928-608-4245

Cochise County:
595 S. Dragoon Street, Benson, AZ 85602, 520-586-8322
1140 F Avenue, Douglas, AZ 85607, 520-805-6567
820 E. Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, 520-224-5976
256 S. Curtis Avenue, Willcox, AZ 85643, 520-384-4616 x120

Gila County:
605 S. Seventh Street, Globe, AZ 85501, 928-425-3101
100 N. Tonto Street, Ste. 100, Payson, AZ 85541, 928-468-9807

Graham County:
333 N. 8th Avenue, Safford, AZ 85546, 928-428-3036

Greenlee County:
None.

La Paz County:
1032 S. Hopi Avenue, Parker, AZ 85344, 928-669-8387 x200

Maricopa County (Central Region; from central Phoenix to the east):
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2328 W. Guadalupe Road, Gilbert, AZ 85233, 480-545-1901
225 E. 1st Street (CAFV), Mesa, AZ 85201, 480-644-4075
3443 N. Central Avenue (Closers), Phoenix, AZ 85012, 602-771-8178
3550 N. Central Avenue, 3rd Fl. (East Phx), Phoenix, AZ 85012, 602-774-9500
4000 N. Central Avenue, Ste. 400 (N. Central), Phoenix, AZ 85012, 602-265-0612
4635 S. Central Avenue (South Mountain), Phoenix, AZ 85040, 602-771-0640
5038 S. Price Road, Ste. 14, Tempe, AZ 85282, 602-771-0460

Maricopa County (Southwestern Region; from the west to central Phoenix):
290 E. La Canada Boulevard, Avondale, AZ 85323, 623-932-8000
6010 N. 57th Drive, Glendale, AZ 85301, 623-842-6200
2333 N. Pebble Creek Parkway, #A200 (SWAC), Goodyear, AZ 85395, 623-333-7920
8990 W. Peoria Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85345, 602-771-0013
13450 N. Black Canyon Highway (T-Bird), Phoenix, AZ 85029, 602-774-5820
1860 N. 95th Lane, Ste. 200 (W101), Phoenix, AZ 85037, 602-774-9700
1925 W. Pinnacle Peak Road, Phoenix, AZ 85027, 623-500-5801
3221 N. 16th Street (Foster/GH/Closers), Phoenix, AZ 85016, 602-264-1360
3310 N. 19th Avenue (AHIT/YAP/ICWA), Phoenix, AZ 85015, 602-771-7070
3443 N. Central Avenue, Ste. 110 (OCWI), Phoenix, AZ 85012, 602-771-8178

Mohave County:
2601 Highway 95, Bullhead City, AZ 86442, 928-704-7776
432 Main Street, Fredonia, AZ 86022, 928-643-7754
519 E. Beale Street, Kingman, AZ 86401, 928-753-5056
228 London Bridge Road, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403, 928-854-0315

Navajo County:
2500 E. Cooley Street, Ste. 410, Show Low, AZ 85901, 928-532-4382
319 E. Third Street, Winslow, AZ 86047, 928-289-3312

Pima County:
1455 S. Alvernon Way, 2nd Floor (MSC), Tucson, AZ 85711, 520-872-9468
2329 E. Ajo Way, (OCWI), Tucson, AZ 85713, 520-243-6402
2750 S. 4th Avenue, Bldg. A (Madera), Tucson, AZ 85713, 520-741-2505
3000 E. Valencia Road, Ste. 130, Tucson, AZ 85706, 520-620-3642
6363 S. Country Club Road (Tucson S.), Tucson, AZ 85706, 520-740-1882
6840 E. Broadway Blvd., Ste. 102, Tucson, AZ 85710, 520-721-3097
800 E. Wetmore Road (Tucson N.), Tucson, AZ 85719, 520-887-7577

Pinal County:
555 W. Main Avenue, Casa Grande, AZ 85122, 520-858-8880
1155 N. Arizona Boulevard, Coolidge, AZ 85128, 520-858-8605

Santa Cruz County:
1843 N. State Drive, Nogales, AZ 85621, 520-281-1947

Yavapai County:
1500 E. Cherry Street, Ste. B, Cottonwood, AZ 86326, 928-649-6844
1000 Ainsworth Drive, Ste. C-320, Prescott, AZ 86305, 928-759-1900
3274 Bob Drive, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314, 928-759-1845

Yuma County:
1185 S. Redondo Center Drive, Yuma, AZ 85365, 928-247-8660

FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION

ETV (Education and Training Voucher) Program Coordinator: (855) 220-8200/arizona@statevoucher.org
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PREVENTION AND FAMILY SUPPORT

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Statewide Behavioral Health and Appeals Coordinator: Mike Carr, 602-264-3376 x3309/MCarr@azdes.gov
Arizona Families F.I.R.S.T Provider, Southwest, Central, Pima Regions: Brenda Deuel, 602-685-6023 [Fax: 602-685-6060], FFReferrals@terros.org
Statewide Arizona Families F.I.R.S.T. Program Coordinator: Jeanine Diaz, 602-264-3376 x3319/JeannineDiaz@azdes.gov
Statewide Arizona Families F.I.R.S.T. Program Coordinator: Leanne Hawkins, 602-264-3376 x3315/ lhawkins@azdes.gov
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Statewide Healthy Families Arizona Program Coordinator: Esthela Navarro, 520-281-1947 x249, enavarro@azdes.gov
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Independent Living Area Coordinator (Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Santa Cruz): Mary Stierman, 520-459-2965, mstierman@azdes.gov, 209 Bisbee Road Bisbee, AZ 85603
Independent Living Area Coordinator (La Paz, Mohave, Yuma): Maria Estrada, 928-782-3434 [Fax: 928-539-3190], meeestra@azdes.gov, 350 W. 16th Street Suite #232 Yuma, AZ 85364
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COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROGRAM

Member Services: 602-351-2245; (secondary): 800-201-1795; CMDPMemberServices@azdes.gov
Comprehensive Medical and Dental Program: 602-351-2245; (secondary) 800-201-1795; P.O. Box 29202, Phoenix, AZ 85038
Provider Services: CMDPProviderServices@azdes.gov
Behavioral Health: CMDPBHC@azdes.gov
Medical Services: CMDPNurse@azdes.gov
Member Services: CMDPMemberServices@azdes.gov

NATIONAL YOUTH IN TRANSITION DATABASE

National Youth in Transition Database: NYTD@azdes.gov

HEALTHY FAMILIES ARIZONA

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Healthy Families Arizona - Parenting AZ (Coconino): Teresa Honahni, 928-283-4217
Healthy Families Arizona - Coconino County Health Department (Coconino): Barbara Wightman, 928-679-7237
Healthy Families Arizona - Child and Family Resources (Graham): Michelle Pursley, 928-428-7231 x27
Healthy Families Arizona - Southwest Development (Maricopa): Elizabeth Nunez, 602-247-4725
Healthy Families Arizona - Social Services Interagency Council (Mohave): Della Gray, 928-453-5800
Healthy Families Arizona - Child and Family Resources (Mohave): Jo Harper, 928-753-4410
Healthy Families Arizona - Child and Family Resources (Mohave): Eve Villamor, 928-758-9300
Healthy Families Arizona - Parenting AZ (Navajo): Sue Branch, 928-587-8155
Healthy Families Arizona - Child and Family Resources (Pima): Lupe Ricardez, 520-321-3754
Healthy Families Arizona - Child and Family Resources (Pinal): Laura Friedman, 520-518-5292
Healthy Families Arizona - Child and Family Resources (Pinal): Clara Hill, 520-518-5292
Healthy Families Arizona - Child and Family Resources (Pinal): Nicole Koesser, 480-845-1445
Healthy Families Arizona - Child and Family Resources (Santa Cruz), Margarita Elias, 520-281-9303
Healthy Families Arizona - Verde Valley Medical Center (Yavapai): Susan Lacher, Tel.: 928-639-6566
Healthy Families Arizona - Yavapai Regional Medical Center (Yavapai): Bonnie Mari, 928-771-5651
Healthy Families Arizona - Child and Family Resources (Yuma): Bertha Fuentes, 928-783-4003
Healthy Families Arizona - Child and Family Resources (Yuma): Patty Garcia, 928-783-4003
Aid to Adoption of Special Kids
Main Office
2320 N. 20th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85006

West Valley Office
15396 N. 83rd Avenue, Ste. A100
Peoria, AZ 85382

East Valley Office
175 E. Corporate Place
Chandler, Arizona 85225

General Switchboard: 602-254-2275
How to Help a Child (for those interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent): 602-930-4900
Fax: 602-212-2564
Email: info@aask-az.org
Website: aask-az.org
Contact: CFO Vicki Basehore, 602-930-4459 (office)/480-553-8374 (cell)/602-930-4559 (fax)/vbasehore@aask-az.org
CEO Ron Adelson

AASK initially provided foster care/adoption support to children with special needs and still does, but now also supports all children in the Arizona foster care system. AASK primarily provides services in Maricopa and Pinal Counties. Among the services provided are the following: (1) recruiting and training (both initial training and follow-up training) for foster and adopt placements, through contracts with DCS and Indian tribes; (2) adoption/pregnancy counseling, for pregnant women who know they want to give up the child for adoption; (3) training and matching volunteer mentors for children in group homes; (4) a new program operates a “sibling camp” in Payson, so siblings can go to summer camp together; besides the usual camp activities, siblings celebrate their birthdays together there, regardless of their actual birthdays, because siblings are so often separated on their actual birthdays; (5) “Wendy’s Wonderful Kids” is a program to find adoption placements; AASK works with Dave Thomas Foundation in this program; (6) AASK’s fastest growing program helps kinship placements navigate the court system, behavioral health care and schools, and accompanies them to kinship care meetings as needed; (7) the Home Community Based Services program matches placements with respite and special needs care providers; (8) AASK’s Medically Fragile Foster Care program is for children in foster care who are age 0 to 5 years and have significant medical, physical or developmental needs such as substance exposure, genetic defects, chromosomal disorders, failure to thrive, feeding issues and respiratory complications due to premature birth. AASK’s 30-hour training and the advanced training courses provide the knowledge and skills foster parents need to provide this specialized care; in addition, AASK has a registered nurse on staff who works with the family specialist to provide support, education and resources to the foster families caring for children with special medical needs; and (9) for Spanish-speaking foster children and families in Arizona, AASK has its Todos los Niños program, which serves the more than 38 percent of Latino children in Arizona’s foster care system; this program offers services aimed at placing Latino children with families of the same heritage, and services through Todos Los Niños are offered in both English and Spanish.

Arizona Association for Foster and Adoptive Parents
1702 E. Highland Avenue #211
Phoenix, AZ 85016
Tel.: 602-274-4382

Kristine D. Jacober, President (kris.jacober@azafap.org)
Linda P. Bee, CPA, Treasurer (linda.bee@azafap.org)

AAFAP is a non-profit, statewide organization that serves families who adopt children and provide foster and kinship care. Working in partnership with child welfare professionals and the community, AAFAP’s purpose is to support,
educate, empower and provide a unified voice for Arizona’s foster and adoptive families, with the goal of increasing the well-being and stability of Arizona’s most vulnerable children.

Specific services provided in the past include: “Tax Tips for Foster and Adoptive Parents” seminar each January; “By Kids for Kids” Clothing drive and boutique each February; in 2014, “Night of Knights and Princesses” sponsored by the Fountain Hills High School FCCLA brought together 400 children and adults for an evening of Renaissance fun; the Christmas in July event (because children don’t only come into foster care over the holidays), provides toys and an afternoon of ‘cool’ fun for nearly 200 children; “Trauma training” class is held in the spring and fall for ‘sold out’ classes of more than 150 foster and adoptive parents; AZAFAP partners with Helen’s Hope Chest, Jose’s Closet, Clothes for Keeps and storage rooms across the state to make clothing and supplies available to families for their children in foster, adoptive and kinship placements; Michele Wright and Goodman’s Furniture in Tucson provide a clothing exchange each month for children in group homes and families in Tucson; the annual AZAFAP Family Camp adventure in the Fall, a “Adventureland Family Camp” brings together foster and adoptive families from across the state for a weekend of networking, support, dancing, hiking, fishing and fun; Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity at Arizona State University sponsors picnics in the spring and fall that bring together more than 1000 adults and children for fun, networking and support; volunteers refurbish more than 750 bicycles and give them away to children in foster care during the holiday season, and an additional 280 children receive toy in the annual AZAFAP holiday toy and bike drive.

In addition, AZAFAP engages in awareness activities and other similar efforts such as the following: AZAFAP board members participate on the DCS Oversight Committee, and continue to provide input and support to DCS and legislators in decisions regarding children in foster care and the loving families who care for them. In 2014, in partnership with the Faith Opportunity Zone, more than 300 parents, children, agency workers and child welfare advocates celebrate foster care awareness month in May, by tying 16,000 blue ribbons (one for every child in foster care), on the trees along Washington Ave. (the ribbons stayed up for the entire month of May).

Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence
3205 S. Rural Road
Tempe, AZ 85282
Tel.: 480-730-7126
E-mail: info@azafterschool.org
Website: azafterschool.org/directory

This is a free website with a comprehensive, state-wide, bilingual searchable directory of out-of-school time (OST)/ afterschool/summer programs by location, services, ages of the youth served, and other criteria. There are 1,500 programs in the Directory, including school-year and highlighted summer sites.

Arizona Children’s Association
Phoenix Corporate Office:
711 E. Missouri, Ste. 200
Phoenix, AZ 85014

Tucson Corporate Office:
2700 S. 8th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85713

Services offered are listed below county-by-county.

Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation
1645 E. Missouri Avenue, Ste. 220
Phoenix, AZ 85016
602-252-9445
Website: AFFCF.org

Executive Director: Kris Jacober
AFFCF is a local 501(c)(3) organization that provides children in foster care in Arizona with awards for social, athletic and educational opportunities that are not funded by the standard Department of Child Safety allowances or in any other way. In brief, AFFCF will provide or pay for:

- Athletic Registration and Equipment (sign-up/registration fees, soccer cleats, etc.)
- Apartment set-up (for youth aging out of foster care; covers things such as pots and pans, dishes, towels, shower curtains, rugs, cleaning supplies, lamps, small appliances, etc.)
- Bicycles
- Camp (up to one week of summer camp or other camp per child per year)
- Citizenship/Immigration (fees for green card or immigration physicals, but not attorney fees)
- Class pictures (once a year per child)
- Clothing (special event clothing only, e.g. prom, 8th grade graduation, Quinceañera, etc.)
- Graduation Expenses (i.e., cap, gown, ring, yearbook, and other related expenses)
- Instrument Rental (in 12-week funding periods; once initial request is approved, renewals can also be processed in 3-month increments)
- Lessons (12-week funding periods for gymnastics, karate, music, swimming, etc.; once initial request is approved, renewals can also be processed in 3-month increments)
- Optical Expenses (may be considered if DES will not fund; contacts can be considered for one-time only, and documentation is required that states a specific, special need for the youth)
- School Field Trips (class trips to Catalina Island, etc.)
- Scooters, Skates and Skateboards
- Theme Park Admissions (only for parks outside Arizona)
- Tutoring Services (12-week funding periods; renewals are considered only if documentation is provided of what steps have been taken to compel the school to provide services for free)

For the most part, AFFCF will consider paying 100% of the cost of these items. AFFCF does have limits on how much it can pay for any one item, but AFFCF will work with foster placements and providers of goods/services in an effort to cover 100% of the costs. AFFCF assistance requires submitting an award application and receiving approval from AFFCF before purchase; AFFCF cannot reimburse for anything paid for prior to receiving approval. Applications must be made for each individual child, so a placement with more than one child should submit a separate application for each child. To apply, visit the AFFCF website at AFFCF.org, click on the “General Awards” tab, and then click on “Award Application” (or contact AFFCF by mail or phone). AFFCF also is the go-to source for information on how to obtain goods and services for children in foster care that DCS does not cover, so even if AFFCF does not provide a particular good or service itself, AFFCF can help locate a provider if one exists.

AFFCF also provides some services to former foster youth who have turned 18, specifically:

- Driving lessons (for liability reasons, foster children cannot drive, but need to learn to drive as they become adults)
- A limited number of college scholarships

In Maricopa County, AFFCF has established its Keys to Success ("K2S") program, designed to enable youth who are likely to age out of foster care to support themselves once they turn 18. The Keys to Success program includes a four step process: (1) investigating the youth’s personality, abilities, skills, interests and priorities; (2) matching possible careers to the results of the investigation process; (3) researching potential careers to find top three fits; and (4) preparing a plan to pursue the top career choice. AFFCF’s career development specialist works one-on-one with each youth, evaluating their interests and skills, values and personality. Once a youth completes the career exploration process, he/she will work with a volunteer who currently works with one of many companies across the Valley that are committed to hiring youth from foster care. Once a youth secures employment, AFFCF follows up regularly with the employer and the youth.

AFFCF qualifies for the Arizona Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organization tax credit; donations of up to $400 by individuals or $800 for married couples may be eligible for a dollar-for-dollar reduction in Arizona income tax liability.
K2S Program Partnerships

Information on specific K2S partners as follows (NOTE: For information on the K2S program in general and K2S program partnerships in particular, contact AFFCF K2S director Diane Daily, at ddaily@affcf.org/919-413-3468):

- AFFCF will identify and fund tutoring, classes and programs that help youth build skills and remove barriers to achieving career goals; AFFCF also funds an interview clothing stipend of $150, and will provide tools or equipment needed for employment and transportation, as needed. The application form is available at the following web address: affcf.org/general-awards/award-application. Contact Kyle Tarr, 602-252-9445/grants@affcf.org.

- Arizona Children’s Association (see separate entry for Arizona Children’s Association under each County and in the National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies] section of this Directory) facilitates the Independent Living Program contracted through DCS for the state of Arizona. DCS case managers must complete referral forms and submit them to Arizona Children’s Association. Contact Megan Conrad, Program Director-Central and Southwest Arizona, 1420 N. Greenfield Road Ste. 100, Gilbert AZ 85234, 602-579-6721/mconrad@arizonaschildren.org.

- Arizona State University (ASU)/Academic Affairs helps connect the K2S program to graduate students who may be interested serving as K2S camp counselors and exploring ways service learning might contribute to the operation and success of the program; ASU is working with the Nina Mason Pulliam Scholars program to reach out to foster youth in that program and connect them to programs/services and engage them as potential camp counselors and/or career coaches. Contact information: Cynthia Lietz, Dean of Student Affairs, 602-496-0404/clietz@asu.edu.

- Arizona State University (ASU)/Maricopa County Community Colleges Bridging Success Program (see the separate Bridging Success entry in National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies] section of this directory). K2S is participating on the advisory council that has been convened through the Bridging Success program to advise in the development of new and enhanced services that will increase the numbers of youth completing Associates Degrees and/or transferring/graduating from four year universities. The program is being designed with the intent for K2S be a primary conduit for youth to be engaged in these services. The complete Education and Training Voucher (ETV) application is at the following web address: fc2sprograms.org/arizona. For questions regarding youth support at ASU, contact Justine R. Cheung, Bridging Success Coordinator/Arizona State University, 602-496-0535 (office)/602-758-9433 (cell)/justine.cheung@asu.edu, or (for questions regarding youth applications or ETV funding at ASU) Chelsea Ockrymick, Arizona State Coordinator with Foster Care to Success, 855-220-8200/az@statevoucher.org. For questions regarding youth support at the Maricopa County Community Colleges, contact Stephanie Garman, 480-731-8093/stephanie.garman@domail.maricopa.edu.

- Camp Tonto Creek and Adventure Encounters runs the K2S Kick off Kamp, introducing youth to the K2S program. Contact Tom Fraker, 480-220-6588/tom@tontocreekcamp.org. See also:

  Camp Tonto Creek
  Hc 2 Box 95b
  Payson, AZ 85541
  Website: tontocreekcamp.com
  Tel.: 928-478-4241/844-411-2267

- DCS Young Adult Program (YAP) unit will participate in youth recruitment into the K2S program. The YAP unit in DCS provides case management to all youth in care over the age of 16. The Independent Living program at DCS/YAP provides support and services for youth age 16 to 21 who have a case plan of independent living, and also coordinates the independent living program contract provided through the Arizona Children’s

- Dress for Success will provide work clothing for female youth in need of professional attire. Participants may be referred for any of the two suitings: (1) Interview: One complete outfit that will equip the participant from head to toe with presentable attire for a job interview; or (2) Employment: five outfits/separates for a week’s worth of clothing for the job. Contact Jessica L. Gonzalez, 602-489-7397/jessica@dressforsuccessphoenix.org. See also: Dress for Success
  1024 E Buckeye Road, Ste. 165
  Phoenix, AZ 85034
  Tel.: 602-489-7397
  Website: phoenix.dressforsuccess.org

- East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) – K2S has been given the opportunity to enroll east valley youth at this school so they will be able to complete high school and obtain a vocational certificate. Special consideration is being made due to K2S youth being wards of the state in order to waive restrictions that would otherwise prevent enrollment, and resources are being put in place in order to ensure academic success.
  EVIT
  Main Campus: 1601 W Main Street, Mesa, AZ 85201
  East Campus: 6625 S. Power Road, Mesa, AZ 85212
  Apache Junction High School - EVIT Programs: 2525 S. Ironwood Drive, Apache Junction, AZ 85120
  Website: evit.com
  Fax: 480-461-4169
  Tel.: 480-461-4000

- Furnishing Dignity co-hosts K2S showers and provides home furnishings as needed. Furnishing Dignity’s mission is helping individuals and families dwell in dignity by providing basic household goods to transform a house into a home. Contact information: Lisa Campbell, VP, 480-340-3417. See also:
  Furnishing Dignity
  P.O. Box 51209
  Phoenix, AZ 85076-1209
  Website: furnishingdignity.org
  Tel.: 480-340-3417
  E-mail: info@furnishingdignity.org

- Learning for Life (Exploring Program) is offering a connection to work experience that hopefully will increase the number and quality of work experience partners, and provide insurance coverage for participating companies/organizations. Since 1998, Learning for Life has partnered with thousands of businesses and organizations to bring “real-world” career experiences to young men and women through its Exploring programs; these programs provide an ideal, interactive link between the academic environment and the real world. Contact information: Steven Pomerantz, 2969 North Greenfield Road, Phoenix, AZ 85016, Office: 602-955-7747 x260/Steven.Pomerantz@scouting.org. See also:
  Learning for Life National Office
  1329 W. Walnut Hill Lane
  P.O. Box 152225
  Irving, Texas 75015-2225
  E-mail: exploring@lflmail.org
  Website: learningforlife.org
  Tel.: 855-806-9992
• Mesa United Way is providing two part time AmeriCorps positions annually, an education specialist and a case manager.

Mesa United Way  
137 E. University Drive  
Mesa, AZ 85201  
Tel.: 480-969-8601  
Fax: 480-834-8184  
Website: mesaunitedway.org

• Mesa United Way Helen’s Hope Chest (see the separate entry for Helen’s Hope Chest in the Maricopa County section of this Directory) provides professional clothing and educational support (computers and other educational supplies, and will establish a computer lab) for K2S program youth.

• (The) Open Table is developing a program to provide individualized mentoring, case management, and life skills training in partnership with the K2S team. Open Table is a collaboration of faith communities, government, business and non-profits working through Open Table, a shared community model, to transform poverty.

The Open Table, Inc.  
7000 N. 16th Street, Ste. 120-238  
Phoenix, AZ 85020-5547  
Email: info@theopentable.org  
Website: theopentable.org

• Opportunity Passport (a program of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative; see the separate entry for Children’s Action Alliance in the National/Statewide Advocacy Organizations section of this Directory) runs a financial literacy program that K2S participants can join; the Opportunity Passport program can include a matched saving account up to $3,000. Contact Cynnetta Boykin, Youth IDA Program Coordinator, 602-433-2440 x197/ Cynnetta.Boykin@rescue.org. See also:

Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative  
The Annie E. Casey Foundation  
503 N. Charles Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
Website: jimcaseyyouth.org/opportunity-passport-financial-literacy-curriculum

• Primavera On-Line High School will provide detailed academic assessments for program youth, offer online education in school (EVIT campus) or in a home setting, and will identify and implement resources needed for student success (including students with IEPs). Contact Mori Creamer, Superintendent/COO, 623-512-6496/ mori.creamer@primaveratech.org or Kevin Thrasher, 602-570-6708. See also:

Primavera  
2471 N Arizona Ave.  
Chandler, AZ 85225  
Website: primavera-online-high-school.com  
Tel.: 480-456-6678

• Save the Family is developing a potential transitional housing project for east valley program youth in partnership with Mesa United Way. Save the Family Foundation of Arizona offers a variety of programs designed to empower families to conquer homelessness and achieve life-long independence.

Save the Family  
125 E. University Drive  
Mesa, AZ 85201
• Trinity Youth Opportunity is helping to recruit high-level employers to provide program youth over age 18 with professional entry level employment opportunities. The partnership also is going to develop a joint employer advisement committee that will provide partnering companies and organizations with a forum to assist with ongoing program development, receive training on how best to work with foster youth, and provide feedback regarding the experiences they are having with program youth. TYO also provides K2S program youth with vehicles donated to the North Scottsdale United Methodist Church.

Trinity Youth Opportunity
201 N. Indian Hill Boulevard, Suite A-201
P.O. Box 1210
Claremont, CA 91711
E-mail: info@trinityys.org
Website: trinityys.org
Tel.: 909-825-5588

• Tumbleweed Young Adult Program runs a housing for program youth (at the Earll Street and Hazelwood locations), and also provides co-case management, office space for K2S staff as needed at the new Hazelwood location, and monthly presentations to youth residing in both YAP housing sites to learn about and enroll in K2S. Contact Danielle Kemp, 2234 W. Hazelwood Street, Phoenix, AZ 85015, 602-341-8616/dkemp@tumbleweed.org. See also:

Tumbleweed Young Adult Program
2344 E Earll Dr.
Phoenix, AZ 85016
Website: tumbleweed.org
E-mail: info@tumbleweed.org
Tel.: 602-468-2417
-and-
3707 N. 7th St. Suite 305
Phoenix, AZ 85014

• Tumbleweed Transitional Learning Center & Tumble Tees will be providing education and work experience to K2S participants. Contact: Lisa Meir, lmeir@tumbleweed.org/602-264-6035 (office)/602-397-8786 (cell).

Tumbleweed Transitional Learning Center
3707 N. 7th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85014
Tel.: 602-264-6035
Fax: 602-264-6034
Website: mcrrsd.org/domain/48
Instructional Leader: Ximena Doyle

• Wells Fargo provides financial literacy programming and an opportunity for youth under age 16 to open their own checking and/or savings account. Contact Jennifer Wardell, 3002 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012, 602-528-7540/jennifer.wardell@wellsfargo.com

• WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) Genesis Youth Program/Maricopa County Human Services Department/Maricopa Workforce Connections. This program, currently in development, would provide work experience, funding for training and/or apprenticeships, assessment tools/resources, and employment partners. The Genesis Youth Program plans to assist the K2S team with enrollment of program youth and pay for needed
assessments and other resources that will increase and enhance education and employment outcomes for co-enrolled youth. The program operates out of four centers located in Mesa, Tempe, Avondale, and Peoria. More details and contact information is available at the following web address: myhsd.maricopa.gov/Divisions/Workforce-Development/Youth-Services/WIA-Youth-Program.aspx

- Year Up (see separate entry for Year Up in the National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies] section of this Directory) runs a post secondary education program that combines hands-on skill development, college credits, and corporate internships to prepare students for success in business or information technology. A K2S participant interested in participating in Year Up should complete an interest form (available at: yearup.org/for-students/admission-process/?location=national-us) and notify K2S that this has been done. Contact Meghan McGilvra, 1245 E. Buckeye Road, Phoenix, AZ 85034, 602-483-1465/MMcGilvra@yearup.org.

- K2S also is partnering with a number of major businesses in Maricopa County to find employment for K2S graduates. Participating employers include Fry's Food Stores; Wildflower Bread Company; Harkins Theatres; Lowe's; and Total Presence Management.

Arizona Helping Hands
7850 E. Gelding Drive, Ste. 500
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Office 480-889-0604
Fax 480-794-1015
Website: azhelpinghands.org

AHH’s mission statement is “To support foster and indigent families at times of crisis or need by providing to them basic essentials such as bedding, clothes, personal effects, holiday and special occasion toys, school supplies and emergency assistance. We also act as a resource helping to connect families to other community based services including foster care enrichment and support providers.” AHH programs include (NOTE: in all cases, supplies are limited):

1. “Birthday Dreams” Personalized birthday gifts for children 1 to 12 are wrapped and decorated by volunteers, and include a toy, a book and sometimes a bicycle. Any foster parent with a Notice to Provider from DCS can fill out an online application 2 to 4 weeks before the child’s birthday.
2. “Basic Needs” Twin beds, cribs, clothing, diapers, high chairs, books and other items.
3. “Holiday Toy Drive” Used to obtain gifts for holidays, birthdays, graduations, etc. Requests are accepted online only during the month of November. Foster families (as well as families who can demonstrate need) apply online during November. Non-foster families are limited to 3 years of service and other restrictions apply.
4. “Back to School Program” Provides backpacks with school supplies to children in foster care. Foster families with a Notice to Provider from DCS can apply for service by filling out an “in need” application. Applications are accepted from July 1 to August 15.
5. “Dream Kits” Personal care items such as shampoo, body wash, soap, toothbrush and other items for children coming into foster care.

AHH is a qualifying charitable foster care organization and raises funds through the Arizona tax credit for such organizations. AHH also raises funds through a golf tournament; through programs with Amazon and Fry’s grocery stores that turn over a percentage of any purchase to AHH; and by posting a “wish list”/buying tab for specific needed items on its website. AHH also has sponsors that include The Arizona Republic/12 News Season for Sharing; Arizona Diamondbacks (who sponsor the golf tournament and award grants from the Arizona Diamondback Foundation); CVS Caremark (provided volunteers and donated materials to build 600 “Dreamkits”); and Northern Trust Company.

Arizona Kinship Support Services/KARE
Statewide Caregiver Resource Line: 888-737-7494
Website: arizonakinship.org
A collaboration of Arizona’s Children Association with Casey Family Programs
AKSS employees act as caseworkers or “navigators” for kinship placements. AKSS operates in all 15 counties, but the AKSS in-person navigation services are in Maricopa, Pima, Pinal and Cochise; elsewhere, AKSS responds to e-mails and phone calls. There is one kinship navigator for Pinal; three in Maricopa, five in Pima, and one in Cochise County. The navigators’ primary service is to help access services and to accompany kinship placements to court to explain the dependency process. Specific AKSS services include: advocacy (on behalf of the children with schools and other service providers); education and training; (dealing with) incarceration; budgeting and financial; employment; legal; child care; food; military related issues; clothing; foster care/adoption; respite; DCS involvement; health; self care; DES Benefits - TANF, AHCCCS, SNAP; housing/shelter; substance abuse; and support groups. The navigators are paid for by Arizona Children’s Association’s KARE program, through a grant (note that Arizona Kinship Support Services is itself known as “KARE” in the Tucson area; according to the AKSS website, “Arizona’s Children Association (AzCA) was recently awarded a federal grant, ‘Family Connection Child Welfare/TANF Collaboration in Kinship Navigation Programs’ funded through the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children’s Bureau” and “Services in Tucson are partially funded under contract with Pima Counsel on Aging as part of the Older American Act Program”). KARE means “Kinship Adoption Resources and Education” – in Tucson, KARE is a partnership between Casey Family Programs and the Arizona Children’s Association. Between 50% and 70% of AKSS clients are not placements through DCS and just have guardianships; some caregivers/guardians are not relatives of the children and are friends of the family and psychological relatives to the children. Many of their caregivers are acting preemptively, (1) to keep the abuse/neglect from happening and (2) to keep DCS out of their lives. In Maricopa, there has been a problem that families are relying on powers of attorney and they are not following through and obtaining Title 14 guardianships. AKSS contracts with Southern Arizona Legal Aid to assist in obtaining guardianships. There are 425 caregivers in Pinal who AKSS assists; the organization has about 4,000 caregivers that it assists statewide (according to the AKSS website, “In Arizona, there are more than 198,000 households headed by grandparents or other relatives”). Out of the approximately 4,000 families that AKSS assists at any one time, approximately 1,500 are new each year. AKSS is involved in the Central Arizona Kinship Care Coalition. Ms. Treinen has experience in juvenile corrections. AKSS has electronic meetings 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month through “Go to Meeting.”
Arizona Partnership for Children
4747 N. 7th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Tel.: 602-285-1999 x59008
Fax: 602-285-0311

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2220 S. Country Club, Suite 108
Mesa, AZ 85210
Tel.: 480-388-3292

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Assistant Executive Director: Makisha Gunty, mgunty@cc-az.org / 602-285-1999 x59504
Staff Accountant: Robyn Milton, Jr., rmilton@cc-az.org / 602-285-1999 x59049

AzPaC is a Limited Liability Partnership formed by Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona, Catholic Social Service of Central and Northern Arizona (now Catholic Charities), and Devereux Arizona. Services are delivered through the Partner Agencies with Contract Administration provided by AzPaC. AzPaC recruits, trains and licenses foster and adoptive placements. In addition, AzPaC provides supervision and support for those placements, provides respite care for children, and activities designed to retain families in the program. Currently AzPaC has nearly 800 licensed foster homes in the state. In addition, AzPaC provides other services to biological parents/caregivers seeking to recover their children from foster care, including in home services (services such as case management, advocacy, counseling, parent training, parent aide, and emergency services to address stressors in the family and assist the family in improving their parenting skills); Arizona Families F.I.R.S.T. (provides family-centered substance abuse and recovery support services to parents or caregivers); Interstate Compact for Placement of Children (ICPC); parent aide services; and family support coordination.

The contact information for the three partner entities that make up AzPaC is as follows:

Managing Partners
Marguerite Harmon, CEO
Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona, Inc.
140 W. Speedway
Tucson, AZ 85705
Tel.: 520-623-0344
Toll Free: 800-623-0344
Website: ccs-soaz.org

Paul Mulligan, CEO
Catholic Charities Community Services
4747 N. 7th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Tel.: 602-285-1999
Website: catholiccharitiesAZ.org

Lane Martin Barker, Exec Dir.
Devereux Arizona
11000 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Suite 260
Scottsdale, AZ 85254
Tel.: 480-998-2920
Fax: 480-443-5587
Website: DevereuxAZ.org

Other Offices of Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona, Inc.
311 S. Central Avenue.
Safford, AZ 85546
Tel.: 520-458-4203

Contacts: Jim Gordon: jamesg@ccs-seaz.org
Patsy Sartain: patsys@ccs-seaz.org

6049 E. Hwy 90
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
Tel.: 520-458-4203
Contacts: Jim Gordon: jamesg@ccs-seaz.org
Patsy Sartain: patsys@ccs-seaz.org

Services are provides in the following geographic areas by the following entities:
In Home Services
DCS Northern Region (Catholic Charities)
DCS Southeastern Region (Catholic Community Services)

Home Recruitment, Study, and Supervision (Foster Care and Adoption)
Maricopa County (Catholic Charities and Devereux)
Pima County (Devereux and Catholic Community Services - St. Nicholas of Myra Adoption Center)
Coconino, Yavapai, Apache, and Navajo Counties (Catholic Charities)
Mohave, La Paz, and Yuma Counties (Catholic Charities and Catholic Community Services)
Pinal and Gila Counties (Catholic Community Services, St. Nicholas of Myra Adoption Center and Catholic Charities)
Cochise, Santa Cruz, Graham, and Greenlee Counties (Catholic Community Services)

Arizona Families F.I.R.S.T.
DCS Northern Region (Catholic Charities)

Interstate Compact for Placement of Children (ICPC)
Pinal and Gila Counties (St. Nicholas of Myra Adoption Center)

Parent Aide Services
DCS Southwest Region (Catholic Charities and Devereux)
DCS Central Region (Catholic Charities and Devereux)
DCS Pima Region (Catholic Community Services and Devereux)
DCS Southeast Region (Catholic Community Services)

First Things First - Home Visitation Program (Parents as Teachers)
DCS Southeast/Central Maricopa Region (Catholic Charities and Devereux)

AzPaC is a subcontractor agency for the following services:

In Home Services
DCS Southwest Region (with Arizona’s Children Association)

Arizona Families F.I.R.S.T.
DCS Southwest Region (Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona, Inc. for TERROS, Inc.)

Arizonans for Children, Inc.
2435 E. La Jolla Drive
Tempe, AZ 85282
Tel.: 480-838-0085
E-mail: kayemccar@cox.net

Contact: Kaye McCarthy

AFC services foster children and children in equivalent care with Indian tribes. Most services are rendered for large groups of children at one time; there is no formal application process. AFC works primarily in Maricopa County, but will help children from other counties from time to time. Services provided for free include: three Children’s Visitation Centers located in Phoenix, Mesa and Peoria, for family visits; birthday and holiday presents, including toys and jackets; admission tickets to sporting and other events, e.g. the ballet, Arizona Diamondbacks, Phoenix Art Museum, etc.; new and used luggage; a tutor/mentor program (volunteers who work with foster children on homework, interviewing skills, and other matters); sponsors several Boy Scout troops at group homes (there is no equivalent for girls at this time); educational classes for older foster youth who are likely to age out, i.e. sewing, computers, dancing, cooking, Justice League, financial literacy; and special events such as monthly birthday parties, Days of Beauty, swimming, bowling, ice skating, roller skating parties, laser tag, Enchanted Island, Train Park Picnic, Holiday parties etc. All services are free; AFC is funded through grants and private donors.
AZ Foster Youth 411
Tel.: 866-999-6384
Website: fosteryouth411.org

Foster Youth 411 is a website designed for youth and young adults who need resources and information to facilitate immediate survival and long-term success. The website provides information and access to various services, including shelter, education/employment assistance, transportation, food, or even just inexpensive recreational and social activities. The website provides information for help in finding counseling; employment; shelter; clothing; health care; behavioral health resources; transportation; financial information and/or subsidies; educational assistance [including job readiness and vocational training, GED assistance, and going to college]; support groups [for substance abuse, foster youth, and more]; disability assistance; finding a mentor; help for parenting or pregnant youth; recreational and social activities; hotline numbers for various services (including emergency access to food, shelter, suicide prevention, and domestic violence [including date violence and sexual assault] resources); and legal information regarding obtaining a birth certificate, social security card, passport, driver’s license, programs for former foster youth, and financial subsidies.

Central Arizona Kinship Care Coalition
Caregiver Resource line: 888-737-7494 [NOTE: this phone number is the phone number for Arizona Kinship Support Services/KARE’s Statewide Caregiver Resource Line (see above under National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies])
crl@azcaregiver.net.
Website: Azkincare.org
Contact: Suzi Austin, 602-412-4095/suzi@familyinvolvementcenter.org

CAKCC is a coalition of other organizations concerned with kinship care issues. CAKCC does not have a separate physical location but does have monthly meetings the second Monday of each month (except July) from 12 pm to 2 pm at the Family Involvement Center, 5333 N. 7th St., A-100, Phoenix, AZ 85014, 602-412-4095 (ask for Lillian Armstrong, x107 or 602-412-4079). The “Support Groups” tab on the webpage leads to a list of support groups in some (but not all) Arizona counties. The “Advocacy” tab identifies groups that lobby on behalf of kinship caregivers, including Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors; Children’s Action Alliance; Protecting Arizona’s Family Coalition; and Arizona Community Action Alliance. CAKCC offers to put kinship caregivers in contact with resources for education, employment, housing, respite, respite vouchers, financial and legal services, and other benefits.

Bridging Success/Arizona State University (ASU) and Maricopa Community Colleges
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411 N. Central Avenue, Ste. 780
Phoenix, AZ 85004
E-mail: bridgingsuccess@asu.edu
Website: publicservice.asu.edu/bridgingsuccess

Arizona State University (ASU)
With a grant from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, ASU has established the Bridging Success program aimed at providing support for current, transfer and incoming ASU students. The five-year pilot program uses a combination of federal grants, scholarships and university aid to offer free tuition to Arizona foster youth. To be eligible for the Arizona foster care tuition waiver, the applicant must: (1) be under 21 years old; (2) currently be in foster care and at least 16 years old; or formerly be in foster care when the student was at least 16 years old; or have been adopted from foster care (and adoption finalized) after the student was 16 years old; (3) submit a foster care tuition waiver application; and (4) submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year. Furthermore, recipients of the tuition waiver must demonstrate continuous progress toward a degree or certificate and complete at least 30 hours of volunteer service to remain eligible. A complete listing of all eligibility requirements is available through a link on the website. Participants are provided with program mentors, who will: (1) provide one-to-one case management and mentoring for you through monthly meetings; (2) help with academic, financial, and social support needs; and (3) find resources through ASU student services.
Maricopa Community Colleges

Recently, the Bridging Success program has been expanded into the Maricopa County Community Colleges. No information is currently available on the Maricopa County Community Colleges website, but the contact person is Stephanie Garman, 480-731-8093/stephanie.garman@domain.maricopa.edu; anyone interested in the Bridging Success program at the Maricopa County Community Colleges should contact Ms. German. Standards for this program have not yet been finalized, and they may or may not be the same as for the ASU Bridging Success program. The plan is to have the resources available on all campuses, so that students who have aged out of foster care can access those resources at any time, without having to first sign up for a particular program. According to Ms. German, staff members at every campus will be trained with regard to the resources available through the Bridging Success program and will wear badges that will let students who have come out of foster care know that they can approach that particular staff member with questions about accessing Bridging Success resources.

See also the entry for Fostering Success/Northern Arizona University in the National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies] section of this directory.

C.U.D.D.L.E. Outreach

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Facebook: facebook.com/CUDDLEOutreach
Twitter: twitter.com/CUDDLEOutreach
Pinterest: pinterest.com/CUDDLEOutreach
LinkedIn: linkedin.com/pub/linda-dodds

Contact: Linda Dodds, Founder and chief volunteer

C.U.D.D.L.E. is an all-volunteer organization that provides the following services across the state: (a) C.U.D.D.L.E. Wellness Kits, which includes a handmade quilt, a washcloth bag filled with toiletries and hygiene essentials, a stuffed animal, and a Children’s Illustrated Bible; the Wellness Kits are distributed through DCS Service Centers, group homes, shelters, and various crisis centers; (b) a Survival Essentials Program for children including Understanding Ourselves and Others; Seven Habits of a Highly Effective Teen; What’s in a Price Tag; Closets, Cupboards, and Cars; Budgets, Banks, and Contracts; and How to Plan For Your Future and Make It Happen. The Wellness Kits are distributed through DCS and First Responders, so that the kits can be provided to children at the time of removal. C.U.D.D.L.E. also has a program that is limited to the Page area and that is open to all children 13-17 interested in working in the medical profession called “Scrub’bees”; this program familiarizes kids with the various aspects of working in the medical profession.

FosterCare Alumni of America

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Website: fostercarealumni.org

Mary Anne Herrick, President and Chair
Steve Rideout, Vice President and Vice Chair
Lacy Kendrick Burk, Treasurer
Nia Clark, Secretary
FCAA chapters around the country plan alumni reunions – “family” barbeques or holiday events – to claim family traditions as their own. Anyone who would like to sponsor or attend or support a family reunion like this should contact FCAA. FCAA offers a book called Flux that covers topics including finding and developing an identity; creating and strengthening a support system; handling biological family relationships; developing intimacy with others; and navigating parenting issues. FCAA offers related Flux training; anyone interested should e-mail: flux@fostercarealumni.org. FCAA organizes “foster walks” around the country to draw attention to the issues facing current and former foster youth and to raise funds for FCAA. FCAA’s National Foster Care Youth and Alumni Policy Council provides relevant and timely information on policies and practices that affect children and families throughout the country, including commenting on legislation and policies that impact youth in foster care; proposing recommendations to improve the lives of youth; and monitoring and measuring the effectiveness of programs and policies. Some of the issues that have been addressed by FCAA’s National Foster Care Youth and Alumni Policy Council include aging out; higher education; mental health; normalcy; and vulnerability. Anyone interested in FCAA’s National Foster Care Youth and Alumni Policy Council should visit its website, nationalpolicycouncil.org. FCAA also provides foster care alumni speakers from its national network of alumni experts across the country; FCAA’s Foster Sharing training helps participant to identify opportunities in a safe, effective, and strategic way; understand how to maximize their credibility; and practice developing and delivering their personal story. The “resources” tab on FCAA’s website provides access to studies and other documentation that support FCAA’s positions.

Foster Care to Success
21351 Gentry Drive, Ste. 130
Sterling, VA 20166
Tel.: (571) 203-0270
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E-mail: info@fc2success.org

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Tina Raheem, Director of Scholarships and Grants, (571) 203-0270, tinar@fc2success.org
Communications Manager, (571) 203-0270, comm@fc2success.org
Persons interested in being mentors should contact: asp@fc2success.org

FC2S runs a program called “Aim Higher” that is designed to give foster youth concrete information to help them understand the realities of receiving a post-secondary education, getting a job and becoming successful young professionals, dealing with such issues as how to get to work without a car, what a “soft skill” is, and so on. Annually, a group of FC2S college students and graduates join the Aim Higher Fellows Program. The yearlong program kicks off in June with an intensive skill-building program in Washington, D.C., engaging professionals to teach Fellows how to develop communication skills to understand and publicly speak to the foster care community; leverage social media to reach a national audience; and build soft skills for the workplace. FC2S helps these students craft messages and create informational videos that educate foster teens and caregivers about post-secondary readiness and success. With professional help, students develop skits, in-person presentations and shoot video about a range of post-secondary topics, from balancing work, life and academics to understanding financial aid. After the program in D.C. is over, Fellows continue posting the educational videos on social media and sharing their experiences during speaking engagements, illuminating the issues around post-secondary education for foster youth.

FC2S administers Casey Family Programs scholarship funding for students in community colleges, public and private universities, and technical/career programs in all 50 states. FC2S provides the encouragement, mentoring and practical support for these students. FC2S also connects identifies and sponsors who provide scholarships to college-bound youth aging out of foster care; while national statistics reveal that only between 3 and 10 percent of foster youth graduate from college, 61 percent of FC2S Scholars graduate within five years – a rate higher than the national average for all students. Applicants must: (a) have been in public or private foster care for the 12 consecutive months leading up to and including their 18th birthday; OR have been adopted or placed into legal guardianship from foster care after their 16th birthday; OR they must have been orphaned for at least one year at the time of their 18th birthday; (b) have been accepted into or expect to be accepted into an accredited, Pell-eligible college or other post-secondary school; (c) be under the age of 25 on March 31 of the year in which they apply if they have not previously received scholarship funding from FC2S; and (d) have been in foster care or orphaned while living in the United States (U.S. citizenship is not required).

FC2S runs a coaching program called the “Academic Success Program.” The Academic Success Program partners the dedication of trained, supported volunteer coaches with the resources of FC2S’s experienced staff to provide encouragement and guidance to students to help them do well academically and personally. Coaches (a) make a one-year commitment to support three to four students with at least weekly communication; (b) generally dedicate from one to three hours a week to the Academic Success Program; and (c) can text, email, phone, Skype, or use postal mail to talk with their students; this is not a face-to-face communication program.

FC2S’s Care Package Program sends its students three care packages per year to help them feel as appreciated and valued as their peers. FC2S relies on businesses and charitable organizations to donate the items that fill the care packages, which include school supplies; snacks; motivational items; personal care items; toys like Frisbees, Hackey Sacks and yo-yos; and gift cards to national chains.

FC2S’s Red Scarf Emergency Fund covers emergency expenses such as emergency medical expenses, transportation costs, rent, and even groceries or clothing when they have no other way to pay, so FC2S students can stay in school.

The FC2S monthly Book Club provides textbook funding to needy college students.

NOTE: FC2S runs several college scholarships programs that are not available in Arizona.

Foster Club
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The FosterClub All-Star Internship Program was founded on the belief that youth who have successfully transitioned from foster care to responsible young adulthood are best suited to impact the transition of their younger peers. Every summer, 20-25 young people from the foster care system will be chosen as FosterClub All-Star Interns. They will be provided with intensive leadership and public speaking training, and then sent to teen conferences and foster care-related events across the country. In addition to motivating, educating and empowering foster youth across America, the FosterClub All-Stars will raise awareness about the 400,000 children in foster care today and the 29,000 youth who transition from foster care every year, mostly without the support of a permanent and stable family. See more at: fosterclub.com/_allstars/article/about-all-stars#sthash.fLhjNNGf.dpuf

The Congressional Foster Youth Shadow Experience brings foster youth and policymakers to the same table. Over the course of three days, Shadow Experience participants attended young leader training focusing on federal foster care policy, strategic sharing and team building exercises. The Congressional Foster Youth Shadow Experience concludes with the foster youth participants shadowing Congressional Members. This allows the youth to share their #FosterYouthVoices (link is external), giving the Representative well-rounded understanding of the experiences of youth in foster care, which will help as they pursue policies that impact all foster youth. See more at: fosterclub.com/article/shadow-experience#sthash.UaEURmuu.dpuf.

The National Foster Care Youth and Alumni Policy Council convenes to provide federal stakeholders with relevant and timely information as policies and procedures are created that will affect children and families throughout the country. The Council represents a collective viewpoint of youth and alumni who have experienced the child welfare system firsthand. The Council consists of 20 members geographically distributed across the country, reflecting a broad range of diversity encompassing, but not limited to, ethnicity, location of residency, religion, gender, and child welfare experiences.

fosteringadvocatesarizona.org
This is a website established by the Children’s Action Alliance (see the separate entry for Children’s Action Alliance in the National/Statewide Advocacy Organizations section of this directory). Under the “Support & Resources” tab on this website are the following subtabs:

Set Up a Support System – Includes information on how to find a mentor
- Foster Club (fosterclub.com: see the separate entry for Foster Club in the National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies] section of this Directory)
- THRIVE Mentor Program (844-747-1533 ormentor@arizonaschildren.org; for young adults transitioning out of foster care and those participating in the Independent Living Program or the Transitional Independent Living Program)
- AASK/Aid to Adoption of Special Kids (602-254-2275; see the separate entry for Aid to Adoption of Special Kids in the National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies] section of this Directory; mentoring services for foster youth)
- Reach & Rise Mentoring Program (602-404-9622; children and young adults up to age 18 receive mentoring services through this Valley of the Sun YMCA program)

Education
(See the separate entry for Bridging Success in the National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies] section of this Directory)

Employment & Training
- Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation 602-252-9445
• Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development Program 602-264-6035
• Jewish Family and Children Service Job Training and Skills Program 602-279-0084
• Job Corps 800-733-5627
• Friendly House 602-257-1870
• Goodwill Job Training and Career Services 602-535-4444
• Maricopa Skill Center 602-238-4300
• Arizona Call-A-Teen Youth Resources (ACYR) 602-252-6721
• Arizona Women’s Education and Employment (AWEE) Program
• Central Phoenix 602-223-4333
• North Central Phoenix 602-371-1216
• Yavapai County 928-778-3010
• Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) 602-256-6945
• Fresh Start Women’s Foundation 602-252-8494
• MesaCAN (Community Action Network) 480-833-9200
• St. Joseph the Worker 602-417-9854
• Arizona Common Ground 602-914-9000

Financial Capability
• Opportunity Passport (1) teaches financial literacy, and (2) provides a dollar-for-dollar match on money saved to purchase an approved asset (such as college, a car, or an apartment). Contact (1) International Rescue Committee, 4425 W. Olive Ave Suite 400, Glendale, AZ 85302, 602-433-2440 x197, or (2) Children’s Action Alliance, 4001 N. 3rd St. Suite 160, Phoenix, AZ 85012, 602-266-0707 x211.
• Assistance getting an Arizona ID, opening a checking or savings account, and creating a budget.

Housing
• affordablehousingonline.com/housing-search/Arizona – Lists information on Section 8 housing and other affordable housing in Arizona on a county-by-county basis.
• Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) 602-256-6945
• City of Flagstaff Public Housing Program 928-526-0002
• City of Tucson Rental Assistance 520-791-4171
• Housing Authority City of Yuma 928-782-3823
• MesaCAN (Community Action Network) 480-833-9200
• Native American Connections Transitional Housing for Youth, 602-254-3247/ or send an email to housing@nativeconnections.org
• One n Ten (Youth Center) 602-279-0894
• Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development 602-271-9904 or 602-841-5799 (24-Hour Crisis Line)
• Subsidies offered by the Independent Living Program and Transitional Independent Living Program (See the separate entry for Department of Child Safety in the Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Government Agency] section of this Directory)
• The one-time Apartment Set-Up Grant from Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation (See the separate entry for Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation [AFFCF] in the National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies] section of this Directory)
• Affordable options for household items (e.g., cookware, lamps, a mattress, etc.)
  o thethriftshopper.com – website for locating thrift stores all over Arizona.
  o Arizona Humane Society Thrift Stores – Cave Creek, Sunnyslope and Tempe; locations at arizonahumane.org/how-you-can-help-the-arizona-humane-society/shop/thrift-stores.
  o BRIDGES (Strangers We Know) – Provides starter home kits throughout Arizona to young adults who age out of the foster care system; 4034 E. Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85712; Website: strangersweknow.org; E-mail: info@strangersweknow.org.
  o Full Circle Trade & Thrift – Flagstaff; 2 South Beaver St., Suite 100 Flagstaff, AZ 86001; Website: fullcircletrade.net; Tel.: 928-214-1094; E-mail: fullcircletrade@gmail.com.
  o Goodwill – Statewide; see goodwillaz.org for locations.
  o Helen’s Hope Chest (see the separate entry for Helen’s Hope Chest in the Maricopa County section of this Directory)
Transportation

- For saving to buy a car, Opportunity Passport (a program of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative) – includes a matched saving account up to $3,000. Contact information: Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, The Annie E. Casey Foundation, 503 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, Website: jimcaseyyouth.org/opportunitypassport-financial-literacy-curriculum; see also the separate entry in this directory for the Children’s Action Alliance in the National/Statewide Advocacy Organizations section of this Directory.

- Valley Metro – Maricopa County; 602-253-5000; Website: valleymetro.org.

- ShareTheRide – Maricopa County; a ride matching system that allows people to quickly and securely find a carpool, vanpool, transit, bike or walk option. Commuters are matched based on proximity, destination and travel route, as well as schedules and preferences; Tel.: 602-262-7433; Website: sharetheride.com.

- Flagstaff Transit Services – The Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA) is the transit agency in northern Arizona operating the Mountain Line, Mountain Lift and Mountain Link systems in Flagstaff; NAIPTA also coordinates with Campus Shuttle Service at Northern Arizona University. Tel.: 928-779-6624; website: mountainline.az.gov.

- Tucson Transit Services – Website: tucsonaz.gov/transit; Tel.: 520-791-5883; e-mail: SpecialServices@tucsonaz.gov.

- Yuma Transit Services – website: http://www.yumaaz.gov/WebWare/Default.aspx?Message=2571&t=-1; E-mail: cityonline@YumaAZ.gov; Tel.: 928-783-2235.

- sharetheride.com/Public/PublicPage.aspx?ItemName=CommuteCost&FileType=ASCX – Website with calculator to determine what it costs to drive commuter routes.

- insureuonline.org/insureu_lifestyle_youngsingle.htm – This website features information on insurance costs.

- azed.gov/prevention-programs/driversed – Website with information from the Arizona Department of Education on driver’s education classes; Tel.: 602-542-8720; E-mail: Victoria.Havins@azed.gov or Davidson.Riggs@azed.gov.

- azdot.gov/mvd/driver-services/teen-drivers – Website with information on driver’s test and license requirements, including practice tests.

Physical & Mental Health

- Young Adult Transitional Insurance (YATI) – an Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) plan that is no-cost or low-cost for Arizona young adults aging out of foster care (AHCCCS is Arizona’s Medicaid). Websites: (1) fosteringadvocatesarizona.org/young-adult-transitional-insurance-yati, and (2) healtharizonaplus.gov/Default/Default.aspx. Contact the assigned DCS or Tribal Services case worker; in Maricopa County, contact Marco Mendoza, 602-266-0405 x104/mmendoza@keoghhealth.org or Janet Viloria, 602-252-4911 x104/jviloria@phoenixday.org. Or find a navigator (a person who assists applicants) at the following Website: coveraz.org/navigators-and-assisters.
Student Support Services
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The Fostering Success program is a recent initiative designed to: (a) increase the number of NAU graduates who have aged out of foster care; (b) build a community of scholars among foster alumni at NAU; and (c) provide a transitional pathway to adulthood through the experience of the program. Specific benefits/services include: personal transition coaches; orientation specific to the needs of the student; a community of foster alumni; ongoing receptions exclusive for foster alumni to connect and learn about local and campus resources; Jacks Debit Express funds (amount TBD); eligibility for the Student Support Services participation grant (up to $500/semester); and assistance in securing housing during winter break. Students must fit the following requirements below to be eligible for the program: (a) participate in Student Support Services program; (b) have been in foster care any time since turning 13; (c) live on campus and have a meal plan if a freshman; and (d) attend eight of the 10 monthly receptions. The Arizona Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program is a federally-funded, state-administered program designed to help youth who were in foster care; students who qualify may be eligible to receive up to $5000 a year for qualified-school related expenses.

See also the entry for Bridging Success/Arizona State University (ASU) and Maricopa Community Colleges in the National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies] section of this Directory.

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HF is an Arizona 501(c)(3) nonprofit Christian organization that provides the following services to children in foster care:

Royal Family Kids Camp – A one-week summer camp experience for children ages 7-11, outside of Payson. A trusted camp cousin has charge of just two campers and each camper also has a “surrogate” grandma and grandpa as well as a large support staff of aunts and uncles; the ratio of staff-to-campers is high to ensure success and safety. During the week there is a birthday bash with cake, games, and presents, to celebrate each child’s birthday. A background check is conducted on every volunteer who also receive intensive training to manage any behavioral or emotional issues. Medical personnel are also available to administer first aid and medication. All campers are afforded complete confidentiality, which means no promotional pictures or unauthorized cameras. However, staff will take pictures as keepsakes for the children and the children receive a camp scrapbook with the pictures at the end of camp. Contacts: Doug Nordman at 480-227-5257 or Douglas.Nordman@med.ge.com/Donnie Garver at 480-834-7554 or rfkc.chandler@gmail.com
Teen Reach Adventure Camp – A summer camp for foster children from 12 to 15 years old, offering fun, character-building activities, and outdoor recreation from horseback riding to low-level challenge courses, outside of Payson. TRAC is a positive, faith-based summer camp. Each three-day camp provides a unique ratio of one counselor to every two children, and each camp is single-gender to promote a greater level of comfort between staff and attendees. Campers explore the wilderness, care for animals, ride on horseback and participate in a low-level challenge course that helps the children recognize the importance of self-respect, teamwork and communication while having fun. A background check is conducted on every volunteer who also receive intensive training to manage any behavioral or emotional issues. Medical personnel are also available. All campers are afforded complete confidentiality, which means no promotional pictures or unauthorized cameras on campus. However, staff will take pictures as keepsakes for the children and the children receive a camp scrapbook with the pictures at the end of camp. Contact: James Adams, Life Skills Coordinator and director of boys’ TRAC camp, james@azhope.com/602-258-5860.

The Arizona Princess Program – A formal dinner party that gives teenage foster girls a chance to be treated like royalty with dresses, accessories and professional hair styling and makeup. The ongoing mission of the Arizona Princess Program is to give teenage foster girls an evening that celebrates how truly wonderful they are. The girls are pampered with formal dresses, shoes, jewelry and professional makeup assistance. Following the makeover, the girls are treated with a five-course meal and an evening of dancing. This program takes place at TRAC camp, as part of the TRAC camp.

The Arizona All-Star Program – This program is an opportunity for teenage foster boys to be encouraged by real life All-Stars and learn what it takes to make their own success in life. Throughout the year, the All-Star Program coordinates luncheons, meetings and other events with local celebrities, athletes, musicians, businessmen offering their own life lessons and stories of perseverance. The boys often have a chance to personally interact with the All-Star, e.g. throwing a football around with an Arizona Cardinal football player, playing an instrument with a musician, or skateboarding with a professional. This program takes place at TRAC camp, as part of the TRAC camp.

Life 360 – A life-skills mentoring program for foster children 15 and older. Life 360 is a year round life skills mentoring program for Arizona foster children who are at least 15 years old and builds on the successful relationships established during our summer camp programs (however, there is no requirement that participants have gone to an HF camp). The program focuses on basic skills like money management, household management, planning for college, budgeting, interviewing for jobs, job skills, nutrition and meal planning. This program is primarily for Maricopa County.

Annual Christmas Celebration – A festive gathering for HF children and their loved ones; available to children who attend HF programs, their foster families and HF volunteers. For 2014, the Christmas Celebration was held at Rawhide Western Town and Steakhouse, with Stagecoach Rides, Train Rides, Mechanical Bull Rides, Rock Climbing, Panning for Gold, Shooting Gallery, Burro Rides, Petting Zoo and Western Museum. HF provides a catered dinner for those in attendance, arts and crafts for the children, holiday desserts, and gifts for each child. The gifts include appropriate age-specific toys and new articles of clothing for each child. Since 2005, HF has invited all children who’ve ever taken part in HF programs, their foster families and their group homes. This celebration has grown exponentially over the years, becoming a reunion event for children and volunteers. This program takes place in Maricopa County.

John S. Brewer Memorial Scholarship Fund – Created to help any foster child through ongoing educational assistance, career training and college scholarships. The John S. Brewer Memorial Scholarship Fund provides assistance for high school tutoring, vocational training, college tuition and housing assistance while in college. The application form is available on the HF website.

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Donations to OCJ Kids are eligible for the Arizona Foster Care Charitable Organization Tax Credit. OCJ Kids serves foster children across the state, focusing primarily (but not exclusively) on foster children in group homes. In Maricopa County and in other counties with group homes, OCJ Kids sends volunteer mentors to the home. Specific services offered include the following:

1. Recruiting and training volunteers to visit with foster children in group homes, potentially leading to volunteers becoming a mentor or a life coach for a foster child.

2. Hosting four big events every year: The Career Development Fair (March or April; resume development and interview skills); Cowboy Camp (overnight horse camp in June and July; the children in each group home go camping together); Tools for Success Back to School Party (August; relationship building, backpacks and school supplies); and One Bright Star Christmas Party (for partnering group homes). All four events are centered on group homes, except the Career Development Fair, which is open to all foster children. The purpose of having all the children in each group home go to the Cowboy Camp together is to allow children in special needs group homes, sex-offender group homes, etc. to attend camp despite special needs or restrictions on having contact with others that otherwise would prevent these children from being able to go to a summer camp.

3. Setting up Transition Success Centers (storage rooms at OCJ Kids, affiliated local churches around the state, and/or DCS offices) and stocking them with socks, underwear, and other items for (a) suitcases filled with supplies, for teens transitioning out of foster care; (b) welcome kits for when kids come into a group home, so they have hygiene products they can call their own; and (c) kinship kits for when children are removed from their home and placed in foster care.

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Best for Babies program – This program provides both training and support to court and DCS personnel in establishing best practices for dealing with foster children ages 0-3 years. Issues addressed include prenatal exposure to maternal substance abuse and low birth weight, which are associated with an increased likelihood of behavioral problems, chronic health conditions, and developmental delays. The goals of Best for Babies are: (1) to increase shared knowledge of the unique needs of maltreated infants and toddlers; and (2) to increase community collaboration in the child welfare system to improve outcomes. A particular concern is that the unique and immediate needs of infants and toddlers in the child welfare system are often overlooked, since the focus of ongoing services is likely to be the more visible legal and mental health issues of their birth parents. Dates and locations for training sessions and conferences are on the website under the “Training” tab.

Never Shake a Baby Arizona (NSBAZ) program – This program is an evidence-based program that is aimed at providing parents information and skills to prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome. NSBAZ is working to be available throughout the state to all parents who have just given birth. The NSBAZ program is offered by the nurse to new parents just prior to discharge with their newborn. Parents who voluntarily participate are given a tip sheet on how to handle a crying infant; they watch a video on Shaken Baby Syndrome; and they are asked to sign a “commitment form” that states that they were educated on the dangers of shaking babies. They also make a plan to handle their crying child and inform all who take care of their child about their plan and about SBS. During the program’s pilot stage, parents were asked to participate in a follow-up survey. Of those in the sample of parents who were called, 96% remembered the program and nearly 90% said they had shared the information they had learned with other caregivers for their child. NSBAZ, a project of Prevent Child Abuse Arizona, is currently funded by grants from the Child Abuse Prevention License Plate Fund, BHHS Legacy Foundation, the Morris Foundation, Phoenix Sun’s Charities, Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, and Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Women’s and Children’s Health.

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Founded by a network of 60 churches in 2009, StreetLightUSA is the national leader in providing care and healing to victims of child sex trafficking and sexual trauma. Most girls are placed through the state; there are only a few private placements. Girls are placed from across the country, but most are from Arizona. Services include: (1) an awareness program/ speakers bureau including subject matter experts; monthly training sessions on the issue of child sex trafficking, and monthly open house for placement agencies in Maricopa County, usually at their facilities; interactive social media efforts with thousands of Facebook and Twitter followers, and regular newsletters; (2) prevention efforts that include partnering with universities and subject matter experts to create evidence based programs that become best practices for SLUSA’s residential campus (located in the west valley, in Maricopa County); receiving girls whose histories demonstrate risk factors for potentially being drawn into the sex trades, such as chronic runaways and homeless youth; networking with state agencies and other organizations to prepare a smooth transition for girls to move into independent living; and assistance in advocating state and federal legislation to strengthen the penalties against perpetrators and increase resources for the victims; and (3) direct care services for girls 11-17 who have been rescued from sex trafficking, provided at the residential campus. The residence provides 24 hour residential care for up to 48 girls. The residence, the largest of its kind in the country, is a four-acre facility with six cottages in a homelike, neighborhood setting; residents are not locked in, but the facility is secured against the outside. The residence has
arrangements for and transportation to medical, legal, behavioral health and educational services; an on-site staff therapist who meets with girls individually and in groups; educational success and completion programs; programs for development of life skills and career goals; and assistance with legal matters. There is special focus on dealing with PTSD, Stockholm Syndrome, and long-term effects of abuse and exploitation.

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Year Up offers a free, one-year program that includes: (1) 6 months professional training in IT, Finance, or Customer Service; (2) 6 month corporate internship with a respected company; (3) up to 24 college credits; (4) weekly educational stipend throughout the program; and (5) guidance and support from a staff advisor and mentor who is an experienced professional. For the first six months of the program, students develop technical and professional skills in the classroom. Students then apply those skills during the second six months on an internship at one of Year Up’s corporate partners. Year Up is open to expanding into new markets, dependent on market demand and organizational capacity.

Results include 85% of Year Up graduates are employed or attending college full-time within four months of completing the program; those employed earn an average starting salary of $15 per hour – $30,000 per year for salaried employees. The program has achieved 100% placement of qualified Year Up students into internships; over 90% of corporate partners would recommend the Year Up program to a friend or colleague. Since being founded in 2000, Year Up has served over 10,000 young adults and provided interns for over 250 corporate partners.

The application process is set forth on the website: (1) submit a student interest form (available on the website); (2) attend an open house or group information session; and (3) complete an application (also available on the website). Classes begin in March and September. Applications are considered on a rolling basis until the class is filled.

Applicants must be (1) 18-24 years old; (2) high school graduate or GED recipient; (3) of low to moderate income; (4) A U.S. Citizen, permanent resident, or have an employment authorization card; (5) Available 5 days a week (Monday-Friday) for the full year of the program; (6) and highly motivated to learn new technical and professional skills (the website expressly states that the program “requires strong motivation and a lot of hard work”).

The program’s Direct Service strategy delivers a training program that prepares young adults for professional jobs that meet the needs of Year Up’s corporate partners and helps place students on a path to continued higher education. Companies see value in Year Up’s young adults who consistently meet their growing and changing human capital needs. Our Systems Change strategy is geared towards shifting perceptions of urban young adults from social liabilities to economic assets, shifting employer practices to broaden talent sourcing and hiring, and shifting public policies to support enterprising career pathways. To date, Year Up has focused primarily on offering companies a Standard Training Program through which they can access talented young adults. Custom solutions are created in partnership with client employers to meet a critical business need and solve for the skills gap challenges in the market place. Custom solutions will likely change some elements of current program design, and in all cases will continue to focus on serving young adults. Technical skills classes at Year Up may include: (1) desktop and network support; (2) help desk; (3) hardware repair; (4) operating systems; (5) disk formatting, partitioning and ghosting; (6) peripherals; (7) software installation; (8) viruses and malware; (9) Microsoft Office and Outlook; (10) networking and TCP/IP; (11) investment operations; (12) customer service; and (13) fund accounting. Professional and communication skills classes at Year Up may include: (1) business writing skills; (2) time management; (3) career networking; (4) communicating clearly and effectively; (5)
conflict resolution and negotiation; (6) working in teams; (7) presentation skills; (8) workplace norms; (9) introduction to business; (10) personal finance; (11) workplace legal issues; and (12) work/life balance.

Academic Partners include Maricopa Community Colleges and University of Phoenix, and also: Atlanta Metropolitan College; Baltimore City Community College; Bellevue College; Cambridge College; Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI); City College of San Francisco (CCSF); Florida State College at Jacksonville; Foothill College; Harold Washington College; Johnson & Wales University; Kaplan University; Miami Dade College; Northern Virginia Community College; Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA); Pierce College; and SUNY Empire State College

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Tel.: 602-604-0640
Fax: 602-604-0644

ACAA is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit agency addressing poverty issues. Through a collaboration of nearly 300 organizations and individuals, ACAA develops and implements strategies to address and ultimately eliminate poverty. Programs operated, managed or supported by ACAA include: Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) Utility Grants; Weatherization Assistance Program; Home Energy Assistance Fund; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach; Nutrition Assistance Community Organization Partnerships; Arizona Self Help (arizonaselfhelp.org); and People’s Information Guide. CAA also helps individuals and families move toward financial independence by providing access to programs that encourage self-sufficiency and help people move out of poverty. Among CAA services and programs are: Case Management; Emergency Assistance Food Boxes/home-delivered Meals; Rent and Utility Assistance through programs including Utility Repair Financial Assistance, Asset Building and Financial Education; Eviction Prevention and Emergency Shelter Coordination Resources and Referrals, and employment assistance. Member organizations include A New Leaf-Mesa; Arizona Coalition To End Homelessness (AZCEH); Arizona Housing Alliance; Arizona Public Service; Assoc. of Arizona Food Banks; AZ Coalition To End Sexual and Domestic Violence (ACESDV); Banner Olive Branch; CAHRA (Community Action Human Resources Agency); Care 1st Health Plan Arizona; Care1st Gila Bend Resource Center; Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.; City of Phoenix - Human Services; Coconino County Community Svcs; Department of Economic Security; Desert Schools Credit Union; Foundation for Senior Living (FSL); Foundation for Sr. Living; Gila County Community Services Division; Glendale Community Action Program (CAP); Helping Families in Need; Interfaith Community Svcs; Maricopa County; Meetings & Concierges Source; Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG); NAZCARE, Inc.; Pima County Community Action Agency (CAA); Portable, Practical Education Preparation (PPEP), Inc.; Sahuarita Food Bank; Salt River Project (SRP); SEACAP (SouthEastern Arizona Community Action Program); Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Southwest Gas Corp.; St. Joseph the Worker; Sun City Community Assistance Network (Sun City CAN); Tempe CAA; Tucson Electric Power; Tucson Urban League; Valley of the Sun United Way; Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG).

Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors
7932 E. Jennifer Anne Drive
Tucson AZ 85730
azag.org
grandparentambassadors@gmail.com [NOTE: messages rejected as undeliverable]

Contact: Laura Jasso, co-chair: 520-722-5945/ ldjas@msn.com

AGA describes itself as “A support network for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.” AGA holds periodic summits. The website (and documents on the website) identify the following current/past sponsors: AARP; Center for Economic Integrity; Children’s Action Alliance; Rosemont Copper; Pima Federal Credit Union; CareMore (a provider of MediCare Advantage plans); Encompass Technology Solutions (a provider of IT outsourcing services); Primavera (online high school education); Children’s Action Alliance; KARE Center; Hughes Federal Credit Union; Dishes & Stories Culinary Social Enterprise; Territorial News; Pima County Juvenile Court Center; Bill Kitt; and Ann Nichols. Per Laura Jasso, AGA lobbies the legislature; they succeeded in getting grandparents a $75/month stipend and most recently sought (but did not obtain) extended TANF benefits. They have a hard time getting more grandparents involved in lobbying and many are resistant to using computers. AGA sends out action alerts through AZ Children’s Alliance. They have worked with Leah Landrum Taylor and Senator Bradley in the legislature. They are currently trying to get Tucson to recognize September as “Kinship Care Month”; they want to do the same in Phoenix, in order to bring their issues to the legislature’s attention. There are 80,000 kinship placements in the state. AGA works with Primavera Foundation. AGA meets twice a month in Tucson.
Children’s Action Alliance
4001 N. Third Street, Ste. 160
Phoenix, AZ 85012
Tel.: 602-266-0707
Fax: 602-263-8792
Website: azchildren.org
E-mail: caa@azchildren.org

Tucson Office
33 S. Fifth Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85701-1800
Tel.: 520-329-4930

CAA does not provide goods or services itself, but does provide a referral system to various resources under the “Need Help?” tab on CAA’s website, azchildren.org. CAA does have a website to assist children aging out of foster care, fosteringadvocatesarizona.org (see the separate entry for fosteringadvocatesarizona.org in the National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies] section of this Directory).

Staff: Dana Wolfe Naimark (President and CEO); Meghan Arrigo (Associate Director of Child Welfare Policy; x211); Tammy Feltner (Executive Assistant; x201); Joe Fu (Director of Health Policy; x212); David Higuera (Director, CAA Southern Arizona; 520-329-4930); Amy Kobeta (Vice President; x202); Karen McLaughlin (Director of Budget and Research; x207); Kelley Murphy (Director of Early Childhood Policy; x200); Joshua Oehler (Research Associate; x204); Beth Rosenberg (Director of Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Policy; x206); Shannon Ulmer (Director of Operations); Sheryl Worthy (Administrative Assistant; x219).

CAA lobbies the government at both federal and state levels (especially the state level) on issues of concern for children in general and especially low-income children; produces briefing sheets and talking point lists for politicians and others. Does research and collects others’ research to support its positions. Issues include: subsidized child care; TANF Cash Assistance; education about mental illness; housing assistance; youth treatment funds; DCS budget to handle the backlog of cases; foster care funding; payment rates to doctors, hospitals, and ambulances for Medicaid; funding for district and charter schools; university funding; community college funding.

CAA works with other organizations on various issues:

Fostering Advocates Arizona

The Jim Casey Youth Opportunities (to improve policies by creating opportunities for young people to achieve positive outcomes in permanence, education, employment, housing, health, financial capability, and social capital); Nina Scholars (funded through the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, providing educational opportunities for individuals who would not normally receive traditional academic scholarships); FindYouthInfo.gov (the U.S. government Web site that has youth facts, funding information, and tools to assess community assets, generate maps of local and federal resources, search for evidence-based youth programs, and keep up-to-date on the latest, youth-related news); Reference Guide to Arizona Scholarships, Grants and Financial Aid Information.

Budget and Taxes

Childrensbudget.org (a website providing a searchable database of funding for children in the federal budget); State Priorities Partnership (a network of more than 40 independent, nonprofit research and policy organizations coordinated by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, which specializes in research on state and federal policy decisions); and The Economic Policy Institute (a think tank that seeks to broaden the public debate about strategies to achieve a prosperous and fair economy).
Child Abuse and Neglect

The State Policy Advocacy and Reform Center (SPARC [coordinated by First Focus], a project designed to help state child welfare advocates make an even bigger impact, supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative); Casey Family Programs (the nation’s largest operating foundation focused entirely on foster care); Prevent Child Abuse America (building awareness, providing education in the effort to prevent the abuse and neglect of children); Child Trends (nonprofit, nonpartisan research center that studies children at all stages of development); Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago (a research and policy center); DCS; Arizona CASA Program; The Arizona Supreme Court (including the Arizona Foster Care Review Board and CASAs); The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families (compiles data on welfare and child support, domestic violence, adoption, foster care, family support and family preservation, child abuse and neglect); Child Welfare Information Gateway (connects child welfare and related professionals to comprehensive information and resources; Part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services); FindYouthInfo.gov (the U.S. government website re: youth programs, including community assets); The North American Council on Adoptable Children; Arizona Citizen Review Panel Program (assesses the DCS system); Arizona Sexual Assault Network.

Early Care and Education

The Arizona Child Care Resource and Referral (a community service re: child care resources; also provides training and technical assistance to child care providers); Birth to Five Helpline; The Birth to Five Helpline 877-705-KIDS (Arizona’s only toll-free helpline for parents, caregivers and professionals to call for questions about children 0-5. The Helpline is answered by professional early childhood development specialists. In addition, callers are able to access support as needed from Southwest Human Development’s early childhood staff); First Things First (early learning and health programs for children from 0-5); Enriching Children, Enriching the Nation: Public Investment in High-Quality Prekindergarten by Robert G. Lynch of the Economic Policy Institute (shows that investment in early learning pays off for state governments); Zero to Three (the nation’s leading resource on the first three years of life); Kids Count Right Start (this online report tracks U.S. birth information across states and the nation’s 50 largest cities); The National Association for the Education of Young Children (the nation’s largest organization of early childhood educators and others); Pre-K Now (offers information about the importance of Pre-K programs for all children); Foundation for Child Development (a national, private philanthropy).

Grandfamilies

Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors (a support network for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren); Arizona Kinship Support Services (assists caregivers in meeting their family’s needs, promoting public/private partnerships to meet those needs).

Health

Kids Health Link (help finding health care in Maricopa or Pinal Counties); Arizona Adolescent Health Coalition (promotes optimal health through emphasis on prevention, risk reduction, and early intervention); AHCCCS (site includes applications which may be downloaded); The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (provide statistics and general children’s health information); Comprehensive Health Surveillance System of the Arizona Department of Education (tracks youth risk behavior); Families USA (dedicated to the achievement of high-quality, affordable healthcare for all Americans); First Focus (provides news, reports, trainings, factsheets, and webinars on health care coverage with a special emphasis on low-income children and families); FindYouthInfo.gov (the U.S. government Web site re: youth programs); Phoenix Children’s Hospital’s Parent Action Committee (people who have a vital interest in the future of Phoenix Children’s Hospital).

Juvenile Justice

The Juvenile Justice Services Division of the Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts; The Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections; FindYouthInfo.gov (the U.S. government Web site re: youth programs); The Annie E. Casey Foundation (juvenile justice reform agenda so that they lock up fewer youth, rely more on proven, family-
focused interventions, and create opportunities for positive youth development); The Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth (coordinates, develops and supports efforts to implement just alternatives with a focus on abolishing life without parole sentences for all youth); Models for Change (a network of government and court officials, legal advocates, etc. working to ensure that kids are held accountable and treated fairly; provides research-based tools and techniques); Coalition for Juvenile Justice (a national resource on delinquency prevention and juvenile justice issues); National Center for Juvenile Justice (independent and original research); National Juvenile Justice Network (helping state advocates attain fair and appropriate treatment for youth in the justice system); National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (leadership, coordination, and resources to prevent and respond to juvenile delinquency and victimization); Campaign for Youth Justice (dedicated to ending the practice of trying, sentencing and incarcerating youth in the adult criminal justice system); National Mental Health Association’s page on juvenile justice; Juvenile Info Network (comprised of state juvenile corrections departments); Fight Crime: Invest in Kids (an organization of more than 2,500 police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors, other law enforcement leaders, and violence survivors dedicated to preventing crime and violence).

Children’s Action Alliance is part of a national initiative, KIDS COUNT, to collect data and publish statistical reports on the condition of children.

Children’s Rights
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New York, NY 10001
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Website: childrensrights.org
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Children’s Rights uses the law to hold governments accountable and to defend kids when foster care systems fail.

Children’s Rights began as a project of the New York Civil Liberties Union and, later, the American Civil Liberties Union, and in 1995 became an independent nonprofit organization. As of August, 2015, litigation affecting Arizona included a class action filed in the U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, Phoenix Division on February 3, 2015 against the Department of Child Safety and the Department of Health Services, seeking an increase in foster placements, better medical care and an increase in therapeutic foster homes, placements with siblings and closer to their original homes, and improvements in investigating abuse allegations. The Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest is local counsel for Children’s rights in this litigation.

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PAFCO is a coalition of Health and Human Service groups throughout Arizona. While prohibited as a nonprofit from endorsing candidates, it focuses on voter registration, voter education and voter participation. Issues of concern to the organization include health and human services generally, and specifically wages for direct worker caregivers; health care coverage; domestic violence; mental illness and substance abuse; children’s services; poverty, hunger, and homelessness; affordable housing; and assisting people with disabilities/ independent living. PAFCO does not itself provide services.
Statewide Professional Organizations

Arizona Council of Human Service Providers
2100 N. Central Avenue #225
Phoenix AZ 85004
Tel.: 602-252-9363
Fax: 602-252-8664
Website: azcouncil.com
Director: Emily Jenkins
Contact: Ms. Bahney Dedolph

ACHSP’s website describes the organization as “Arizona’s premier trade association representing the interest of behavioral health, substance abuse, child welfare and juvenile justice service agencies.” ACHSP has a political action committee that does lobbying, etc. They host an annual fall training for lawyers in JD cases, etc. and hold other trainings/conferences.

National Association of Social Workers (Arizona Chapter)
NASW Arizona Chapter
1050 E. Southern Avenue, Ste. 1
Tempe, AZ 85282
Tel.: 480-968-4595
Website: naswaz.com
E-mail: admin@naswaz.com

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NASWAZ is the largest professional association of social workers in Arizona. NASWAZ offers membership benefits including:

- Networking and educational events across Arizona
- Annual statewide social work conference
- Reduced rates for continuing education seminars
- Arizona Update monthly e-newsletter
- Access to national journals
- Access to members-only job opportunities in Arizona and nationally
- Access to members-only insurance
- Advocacy

The Arizona Chapter is divided into four geographically-defined branches: Branch 1 includes Gila, La Paz, Maricopa (the metro Phoenix area), Pinal and Yuma counties; Branch 2 covers Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Pima (Tucson area) and Santa Cruz counties; Branch 3 includes Apache, Coconino, Mohave and Navajo counties, plus the towns of Payson, Sedona and Cottonwood; and Branch 4 covers West Yavapai County, which consists of Prescott and its surrounding area. Each branch is overseen by a chairperson who organizes activities and coordinates communication in that part of the state.
NOTE: THE DCS LINK TO FOSTER/ADOPTION LICENSING AGENCIES BY COUNTY IS AS FOLLOWS: https://www.azdes.gov/landing.aspx?id=10239

Apache County

Arizona Children’s Association
Phoenix Corporate Office:
711 E. Missouri, Ste. 200
Phoenix, AZ 85014

Tucson Corporate Office:
2700 S. 8th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85713
Tel: 800-944-7611
Website: arizonaschildren.org

Apache County contact: Bettina Aguilera, 928-499-7572/Baguilera@arizonaschildren.org

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. Services offered in Apache County include:

1. Outpatient Behavioral Health; developing skills and supports with children and families to increase independence and resiliency (location: 906 W. University Avenue, Bldg B, Suite 150, Flagstaff, AZ 86001; Contact: Gretchen Shallcross, gshallcross@arizonaschildren.org, 928-527-1000)
2. In-Home/Family Preservation; providing strengths based in-home supportive interventions to families at risk, must be referred by DCS (location: various; Contact: Pamela Cerski, pcerski@arizonaschildren.org, 480-474-2263).
3. Adoption certification process and support; supporting families through the adoption certification process and beyond (location: various; Contact: Lisa Sahady, lsahady@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991 x2401).
4. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements (location: various; Contact: Lisa Sahady, lsahady@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991 x2401).
5. Supporting and monitoring families who care for children, placed in their care, from another state or county under the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) (Location: various; Contact: Susan Kelly, skelly@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991 x2405)
6. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements for HCTC foster care; “Home Care Training for the Home Care Client”; therapeutic foster care that provides behavioral health services to the child (location: various; Contact: Jodi Oen, joen@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991).
7. New Directions Institute; parenting education classes and workshops based on brain development research (location: various; Contact: Linda Taroli, ltaroli@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).
8. In My Shoes - Mentorship and Outreach; one-on-one mentorship for youth in foster care and community outreach (location: various; Contact: Christa Drake, cdrake@arizonaschildren.org, 520-747-1533).
9. Independent Living Program (life skills for youth in foster care and/or aging out of foster care up to 21 years old (location: 1420 N. Greenfield, Suite 100, Gilbert, AZ 85234; Contact: Lori Ollom-Tighe, lollom-tighe@arizonaschildren.org, 480-435-4188).

Arizona Partnership for Children
4747 N. 7th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Tel.: 602-285-1999 x59008
Fax: 602-285-0311

Satellite office:
Apache County Contact: Jennifer Devore, 800-859-2531/928-634-4254

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. **For more detail, see above under Arizona Partnership for Children in National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies]**

**GAP Ministries**
2861 N. Flowing Wells Ste. 161
Tucson, AZ 85705
Tel.: 520-877-8077
E-mail: info@gapmin.com
Website: gapmin.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. **For more detail, see the entry below for GAP Ministries, under Pima County.**

**General Health Corporation - AmeriPsych**
Statewide Office:
2400 W Dunlap Avenue, Ste. 124
Phoenix, AZ 85021
Tel.: 602-728-0630
Apache County Tel.: 928-776-1484
Toll-Free: 866-677-0024
Fax: 602-728-0632
Website: rescare.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. AP/RC recruits, trains and licenses foster and adoption placements. Other services include: life and home management skills; office based individual and family counseling; home based individual and family counseling; intensive home based intervention for families involved in the Department of Child Safety (DCS) system; and supervised visitation for parents, children, and sibling groups.

**Human Resource Training, Inc.**
1951 W. Camelback Road, Ste. 450
Phoenix, AZ 85015
Tel.: 602-433-1344
Toll Free: 888-433-1344
Fax: 602-249-1570
DDD On-Call: 602-703-2858
Email: familieservices@hrtaz.com
Website: hrtaz.com

Parenting classes
2131 E. Broadway Road, Suite 14
Tempe, AZ 85282
Tel.: 480-967-6895
Fax: 480-967-4986

Areas outside of Maricopa County:
Tel.: 888-KID-4HRT (888-543-4478) x704
This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. HRT provides foster care and adoption services as well as in-home family support services including family preservation, parent aide and reunification. HRT’s home office is located in Phoenix, AZ with foster and adoption programs in the following counties: Apache, Coconino, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Yavapai and Yuma. HRT’s in-home services are operated in Maricopa only based out Tempe. HRT’s foster and adopt programs recruit, train and license foster and adoptive homes and provides a full continuum of foster care including regular, emergency receiving, medically fragile, developmental homes, therapeutic foster care, and adoptions. HRT provides 24 hour support to its foster parents, including providing the HRT licensing worker’s cell number. HRT ongoing support includes: 24 hours on-call support personnel, respite, advocacy, and attendance at DCS case staffings and CFT with the foster parents.

Children with Tribal affiliation are served in HRT homes in similar ways as other program participants. HRT serves individuals from sovereign tribes throughout Arizona, including the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Navajo, Gila River, White Mountain Apache and the Hopi Tribe. HRT’S behavioral health foster care program (HCTC – Home Care to Home Care Clients) is supervised by degreed professionals that have over 30 years of experience in foster care and behavioral health. A slightly higher reimbursement rate is offered to providers serving Tribal Youth, Developmental Disabilities and Therapeutic Care to account for the therapeutic outcome expectations. HRT believes its foster parents to be an integral part in the continuum of care and refers to its program as a Family of Families.

Chief Executive Officer: Sally Jones, LCSW, sallyj@hrtaz.com
Director of Compliance/HIPAA Compliance Officer: Kristen Taylor, BSHS, kristent@hrtaz.com
HR Manager: Jennifer Kacprowicz, PHR, jenk@hrtaz.com
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Family Reunification Program Supervisor: Raelon Segura, MSW, raelons@hrtaz.com
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Maricopa County Foster Care Supervisor: Mark Smit, LCSW, marks@hrtaz.com
Northern Arizona Foster Care Supervisor: Derek Williams, BS, derekw@hrtaz.com
Therapeutic Foster Care (HCTC) Supervisor: Dawn Wallschlaeger, BSW, dawwnw@hrtaz.com
Developmental Home Program/Maricopa County Supervisor: Kasey Kocks, BA, kaseyk@hrtaz.com
Developmental Home Program/Northern Arizona Supervisor: Sue Carter, suec@hrtaz.com
Licensing Supervisor: Mary Cherry, MS, maryc@hrtaz.com
To learn more about becoming a Foster Parent call 602-433-1344.
North and West Arizona Director of Foster Care and Training: Jim Finegan, LCSW, jimf@hrtaz.com

NOTE: There is no CASA Support Council in Apache County. However, the Court’s CASA Coordinator, Richard “Rick” Blair (928-245-0118/ rablair51@hotmail.com) is interested in forming one, and is looking for others interested in forming a CASA Support Council.

Cochise County

A Resource Guide for the Community of Cochise County
The official Cochise County Resource Guide is available at the following web address: cochiseconnections.org/linked/cochise_county_resource_guide_2015_final.pdf

This directory contains contact information for:

- Agencies providing emergency services dealing with issues including medical, mental health, behavioral health, law enforcement, poison control, domestic violence, sexual assault, teen runaway, stalking, and suicide prevention, among others
- Food assistance and clothing assistance
- Shelters/low income housing
Non-emergency contacts for agencies dealing with issues including children and families generally, child care, employment, medical, mental health, behavioral health, teen pregnancy, support groups, and legal assistance, among others

**Arizona Children's Association**
Phoenix Corporate Office:
711 E. Missouri, Ste. 200
Phoenix, AZ 85014

Tucson Corporate Office:
2700 S. 8th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85713
Tel: 800-944-7611
Website: arizonaschildren.org

Cochise County Contact: Sarah Gojkovich, 520-224-9108 x1894

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. Services offered in Cochise County include:

1. Outpatient Behavioral Health; developing skills and supports with children and families to increase independence and resiliency (location: 174 S. Coronado Dr, Suites B and C, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635; Contact: Steve Ochs, sochs@arizonaschildren.org, 520-224-9100 x1862)
2. In-Home/Family Preservation; providing strengths-based in-home supportive interventions to families at risk, must be referred by DCS (location: various; Contact: Cheryl DeHaven, cdehaven@arizonaschildren.org, 520-971-4013).
3. Parent Aide; DCS referred families receiving parenting, education, home management skills to demonstrate positive behavioral changes (location: various; Contact: Joseph Johnson, jjohnson@arizonaschildren.org, 520-458-2131 x1810).
4. Adoption certification process and support; supporting families through the adoption certification process and beyond (location: various; Contact: Jessica Wells, jwells@arizonaschildren.org, 520-224-9108 x1895).
5. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements (location: various; Contact: Jessica Wells, jwells@arizonaschildren.org, 520-224-9108 x1895).
6. Supporting and monitoring families who care for children, placed in their care, from another state or county under the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) (location: various; Contact: Jessica Wells, jwells@arizonaschildren.org, 520-224-9108 x1895).
7. KARE (Kinship, Adoption, Resource and Education); physical sites where kinship caregivers can receive resource, referral, education and support services (locations: 4710 E. 29th Street, Tucson, AZ 85711 and 400 W. Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635; Contact: Julie Treinen, jtreinen@arizonaschildren.org, 520-323-4476).
8. New Directions Institute; parenting education classes and workshops based on brain development research (location: various; Contact: Linda Taroli, ltaroli@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).
9. In My Shoes - Mentorship and Outreach; one-on-one mentorship for youth in foster care and community outreach (location: various; Contact: Christa Drake, cdrake@arizonaschildren.org, 520-747-1533).
10. Independent Living Program (life skills for youth in foster care and/or aging out of foster care up to 21 years old (location: 174 S. Coronado Drive, Suites B and C, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635; Contact: Miranda Cox, mcx@arizonaschildren.org, 520-456-4713).

**Arizona Kinship Support Services/KARE**
400 W. Fry Boulevard., Ste. 11
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
Tel.: 520-458-2131 x1821
Statewide Caregiver Resource Line: 888-737-7494
Website: arizonakindship.org
For more detail, see above under Arizona Kinship Support Services/KARE in National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies]

Arizona Partnership for Children (Catholic Community Services)
4747 N. 7th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Tel.: 602-285-1999 x59008
Fax: 602-285-0311

Satellite office:
2220 S. Country Club, Ste. 108
Mesa, AZ 85210
Tel.: 480-388-3292

Cochise County Contact: Patsy Sartain, 520-458-4203 x112

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see above under Arizona Partnership for Children in National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies]

Christian Family Care
3603 N. 7th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Toll-Free: 800-939-5432
Tel.: 602-234-1935
Fax: 602-234-0022

6063 E. Grant Road
Tucson, AZ 85712
Tel.: 520 296-8255
Fax: 520 296-8773

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see the Christian Family Care entry below, under Maricopa County.

Cochise County CASA Council
P.O. Box 4013
Sierra Vista, AZ 85636
Tel.: 520-266-0023

Contact: Debby DeRosa, debby.derosa@preferenceprop.com

This is the CASA Support Council for Cochise County. Abby Dodge (520-432-7521[w]; 520-432-7247 [fax]; adodge@courts.az.gov) is the court’s CASA coordinator; she brings requests to the CASA support council. The CASA support council does tutoring, beds, clothing, apartment set-ups, outings and gas for CASAs. They meet at 7 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month.

Community Provider of Enrichment Services, Inc.
Southeastern AZ Office
954 W. Highway 92
Bisbee, AZ 85603
Tel.: 520-432-5453
Fax: 520-432-2105

For more detail, see entry for Community Provider of Enrichment Services, Inc. below, under Maricopa County
GAP Ministries
2861 N. Flowing Wells Ste. 161
Tucson, AZ 85705
Tel.: 520-877-8077
E-mail: info@gapmin.com
Website: gapmin.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see the entry below for GAP Ministries, under Pima County.

General Health Corporation - AmeriPsych
Statewide Office:
2400 W Dunlap Avenue, Ste 124
Phoenix, AZ 85021
Tel.: 602-728-0630
Cochise County Tel.: 928-776-1484
Toll-Free: 866-677-0024
Fax: 602-728-0632
Website: rescare.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. AP/RC recruits, trains and licenses foster and adoption placements. Other services include: life and home management skills; office based individual and family counseling; home based individual and family counseling; intensive home based intervention for families involved in the Department of Child Safety (DCS) system; and supervised visitation for parents, children, and sibling groups.

Lutheran Social Services of the South West
10201 S. 51st Street, #180
Phoenix, AZ 85044
Tel: 480-396-3795
3443 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85012
Tel.: 602-248-4400
6303 E. Tanque Verde Road., #101
Tucson, AZ 85715
Tel: 520-748-2300
Website: lss-sw.org

For more detail, see entry for Lutheran Social Services of the South West below, under Maricopa County

Coconino County

Arizona Baptist Children’s Services & Family Ministries
Maricopa County
1717 W. Northern Avenue, #112
Phoenix 85021
Tel.: 602-346-2382
Toll Free: 800-678-0648
Website: abcs.org
Pima County
1779 N. Alvernon Way
Tucson, Arizona 85712

Pima Contact: Joann Stevens, Director of Foster Care for Pima County, 520-795-7541

Yuma County
2855 S. 4th Avenue #122
Yuma 85364

Yuma Contact: Raul Solorzano, 928-246-1766

For more detail, see below under Arizona Baptist Children’s Services & Family Ministries in Maricopa County

Arizona Children’s Association
Phoenix Corporate Office:
711 E. Missouri, Ste. 200
Phoenix, AZ 85014

Tucson Corporate Office:
2700 S. 8th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85713
Tel: 800-944-7611
Website: arizonaschildren.org

Coconino County Contact: Kim Harris, 520-458-4203 x112

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. Services offered in Cochise County include:

1. 1. Outpatient Behavioral Health; developing skills and supports with children and families to increase independence and resiliency (location: 906 W. University Ave, Bldg B, Suite 150, Flagstaff, AZ 86001; Contact Gretchen Shallcross, gshallcross@arizonaschildren.org, 928-527-1000 x2858).
2. Adoption certification process and support; supporting families through the adoption certification process and beyond (location: various; Contact: Lisa Sahady, lsahady@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991 x2401).
3. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements (location: various; Contact: Lisa Sahady, lsahady@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991 x2401).
4. Supporting and monitoring families who care for children, placed in their care, from another state or county under the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) (location: various; Contact: Susan Kelly, skelly@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991 x2405).
5. Treatment Foster Care/HCTC; recruiting and supporting families who care for high needs children providing therapeutic foster care (location: various; Contact: Jodi Oen, joen@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991).
6. New Directions Institute; parenting education classes and workshops based on brain development research (location: various; Contact: Linda Taroli, ltaroli@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).
7. In My Shoes - Mentorship and Outreach; one-on-one mentorship for youth in foster care and community outreach (location: various; Contact: Christa Drake, cdrake@arizonaschildren.org, 520-747-1533).
8. Independent Living Program (life skills for youth in foster care and/or aging out of foster care up to 21 years old (location: 440 N. Washington Ave, Prescott, AZ 86301; Contact: Lori Ollom-Tighe, lollom-tighe@arizonaschildren.org, 480-435-4188).
Arizona Partnership for Children
4747 N. 7th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Tel.: 602-285-1999 x59008
Fax: 602-285-0311

Satellite office:
2220 S. Country Club, Ste. 108
Mesa, AZ 85210
Tel.: 480-388-3292

Coconino County Contact: Patsy Sartain, 520-458-4203 x112

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see above under Arizona Partnership for Children in National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies]

Christian Family Care
3603 N. 7th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Toll-Free: 800 939-5432
Tel.: 602-234-1935
Fax: 602-234-0022

6063 E. Grant Road
Tucson, AZ 85712
Tel.: 520 296-8255
Fax: 520 296-8773

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see the Christian Family Care entry below, under Maricopa County.

Coconino CASA for Kids, Inc.
330 Elden Lookout Road.
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Website: CoconinoCASAforKids.org
Contact: Becky Lewis, 928-566-9353 (H); 928-699-7316 (C)/ flaglewis@aol.com

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This is the CASA Support Council for Coconino County. They make grants through an on-line application process via their website. They are not able to qualify for the tax credit. The CASA coordinator and two DCS employees are ex-officio members.
Community Provider of Enrichment Services, Inc.
Recruitment and Training
419 N. San Francisco
Flagstaff, AZ  86001
Tel.: 928-213-8263
Fax: 928-213-8265

Flagstaff, AZ
CPES Behavioral Health Services
419 N. San Francisco Street
Flagstaff, 86001
Tel.: 928-213-8263
Fax: 928-213-8265

Northern Arizona
Northern AZ Regional Office
516 N. Humphreys Street
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Tel.: 928-214-0991
Fax: 928-214-0992

For more detail, see entry for Community Provider of Enrichment Services, Inc. below, under Maricopa County

C.U.D.D.L.E. Outreach
P.O. Box 3022
842-A Vista Avenue
Page, Arizona 86040
Tel.: 928-645-2944
Fax: 928-645-2293
E-mail: info@cuddleoutreach.org
Website: cuddleoutreach.org
Facebook: facebook.com/CUDDLEOutreach
Twitter: twitter.com/CUDDLEOutreach
Pinterest: pinterest.com/CUDDLEOutreach
LinkedIn: linkedin.com/pub/linda-dodds

Contact:  Linda Dodds, founder and chief volunteer

See above under C.U.D.D.L.E. Outreach in National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies]. C.U.D.D.L.E. also has a program that is limited to the Page area and that is open to all children 13-17 interested in working in the medical profession called “Scrub’bees.” This program familiarizes kids with the various aspects of working in the medical profession.

GAP Ministries
2861 N. Flowing Wells, Ste. 161
Tucson, AZ 85705
Tel.: 520-877-8077
E-mail: info@gapmin.com
Website: gapmin.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see the entry below for GAP Ministries, under Pima County.
General Health Corporation - AmeriPsych
Statewide Office:
2400 W. Dunlap Avenue, Ste. 124
Phoenix, AZ 85021
Tel.: 602-728-0630
Toll-Free: 866-677-0024
Fax: 602-728-0632
Website: rescare.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see above under General Health Corporation - AmeriPsych in Apache County.

Human Resource Training, Inc.
1951 W. Camelback Road, Ste. 450
Phoenix, AZ 85015
Tel.: 602-433-1344
Toll Free: 888-433-1344
Fax: 602-249-1570
DDD On-Call: 602-703-2858
Email: familyservices@hrtaz.com
Website: hrtaz.com

Parenting classes
2131 E. Broadway Road, Ste. 14
Tempe, AZ 85282
Tel.: 480-967-6895
Fax: 480-967-4986

Areas outside of Maricopa County:
Tel.: 888-KID-4HRT (888-543-4478) x704
Toll Free: 888-433-1344

Coconino County Contact: Mollie Vega, 928-399-0503

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more information, see the entry for Human Resource Training set forth above under Apache County.

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3443 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85012
Tel.: 602-248-4400

6303 E. Tanque Verde Road., #101
Tucson, AZ 85715
Tel: 520-748-2300

Website: lss-sw.org

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see entry for Lutheran Social Services of the South West below, under Maricopa County.
Gila County Contact: Rebecca Heitkamp, RHeitkamp@arizonaschildren.org, 480-474-2263 x2525

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. Services offered in Gila County include:

1. In-Home/Family Preservation; providing strengths-based in-home supportive interventions to families at risk, must be referred by DCS (location: various; Contact: Nicole Gibson, ngibson@arizonaschildren.org, 480-474-2263).
2. Parent Aide; DCS referred families receiving parenting, education, home management skills to demonstrate positive behavioral changes (location: various; Contact: Joseph Johnson, jjohnson@arizonaschildren.org, 520-458-2131 x1810).
3. Adoption certification process and support; supporting families through the adoption certification process and beyond (location: various; Contact: Rebecca Heitkamp, RHeitkamp@arizonaschildren.org, 480-474-2263 x2525).
4. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements (location: various; Contact: Cindy Paul, CPaul@arizonaschildren.org, 928-821-5077).
5. Supporting and monitoring families who care for children, placed in their care, from another state or county under the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) (location: various; Contact: Sara Escandon, sescandon@arizonaschildren.org, 480-474-2263).
6. Treatment Foster Care/HCTC; recruiting and supporting families who care for high needs children providing therapeutic foster care (location: various; Contact: Mary Dunca, mlduncan@arizonaschildren.org, 602-253-1620 x2667).
7. New Directions Institute; parenting education classes and workshops based on brain development research (location: various; Contact: Linda Taroli, ltaroli@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).
8. In My Shoes - Mentorship and Outreach; one-on-one mentorship for youth in foster care and community outreach (location: various; Contact: Christa Drake, cdrrake@arizonaschildren.org, 520-747-1533).
9. Independent Living Program (life skills for youth in foster care and/or aging out of foster care up to 21 years old (location: 1420 N. Greenfield, Suite 100, Gilbert, AZ 85234; Contact: Miranda Cox, mcox@arizonaschildren.org, 520-456-4713).
This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county.  *For more detail, see above under Arizona Partnership for Children in National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies].*

**GAP Ministries**  
2861 N. Flowing Wells Ste. 161  
Tucson, AZ 85705  
Tel.: 520-877-8077  
E-mail: info@gapmin.com  
Website: gapmin.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county.  *For more detail, see the entry below for GAP Ministries, under Pima County.*

**General Health Corporation - AmeriPsych**  
Statewide Office:  
2400 W. Dunlap Avenue, Ste. 124  
Phoenix, AZ 85021  
Tel.: 602-728-0630  
Gila County Tel.: 928-776-1484  
Toll-Free: 866-677-0024  
Fax: 602-728-0632  
Website: rescare.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. AP/RC recruits, trains and licenses foster and adoption placements. Other services include: life and home management skills; office based individual and family counseling; home based individual and family counseling; intensive home based intervention for families involved in the Department of Child Safety (DCS) system; and supervised visitation for parents, children, and sibling groups.

**Lutheran Social Services of the South West**  
10201 S. 51st Street, #180  
Phoenix, AZ 85044  
Tel: 480-396-3795

3443 N. Central Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85012  
Tel.: 602-248-4400

6303 E. Tanque Verde Road., # 101  
Tucson, AZ 85715  
Tel: 520-748-2300

Website: lss-sw.org

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county.  *For more detail, see entry for Lutheran Social Services of the South West below, under Maricopa County.*

**Providence of Arizona**  
Tucson Central  
1161 N. El Dorado Place #101  
Tucson, AZ 85715  
Tel.: 520-748-7108/520-747-6600
This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency in this county. PSC is a foster care licensing agency (recruiting and licensing -- but not training -- foster placements), both at the DES and HCTC (therapeutic) level. Families receive ongoing round the clock support.

**Rim Country Arizonans for Children**

Physical:
1105 N Easy Street
Payson, AZ 85541-3814

Mailing:
P.O. Box 2711
Payson 85547

Contact: Ms. Pat Johnson
The contact information is Pat Johnson’s cell phone and e-mail: 928-978-5610; patjohnsoninpayson@gmail.com.

This is the only CASA Support Council in Gila County. RCAC helps any children in foster care in northern Gila County (i.e., in the Payson area, but not in the Globe area). They coordinate a radio-thon to raise money each year. They bought
loaner car seats for CASAs. They can give winter coats, tutoring, bikes, etc. and they seldom turn a request down. There are a total of three people in the organization: Pat Johnson, her boss at the radio station, and their CPA. The radio station and the three members pay all overhead, so the entity has no overhead costs. Ms. Johnson works at radio station KRIM-FM; contact information there:

KRIM 96.3FM  
500 E. Tyler Parkway  
Payson, AZ 85541  
Office: 928-468-5746  
Fax: 928-472-7061  
Email: info@krimfm.com

NOTE: Friends of CASA (the former CASA support council in Payson) no longer exists and has turned over its assets to Rim Country Arizonans for Children. The Globe-area CASA support council called “Gila Council for Kids” is also apparently now defunct.

Graham County

Arizona Children’s Association  
Phoenix Corporate Office:  
711 E. Missouri, Ste. 200  
Phoenix, AZ 85014

Tucson Corporate Office:  
2700 S. 8th Avenue  
Tucson, AZ 85713  
Tel: 800-944-7611  
Website: arizonaschildren.org

Graham County Contact: Sarah Gojkovich, 520-224-9108, ext. 1894

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. Services offered in Graham County include:

1. Outpatient Behavioral Health; developing skills and supports with children and families to increase independence and resiliency (location: 174 S. Coronado Dr, Suites B and C, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635; Contact: Steve Ochs, sochs@arizonaschildren.org, 520-224-9100 x1862).
2. In-Home/Family Preservation; providing strengths-based in-home supportive interventions to families at risk, must be referred by DCS (location: various; Contact: Cheryl DeHaven, cdehaven@arizonaschildren.org, 520-971-4013).
3. Adoption certification process and support; supporting families through the adoption certification process and beyond (location: various; Contact: Lisa Sahady, lsahady@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991 x2401).
4. Parent Aide; DCS referred families receiving parenting, education, home management skills to demonstrate positive behavioral changes (location: various; Contact: Joseph Johnson, jjohnson@arizonaschildren.org, 520-458-2131 x1810).
5. Adoption certification process and support; supporting families through the adoption certification process and beyond (location: various; Contact: Jessica Wells, jwells@arizonaschildren.org, 520-224-9108 x1895).
6. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements (location: various; Contact: Jessica Wells, jwells@arizonaschildren.org, 520-224-9108 x1895).
7. New Directions Institute; parenting education classes and workshops based on brain development research (location: various; Contact: Linda Taroli, ltaroli@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).
8. The Parent Connection; offers a variety of parenting classes and stay and play groups (location: various; Contact: Kim Metz, kmetz@arizonaschildren.org, 520-321-1500 x1505).
10. In My Shoes - Mentorship and Outreach; one-on-one mentorship for youth in foster care and community outreach (location: various; Contact: Christa Drake, cdrake@arizonaschildren.org, 520-747-1533).

11. Independent Living Program (life skills for youth in foster care and/or aging out of foster care up to 21 years old (location: 174 S. Coronado Drive, Suites B and C, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635; Contact: Miranda Cox, mcox@arizonaschildren.org, 520-456-4713).

Arizona Partnership for Children
4747 N. 7th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Tel.: 602-285-1999 x59008
Fax: 602-285-0311

Satellite office:
2220 S. Country Club, Ste. 108
Mesa, AZ 85210
Tel.: 480-388-3292

Graham County Contact: Patsy Sartain, 520-458-4203 x112

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see above under Arizona Partnership for Children in National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies].

GAP Ministries
2861 N. Flowing Wells Ste. 161
Tucson, AZ 85705
Tel.: 520-877-8077
E-mail: info@gapmin.com
Website: gapmin.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see the entry below for GAP Ministries, under Pima County.

NOTE: There is no CASA Support Council in Graham County.

Greenlee County

Arizona Children’s Association
Phoenix Corporate Office:
711 E. Missouri, Ste. 200
Phoenix, AZ 85014

Tucson Corporate Office:
2700 S. 8th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85713
Tel: 800-944-7611
Website: arizonaschildren.org

Greenlee County Contact: Sarah Gojkovich, 520-224-9108, x1894

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. Services offered in Greenlee County include:
1. Outpatient Behavioral Health; developing skills and supports with children and families to increase independence and resiliency (location: 174 S. Coronado Drive, Suites B and C, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635; Contact: Steve Ochs, sochs@arizonaschildren.org, 520-224-9100 x1862).
2. In-Home/Family Preservation; providing strengths-based in-home supportive interventions to families at risk, must be referred by DCS (location: various; Contact: Cheryl DeHaven, cdehaven@arizonaschildren.org, 520-971-4013).
3. Parent Aide; DCS referred families receiving parenting, education, home management skills to demonstrate positive behavioral changes (location: various; Contact: Joseph Johnson, jjohnson@arizonaschildren.org, 520-458-2131 x1810).
4. Adoption certification process and support; supporting families through the adoption certification process and beyond (location: various; Contact: Jessica Wells, jwells@arizonaschildren.org, 520-224-9108 x1895).
5. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements (location: various; Contact: Jessica Wells, jwells@arizonaschildren.org, 520-224-9108 x1895).
6. New Directions Institute; parenting education classes and workshops based on brain development research (location: various; Contact: Linda Taroli, ltaroli@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).
7. In My Shoes - Mentorship and Outreach; one-on-one mentorship for youth in foster care and community outreach (location: various; Contact: Christa Drake, cdrake@arizonaschildren.org, 520-747-1533).
8. Independent Living Program (life skills for youth in foster care and/or aging out of foster care up to 21 years old (location: 174 S. Coronado Drive, Suites B and C, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635; Contact: Miranda Cox, mcox@arizonaschildren.org, 520-456-4713).

Arizona Partnership for Children (Catholic Community Services)
4747 N. 7th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Tel.: 602-285-1999 x59008
Fax: 602-285-0311

Satellite office:
2220 S. Country Club, Suite 108
Mesa, AZ 85210
Tel.: 480-388-3292

Greenlee County Contact: Patsy Sartain, 520-458-4203 x112

For more detail, see above under Arizona Partnership for Children in National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies].

GAP Ministries
2861 N. Flowing Wells Ste. 161
Tucson, AZ 85705
Tel.: 520-877-8077
E-mail: info@gapmin.com
Website: gapmin.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see the entry below for GAP Ministries, under Pima County.

NOTE: There is no CASA Support Council in Greenlee County.

La Paz County

Arizona Children’s Association
Phoenix Corporate Office:
711 E. Missouri, Ste. 200
La Paz County Contact: Teresa Navarro, 928-323-2499

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. Services offered in La Paz County include:

1. Outpatient Behavioral Health; developing skills and supports with children and families to increase independence and resiliency (location: 3780 S. 4th Ave Extension, Suite K, Yuma, AZ 85365; Contact: Deana Salter, dsalter@arizonaschildren.org, 928-344-8800 x175).
2. In-Home/Family Preservation; providing strengths-based in-home supportive interventions to families at risk, must be referred by DCS (location: various; Contact: Lizet Diaz, ldiaz@arizonaschildren.org, 928-344-8800 x125).
3. Adoption certification process and support; supporting families through the adoption certification process and beyond (location: various; Contact: Nancy Felix, nfelix@arizonaschildren.org, 928-344-8800 x137).
4. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements (location: various; Contact: Nancy Felix, nfelix@arizonaschildren.org, 928-344-8800 x137).
5. Supporting and monitoring families who care for children, placed in their care, from another state or county under the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) (location: various; Contact: Nancy Felix, nfelix@arizonaschildren.org, 928-344-8800 x137).
6. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements for HCTC foster care; “Home Care Training for the Home Care Client”; therapeutic foster care that provides behavioral health services to the child (location: various; Contact: Nancy Felix, nfelix@arizonaschildren.org, 928-344-8800 x137).
7. New Directions Institute; parenting education classes and workshops based on brain development research (location: various; Contact: Linda Taroli, ltaroli@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).
8. In My Shoes - Mentorship and Outreach; one-on-one mentorship for youth in foster care and community outreach (location: various; Contact: Christa Drake, cdrake@arizonaschildren.org, 520-747-1533).
9. Independent Living Program (life skills for youth in foster care and/or aging out of foster care up to 21 years old (location: 3780 S. 4th Avenue Extension, Suite K, Yuma, AZ 85365; Contact: Jessica Kelly, jkelly@arizonaschildren.org, 928-344-8800 x174).

GAP Ministries
2861 N. Flowing Wells Ste. 161
Tucson, AZ 85705
Tel.: 520-877-8077
E-mail: info@gapmin.com
Website: gapmin.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see the entry below for GAP Ministries, under Pima County.

General Health Corporation - AmeriPsych
Statewide Office:
2400 W. Dunlap Avenue, Ste. 124
Phoenix, AZ 85021
Tel.: 602-728-0630
Toll-Free: 866-677-0024
Fax: 602-728-0632
Website: rescare.com

La Paz County Contact: Angelica Ordaz, 928-341-0640

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see above under General Health Corporation - AmeriPsych in Apache County.

**Human Resource Training, Inc.**
1951 W. Camelback Road, Ste. 450
Phoenix, AZ 85015
Tel.: 602-433-1344
Toll Free: 888-433-1344
Fax: 602-249-1570
DDD On-Call: 602-703-2858
Email: familieservices@hrtaz.com
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Areas outside of Maricopa County:
Tel.: 888-KID-4HRT (888-543-4478) x704
Toll Free: 888-433-1344

La Paz County phone number: 888-433-1344 x117

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more information, see the entry for Human Resource Training set forth above under Apache County.

**NOTE:** There is no CASA Support Council in La Paz County.

**Maricopa County**

**Agape Adoption Agency of Arizona, Inc.**
4302 E. Broadway Road
Phoenix, AZ 85040
Tel: 480-272-7994
Fax: 480-323-2064
Website: agapeaz.org

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This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. Agape recruits, trains and licenses foster and adoptive families. Agape provides kinship caregivers with important information about the advantages and disadvantages of becoming licensed to care for the children in their homes (advantages include higher monthly reimbursement; advocacy for the family; 24/7 support; respite [144 hours annually]; and additional resources, while disadvantages include Article 58 requirements [State rules for supervision and discipline] apply, and there is additional monitoring of the home).

Agape’s Pathways program for birth mothers provides critical assistance in helping women identify a comprehensive adoption parenting plan, then delivers consistent support to help them chart a plan and navigate a successful course for emotional well-being (eight hours of professional counseling is provided to each Pathways participant); educational success (carefully tailored program developed in conjunction with local educators and colleges are designed to help Pathways participants complete high school and obtain an associate’s degree or higher); and professional development (Pathways participants are partnered with professionals who help them with resume development and job interviews).

Agape is an Arizona “Safe Haven” agency, which means it is qualified to receive infants from birth parents who feel they are unable to care for them and choose to relinquish them within 72 hours after their birth, in order to place them in adoptive homes. Agape partners with the national “It’s My Very Own – Bags of Love” program. It is the agency’s goal to distribute a Bag of Love containing toys, toiletries and a hand-made quilt are distributed to every foster child who is placed in an Agape home. Agape has collaborated and received advanced training and grant support from the National Network of Adoption Advocacy Programs, a collaborative partnership dedicated to supporting and enhancing the effectiveness adoption programs and developing programs in diverse cultural communities which utilize the One Church One Child concept. Agape is affiliated with the Arizona State University School of Social Work Field Education Office and provides social work internship opportunities for up and coming professionals.

Aid to Adoption for Special Kids
Main Office
2320 N. 20th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85006

West Valley Office
15396 N. 83rd Avenue, Suite A100
Peoria, Arizona 85382

East Valley Office
175 E. Corporate Place
Chandler, Arizona 85225

General Switchboard: 602-254-2275
How to Help a Child (for those interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent): 602-930-4900
Fax: 602-212-2564
Email: info@aask-az.org

Contact: CFO Vicki Basehore, 602-930-4459 (office)/480-553-8374 (cell)/602-930-4559 (fax)/vbasehore@aask-az.org
CEO Ron Adelson

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see Aid to Adoption for Special Kids above, under National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies].

ALWAYS: Arizona Legal Women and Youth Services
Mailing address (physical address is confidential):
24 W. Camelback Road, #A335
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Tel: 602-248-7055
Website: alwaysaz.org

January Contreras, CEO

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Beth Rosenberg, Director of Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Policy at the Children’s Action Alliance
Daniel Valenzuela, Councilman, Phoenix City Council

ALWAYS provides free legal services in Maricopa County to young adults up to age 24 who are impacted by homelessness, sex trafficking, and/or abuse; if a youth is under 24 and living in a shelter, transitional living, a group home, or is couch surfing, ALWAYS may be able to help. ALWAYS assists qualified young women and men with legal services in areas including: orders of protection; cleaning-up past criminal history in Arizona; obtaining a good cause exception from the Arizona Board of Fingerprinting; immigration, including visas for victims of trafficking and other crimes; and family law. Note, however, that ALWAYS does not represent clients in matters involving pending criminal charges and/or dependency or severance actions brought by DCS. The ALWAYS service delivery model relies on in-house full-time and part-time legal staff and pro bono attorneys. Applicants must complete an on-line form on the ALWAYS website.

Partner organizations and supporters
Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development
HomeBase Youth Services Program of Native American Connections
TRUST (Training and Resources United to Stop Trafficking)
Hickey Family Foundation
Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education
Arizona Foundation for Women
Carstens Family Funds
One N Ten
Our Family Services
The Phoenix Dream Center

A New Leaf
868 E. University Drive
Mesa, Arizona 85203
Tel.: 480-969-4024
Foster Care services: 480 733-3053
E-Mail: info@turnanewleaf.org
Website: turnanewleaf.org

Michael Hughes, CEO
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Tom Hutchinson, Executive VP of Programs
Connie Orr, Executive VP of Operations and Compliance

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. A New Leaf provides training and licensing for foster and adoptive placements. It also matches experienced people interested in becoming licensed, therapeutic foster parents and/or respite providers. Children range from infancy to 18 years of age with high levels of behavioral, emotional and psychiatric needs. Therapeutic Foster Care strives to provide children and adolescents with the opportunity to live in a nurturing and stable environment with a family-like structure and prevent at-risk youth and adolescents from escalating to higher levels of care.

A Place To Call Home
1830 S. Alma School Road, Ste. 122
Mesa, AZ 85210
Tel.: 480- 456-0549
Tel. (emergency after hours): 480-244-7800
Fax: 480- 456-0553
Website: tocallhome.com

Tucson Office:
1200 N. El Dorado Place, Bldg. C, Ste. 300
Tucson, AZ 85715
Tel.: 520-318-9906
Tel. (emergency after hours): 520-404-1598
Fax: 520-881-9051

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. APTCH recruits, trains, licenses and supports foster and adoptive placements, including Kinship, Medically Fragile, Department of Developmental Disabilities (“DDD”) and Tribal Foster Care placements. Behavior specialists on staff complete individualized behavior treatment plans. A respite coordinator assists families in scheduling respite. APTCH also offers 24-hour telephone assistance.

Arizona Baptist Children’s Services & Family Ministries
Maricopa County
1717 W. Northern Avenue, #112
Phoenix, AZ 85021
Tel.: 602-346-2382
Toll Free: 800-678-0648.
Website: abcs.org

Statewide Fostercare Director: Nichole Tamburstuen, ntamburstuen@abcs.org, 480-296-8786/602-346-2382
Maricopa Contact: Debbie Bayes, 602-346-2311

Pima County
1779 N. Alvernon Way
Tucson, AZ 85712

Pima County Contact: Joann Stevens, Director of Foster Care, 520-795-7541
Yuma County
2855 S. 4th Avenue #122
Yuma, AZ 85364

Yuma County Contact: Raul Solorzano 928-246-1766

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. ABCS provides foster care/adoption licensing services for Christian families within its ministry, in Maricopa, Pima and Yuma counties, and also around Prescott and Flagstaff. ABCS views foster care as a mission and foster families as missionaries. ABCS is a licensing agency contracted by the state of Arizona to work with foster parents and adoptive placements. ABCS provides both the required initial and ongoing training for placements. ABCS also partners with the state to provide contracted parenting education and supervised visits for families in the Department of Child Safety (DCS) system in Maricopa, Pima and Yuma counties, and also in the Prescott and Flagstaff areas. ABCS provides pregnancy counseling for free. ABCS proves family and individual counseling on a sliding scale; fees range from $40 to $80 per session and are based on family income. ABCS encourages and facilitates the trading and exchange of beds, cribs and other items between its member families. ABCS is a member of the No Child Waiting coalition, which promotes care of foster children in Arizona and orphans overseas.

Arizona Children's Association
Phoenix Corporate Office:
711 E. Missouri, Ste. 200
Phoenix, AZ 85014

Tucson Corporate Office:
2700 S. 8th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85713
Tel: 800-944-7611
Website: arizonaschildren.org

Maricopa County Contact: Grace Dickinson, Senior Resource Family Specialist, 602-253-1620 x2663

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. Services offered in Maricopa County include:

1. Outpatient Behavioral Health; developing skills and supports with children and families to increase independence and resiliency (locations: 711 E. Missouri, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85014; 7910 W. Thomas, Suite 103, Phoenix, AZ 85033; 11321 W. Bell Road, Suite 401, Surprise, AZ 85378; 375 E. Elliot, Suite 11, Chandler, AZ 85225; 111 E. Monroe Ave, Suite 102, Buckeye, AZ 85326; Contact: Eric Alfrey, ealfrey@arizonaschildren.org, 602-234-3733 x2527).

2. Golden Gate Community Center/Adult education including English as a Second Language and computer classes (location: 1625 N. 39th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009; Contact: Irma Olea, iolea@arizonaschildren.org, 602-233-0017 x2340)

3. Golden Gate Community Center/After-school and youth recreation programs (location: 1625 N. 39th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009; Contact: Johnny Gonzales, jgonzales@arizonaschildren.org, 602-233-0017 x2321).

4. Golden Gate Community Center/Center serving all ages through a variety of community services to support health and family well-being (location: 1625 N. 39th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009; Contact: Sarah Gonzalez, sgonzalez@arizonaschildren.org, 602-233-0017 x2313).

5. Golden Gate Community Center/Kinship, health, and community programs for community members of all ages (location: 1625 N. 39th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009; Contact: Linda Luft, lluft@arizonaschildren.org, 602-233-0017 x2314).

6. In-Home/Family Preservation; providing strengths based in-home supportive interventions to families at risk, must be referred by DCS (location: various; Contact: Elizabeth Lemoine Taylor, elemoinetaylor@arizonaschildren.org, 602-253-1620 x2702).
7. Adoption certification process and support; supporting families through the adoption certification process and beyond (location: various; Contact: Terri Lindenmeier, tlindenmeier@arizonaschildren.org, 602-253-1620 x2681).

8. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements (location: various; Contact: Grace Dickinson, gdickinson@arizonaschildren.org, 602-253-1620 x2663).

9. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements for HCTC foster care; “Home Care Training for the Home Care Client”; therapeutic foster care that provides behavioral health services to the child (location: various; Contact: Mary Duncan, mlduncan@arizonaschildren.org, 602-253-1620 x2667).

10. KARE (Kinship, Adoption, Resource and Education); physical sites where kinship caregivers can receive resource, referral, education and support services (locations: 1625 N. 39th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009; 1487 N. Crane Street, Casa Grande, AZ 85122; Contact: Joanna Prusa, jprusaa@arizonaschildren.org, 602-233-0017 x2329).

11. New Directions Institute; parenting education classes and workshops based on brain development research (location: various; Contact: Linda Taroli, ltaroli@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).

12. Independent Living Program (life skills for youth in foster care and/or aging out of foster care up to 21 years old (location: 711 E. Missouri Ave, Suite 300, Phoenix, AZ 85014; Contact: Megan Conrad, mconrad@arizonaschildren.org, 602-579-6721).

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Arizona Faith & Families
8114 W. Columbine Drive
Peoria, AZ 85381
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Email: contact@faithandfamilies.com
Website: faithandfamilies.com

Nikki Lehman, Co-Founder and Executive Director
Paul Lehman, Co-Founder and Program Director
Bonnie Barsalou, Licensing Specialist and Recruitment Coordinator
Joanne Fowler, RN; leads the medically complex training
Andy Holloway, Director of Media and Technology
Randi Brunansky, Licensing Specialist and lead trainer

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county.

Arizona Kinship Support Services/KARE
7910 W. Thomas Road, Suite 103
Phoenix, AZ 85033
623-414-4325
Statewide Caregiver Resource Line: 888-737-7494
Website: arizonakinship.org

See above under National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies]

Arizona Partnership for Children
4747 N. 7th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Tel. : 602-285-1999 x59008
Fax: 602-285-0311

Satellite office:
2220 S. Country Club, Suite 108
Mesa, AZ 85210
Tel.: 480-388-3292
Maricopa County Contact Number: 602-943-3843

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see the entry for Arizona Partnership for Children above, under National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies].

**Challenge Youth Fund**
ACF/Challenge Youth Fund  
2201 E. Camelback Road, Ste. 405B  
Phoenix AZ, 85016  
Website: Challengeyouthfund.com

Contact: Anne Lorimor

CYF is a donor-advised fund of the Arizona Community Foundation. CYF supports Rosie’s House, a music academy that provides free music instruction to over 400 deserving kids in Phoenix, and engages in other activities to benefit disadvantaged youth. Ms. Lorimor recently set a record by becoming the oldest woman to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro as a fund-raiser for CYF.

**Child Crisis Center and Crisis Nursery/Arizona Adoption and Foster Care**

*NOTE: As of April, 2015, Child Crisis Center and Crisis Nursery is a newly merged organization at both the Phoenix and Mesa locations; headquarters for both campuses will be the Mesa location at 817 N. Country Club Drive. Changes may continue through the 2015 year.*

Mailing Address (All Programs)  
P.O. Box 4114  
Mesa, AZ 85211  
Tel.: 480-834-9424/602-273-7363  
E-Mail: kidsfirst@childcrisis.org  
Website: childcrisis.org

Christine Scarpati, Chief Executive Officer (480-834-9424)  
Terry Hines, Chief Operations Officer (480-834-9424)  
Carol Lopinski, Director of Family Support (480-834-9424)  
Lisa Ricci, Chief Financial Officer (480-834-9424)  
Dina Halsey, Director of Clinical Services (480-834-9424)  
Marcia Reck, Director of Adoption and Foster Care (480-345-9555 this number is a rollover number - 480-834-9424)  
Jodi Stoken, Director of Development (480-834-9424)  
Celia Allen, Family Support Care Coordinator (480-345-9555 480-834-9424/ceila.allen@childcrisis.org)

AAFC recruits, trains and licenses foster and adoptive placements. While AAFC does not have a birthparent program, which means that it does not counsel birthparents or take consents, it does network with other community agencies, private attorneys and the Maricopa County Attorney Adoptions Bureau.

Whiteman’s Safe Haven for Children  
604 W. 9th Street  
Mesa, AZ 85201  
Tel.: 480-969-2308  
Fax: 480-969-9277  
Email: kidsfirst@childcrisis.org
The primary service at this location is a shelter for children ages 0 through 11. Children are placed in this shelter either through DCS or by their families as a community placement. They may stay from several days to many months. The shelter consists of 3 homes with a total capacity to shelter 42 children, ranging from infancy to their 11th birthday.

Arizona Adoption & Foster Care
– and –
Family Resource Center
817 N. Country Club Drive
Mesa, AZ 85201
Tel.: 480-834-9424
Fax: 480-834-9340
Arizona Adoption & Foster Care E-mail: aafc@aafcaz.org
Foster Care Family Resource Center E-mail: frc@childcrisis.org

Arizona Adoption & Foster Care: Specializes in training and licensing parents for foster care and adoption.

Family Resource Center: Services for foster children/foster families (these services are open to anyone, including foster children and other families)

- Children’s self-development
- Play groups
- Character building classes
- Classes for children 8-11 dealing with family changes
- Other children’s classes
- Anger management for the family
- Temper/anger management classes for children
- Anger management classes related to parenting.
- Parenting skills classes
- Special topic classes and workshops

Some classes and workshops offered in Spanish. There are no fees, but some classes require the purchase of a workbook. Registration is required.

Steele Foundation Connections Center
170 W. University Drive
Mesa, AZ 85211
Tel.: 480-834-9424
Fax: 480-889-0139

Connections Program: provides information, referral, support, and services to caregivers raising relative children. Offers classes, support groups, training and provides counseling after Regional Behavior Health Authority (RHBA) referral. A support group for adopted children ages 9-15, parents must be attending the Adoption Support Group, and a drop-in support group for foster care parents.

Relatives As Parents (RAP) program: kinship/relatives-as-placements families, services offered include 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday drop-in RAP support group meetings, 4-week parenting class for kinship/relatives-as-placement caregivers and a 4-week class for children ages 8-12 in kinship care. Call for information and location.

My Child’s Ready
Tel.: 480-304-9440
Email: mychildsready@childcrisis.org
This service does not have a physical location, as it is a free in-home support service for pregnant mothers and families with children 0-5 years in the East Valley. It is open to kinship/relatives-as-placement caregivers, but not to foster placements for foster children.

**Christian Family Care**
3603 N. 7th Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85013  
Toll-Free: 800 939-5432  
Tel.: 602-234-1935  
Fax: 602-234-0022

6063 E. Grant Road  
Tucson, AZ 85712  
Tel.: 520 296-8255  
Fax: 520 296-8773

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. CFC provides help to any child or family in need regardless of their color, culture, disability, ethnic group, gender, race, religion or socioeconomic status. CFC provides services in Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal (through the Pima office) counties at this time. Services provided include: (1) licensing foster placements, therapeutic foster placements, Department of Developmental Disabilities foster placements and adoptive placements (they will assist kinship placements, but this is not a focus for the organization); (2) for the families they have licensed, they will host events from time to time such as date nights/respite care, and family nights; (3) CFC’s Safe Families for Children program provides a program similar to foster care, but without government involvement; the program provides sanctuary to children when parents are struggling with problems such as drug addiction, domestic abuse, incarceration, or illness, minimizing the risk for abuse or neglect and giving parents the time and tools they need (for now, the program is only in Maricopa, but CFC hopes to expand it); (4) as a part of its adoption program, CFC provides free pregnancy counseling to mothers considering putting the child up for adoption; (5) youth counseling for children in foster care, at no cost to the child; and (6) marital and individual counseling; these services require payment of a fee.

**(The) Cinderella Affair**
411 N. McKemy Avenue  
Chandler, AZ  
Website: cinderellaaffair.org

East Valley Women's League  
Contact: Traci Estenson  
Website: evwl.org

The Cinderella Affair is an all-volunteer project supported by East Valley Women's League; it provides high school juniors and seniors new and gently-used formal wear absolutely free. They deal mostly with girls’ clothing, shoes and jewelry but will help with some items for boys.

**Community Provider of Enrichment Services, Inc.**
Corporate Headquarters  
4825 N. Sabino Canyon Road  
Tucson, AZ 85750  
Tel: 520-884-7954  
Fax: 520-884-0383
Recruitment and Training
2917 E. Grant Road
Tucson, AZ 85716
Tel: 520-325-9688
Fax: 520-325-3561

2415 W. Huntington Drive, Ste. 903
Tempe, AZ 85282
Tel.: 602-431-9511
Fax: 602-431-9538

419 N. San Francisco
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Tel.: 928-213-8263
Fax: 928-213-8265

Tucson, AZ
CPES Behavioral Health Services
4444 E. Grant Road #116
Tucson, AZ 85712
Tel.: 520-882-0090
Fax: 520-882-6821

Bisbee, AZ
Southeastern AZ Office
954 W. Highway 92
Bisbee, AZ 85603
Tel.: 520-432-5453
Fax: 520-432-2105

Tempe, AZ
CPES Tempe Regional Office
2415 W. Huntington Drive, Suite 103
Tempe, AZ 85282
Tel.: 602-431-9511
Fax: 602-431-9538

Phoenix, AZ
CPES Behavioral Health Services
2525 W. Huntington, Suite 100
Tempe, AZ 85282
Tel.: 602-685-1940
Fax: 602-685-1944

Flagstaff, AZ
CPES Behavioral Health Services
419 N San Francisco Street
Flagstaff, 86001
Tel.: 928-213-8263
Fax: 928-213-8265

Northern Arizona
Northern AZ Regional Office
516 N. Humphreys Street
This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. CPES provides the following foster care related services:

Child Developmental Homes – CPES licenses individuals and families to provide a loving and safe home environment for children with a developmental disability. We offer comprehensive training and on-going support for families interested in providing short or long term care for these children.

Traditional Foster Care – CPES licenses individuals and families to provide regular foster care to children ages 0-17 years. Foster families may choose to provide emergency foster care, respite (short term) or foster care to adoption.

Therapeutic Foster Care: Home Care Training to Home Care Client (HCTC) – HCTC is short-term foster care provided to children between the ages of 3 – 17 years who have behavioral challenges preventing them from being successful in their family environment. Licensed Professional Foster Parents provide care for children in a family home setting and are supported by a CPES clinical team to help the children successfully achieve behavioral goals that will enable them to return to family.

Adoption Certification – CPES certifies families to adopt children who are enrolled in foster care (Child Protective Services) and are currently in need of an adoptive family. CPES Licensing Specialists are knowledgeable in all aspects of the adoption process and work closely with families to ensure a successful adoption.

Medically Fragile Children – CPES provides specialized training to individuals and families interested in caring for medically fragile children. The particular health care needs of these children vary and may include cardiac, respiratory, or neurological conditions. The goal of this service is to provide a stable home environment with an emphasis on managing their healthcare concerns.

**Devereux Arizona**
Maricopa County Contact number: 623-444-2276

*For more detail, see the above entry for Arizona Partnership for Children, under National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies].*

**Family Involvement Center**
5333 N. 7th Street, A-100
Phoenix, AZ 85014
Tel.: 602-412-4095
Toll Free: 877-568-8468
Website: familyinvolvementcenter.org
FIC provides assistance to families (including kinship caregivers) with children with behavioral, mental, emotional and/or developmental issues in Maricopa County and the Prescott/Prescott Valley area. FIC is family-run (meaning the majority of employees and the board of directors have personal life experience raising children with emotional, physical, and/or behavioral health challenges) and is a member of the Central Arizona Kinship Care Coalition. Telephone (or walk-in) support is available from the Parent Assistance Center (PAC) in English and Spanish Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, except on holidays. PAC is staffed by parents, called Parent Partners, who have raised or are currently raising children with emotional, physical, and behavioral health care needs. Specific examples of how PAC can help include: telephone (or walk-in) support and parent-to-parent support; information about and assistance with accessing services; assistance with the probation, juvenile justice, and Department of Child Safety (DCS), formerly known as Child Protective Services systems; information about valuable resources in the community; help parents/caregivers with stress as well as immediate, specific challenges; parenting tips and information about parenting classes and resources; guidance with special education and schools; assistance with enrollment in public health services (i.e. AHCCCS, RHBA, etc.); help parents understand documents (medical, custody, public health, etc.) and refer them to the designated officials who will help them complete these forms; information about support groups, family education programs, trainings, and other support services provided by FIC. The Parent Partner may also accompany the family to meetings/staffings, juvenile justice court hearings, etc. For information about Parent Partners, contact the Parent Assistance Center (PAC) at 602-288-0155 or pac@familyinvolvementcenter.org, or in Maricopa County contact Kim Foy, Parent Support Services Program Manager, at 602-412-4075 or kim@familyinvolvementcenter.org, and in Northern Arizona contact Trish Riner, NARBHA Manager, at 928-379-5077.

The following programs are offered at FIC on an ongoing basis: Spanish-speaking Parent Support Group; GRACE Support Group (Grandparents, Relatives and Caregivers Empowered); Parent Empowerment Group; Circle of Hope (Support group and professional training for Parent-to-Parent Support Providers); Family Leadership Network; Children and Families Advisory Partnership (CFAP); and Youth Creating Change (for 12- to 17-year-olds interested in positive community change).

The following classes and trainings are offered at FIC as scheduled throughout the year: Active Parenting Now (7-week series); Active Parenting for Teens (7-week series); Cooperative Parenting and Divorce (8-week series); Real Talk (Gender and age specific 8-week series for youth); Salsa, Sabor y Salud (8-week series); Strengthening Families and Communities (13-week series); Mental Health First Aid (For anyone 18 years and older); Youth Mental Health First Aid (For professionals working with youth ages 12-18); Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Training for Parent-to-Parent Support Roles; Children's Mental Health Awareness Book Club; and Children's Mental Health Awareness activities (Hosted annually January through May).

FIC offers a unique variety of activities and programs for youth ages 8 to 17 years called Youth Development & Support Services (YDSS). These include Real Talk (gender and age specific 8-week series offered throughout the year), HYPE @ The Zoo (a Saturday youth volunteer program at the Zoo), Skill-Builders Workshops (addressing a variety of critical skills for youth), Prosocial Activities (opportunities for youth to build relationships, communication and team building skills), YDSS Dinners (monthly dinners for youth to connect and share ideas about programming), Youth Mentoring (one on one support) and Summer Connections (our summer program for enrolled youth ages 10 to 14 years). Visit the Youth Services page on FIC’s website to learn more; e-mail YDSS@familyinvolvementcenter.org.; contact Rhonda Hemming,
FIC offers a wide-range of parent education and training courses for families (including parents/caregivers and youth), community members and professionals. FIC also facilitates trainings designed specifically for parent-to-parent support roles as well as other professional trainings. To date, FIC’s Training Institute has provided training in Arizona and in Chicago, California, Maryland, Ohio, Texas, Washington D.C., Florida and New Jersey. Visit the Training Institute page on FIC’s website or contact Toni Donnelly, Director of Training and Innovation, at 602-412-4074 or toni@familyinvolvementcenter.org.

Family Service Agency
Administration, Adoption Program, CRI Program,
Outpatient and Substance Abuse Counseling Services
2400 N. Central Avenue, Suite 101
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Tel.: 602-264-9891
Fax: 602-234-2639
Website: fsaphoenix.org

Parent Aide and Family Preservation Programs
1430 N. Second Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Tel.: 602-252-0918
Fax: 602-253-2628

Outpatient Clinic
943 S. Gilbert Road, Ste. 204
Mesa, AZ 85204
Tel.: 480-507-8619
Fax: 480-507-8618

Outpatient Clinic
10240 N. 31st Avenue, Ste. 122
Phoenix, AZ 85051
Tel.: 602-863-1862
Fax: 602-863-4388

Van Braswell, President / CEO
Gary Begay, Accounting Director
Kim Guerrero, Executive Assistant/HR
Barbara Hilkhujsen, Adoption Services Director
Derek Jeske, CRI Program Director
Karen Noggle, Family Support Services Director
Clarice Parham, Clinical Director

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Paul Rodriguez, Immediate Past-Chair

Sharon Amrein, President, Friends of Family Service Agency, FSA Member (1st Term)
Kacie McCollum, FSA Member (3rd Term 2016)
This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster and adoptive families in this county. Family Service Agency is a private, not-for-profit, non-sectarian, United Way member agency. Established in 1902, FSA is the longest continually operating, locally founded social service agency in Arizona. Family Service Agency is a licensed Adoption and Child Welfare Placing Agency with 70 years of providing adoption services.

Family Support Resources, Inc.
8037 N. 43rd Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85081
Tel.: 623-931-9300

Annie Custer, 623-931-9300 x330

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. FSR recruits, trains, licenses and supports foster and adoptive placements. FSR has a support group and family events for its placements. FSR’s website, fsrfosteradopt.com, is not operable at this time.

Free Arts of Arizona
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Phoenix, AZ 85013
Tel.: 602-258-8100
Fax: 602-258-1881
Website: freeartsaz.org
E-mail: info@freeartsaz.org

Alicia Sutton Campbell, Executive Director, 602-258-8100 x23/asutton@freeartsaz.org
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Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona is a nonprofit organization that brings the healing powers of the creative arts to abused, neglected and homeless children through partnering with group homes, treatment centers, shelters and other institutions in Maricopa County. Free Arts provides opportunities in a variety of art forms, including physical arts, photography, culinary arts, performance art, etc., through more than 500 volunteers. Programs include (1) programs presented at the various institutions that Free Arts partners with; (2) a summer day camp program that gives each child a week-long arts experience; (3) one-day art festivals at various cultural institutions; and (4) professional artist programs, in which professional artists explain the various career paths in the arts. Free Arts’ services are accessed through its partner institutions, which include: All My Children (group homes); Back to Life (group homes for Native American teenage boys); Beia’s Place (group home); Catholic Charities (My Sister’s Place, a domestic violence shelter for mothers and
children, and Refugee Foster Care School for refugee children); Central Arizona Shelter Services (an emergency shelter for homeless families, and transitional housing); Child Crisis Center (emergency shelter for children 0-12); Children First Academy (nation’s largest school for homeless children); Chrysalis Shelter (transitional housing for families experiencing domestic violence); Crisis Nursery (a crisis shelter for children 0-8 years); Chicanoos Por La Causa/De Colores Shelter (transitional and crisis housing for domestic violence victims); Desiderata Alternative Program (Phoenix Union School District’s alternative high school program); Devereux Arizona (residential treatment center, group homes and school); Family Support Resources (group homes/shelters for children 0-18 years); Florence Crittenton (a residential treatment center and school for adolescent girls, and Girls Ranch, a group home for pregnant or parenting teenagers); Homeward Bound (homeless and domestic violence housing and preschool for families with children); House of Refuge (transitional housing for women and children); Labor’s Community Service Agency (transitional housing for homeless families); Neighborhood Ministries (community center serving the poor); The New Foundation (residential treatment center for teens); A New Leaf (homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters for women and children, and residential treatment centers for at-risk teen boys); New Life Center (domestic violence shelter for women and children); Sacred Journey (group homes for teenage girls); Salvation Army (an emergency shelter for homeless families, and a domestic violence shelter for women and children); Save The Family Foundation of Arizona (long term transitional housing); Sojourner Center (domestic violence shelter and transitional housing program for women and children); Southwest Key Programs (shelters for unaccompanied immigrant children 0-17 years); StreetlightUSA (residential program for girls age 11-17 years who have been rescued from sex trafficking); Sunshine Acres (group homes and a school for children age 5-18 years); Sunshine Residential Homes, Inc. (group homes for boys and girls); Tumbleweed (group homes, transitional living, and a drop-in center for homeless or adjudicated teens); UMOM (crisis and transitional family shelter for homeless families); Youth Development Institute/YDI (residential treatment center in Phoenix for youth age 12-18 years).

**GAP Ministries**
2861 N. Flowing Wells Ste. 161
Tucson, AZ 85705
Tel.: 520-877-8077
E-mail: info@gapmin.com
Website: gapmin.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see the entry below for *GAP Ministries*, under *Pima County*.

**General Health Corporation - AmeriPsych**
Statewide Office:
2400 W. Dunlap Avenue, Ste. 124
Phoenix, AZ 85021
Tel.: 602-728-0630
Apache County Tel.: 928-776-1484
Toll-Free: 866-677-0024
Fax: 602-728-0632
Website: rescare.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see *General Health Corporation - AmeriPsych* above, under *Apache County*.

**Helen’s Hope Chest**
126 E. University Drive
Mesa, AZ 85201
Tel.: 480-969-5411

HHC provides goods to/for children in foster care or in kinship care (and to biological children of the same families, so that the children in care are not made to feel different in an uncomfortable way), including: clothing; children's books; diapers; toys and games (including batteries and gift certificates for teens); sports equipment; hygiene products; blankets (but not mattresses or beds); and school supplies. Recipients will be expected to provide either a Notice to provider (for
children in foster care) or a kinship number for children in kinship care (available by calling [480] 834-9424 x4590).
Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8 am to 4 pm, closed on Friday and Sunday. HHC is a United Way charity and is a qualifying charitable foster care organization that raises funds through the Arizona tax credit for such organizations; it also raises funds through the Fry’s Community Rewards program.

**Human Resource Training, Inc.**
1951 W. Camelback Road, Ste. 450
Phoenix, AZ 85015
Tel.: 602-433-1344
Toll Free: 888-433-1344
Fax: 602-249-1570
DDD On-Call: 602-703-2858
Email: familyservices@hrtaz.com
Website: hrtaz.com

Parenting classes
2131 E. Broadway Road, Suite 14
Tempe, AZ 85282
Tel.: 480-967-6895
Fax: 480-967-4986

Areas outside of Maricopa County:
Tel.: 888-KID-4HRT (888-543-4478) x704
Toll Free: 888-433-1344

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. *For more information, see the entry for Human Resource Training set forth above under Apache County.*

**Lutheran Social Services of the South West**
10201 S. 51st Street, #180
Phoenix, AZ 85044
Tel: 480-396-3795

3443 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85012
Tel.: 602-248-4400

6303 E. Tanque Verde Road, # 101
Tucson, AZ 85715
Tel: 520-748-2300

Website: lss-sw.org

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LSS is now listed by DCS on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency (recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster placements), though this is not mentioned on the LSS website. Other services provided by LSS are set forth below.

Family SPOT Resource Centers – In partnership with First Things First, provide families with children birth to five years old access to information and links to the resources they need to be confident and capable in their ability to support their child’s safety, health and overall well-being. For assistance with completing SNAP or AHCCCS applications, clients can contact the center nearest them. Each center has a certified assistor that is trained and available to help. Contact: Jannelle Radocia: Children and Family Services Regional Director, jradocia@lss-sw.org, 480-396-3795
Locations:
Mesa: 142 N. Date Street, Mesa, AZ 85201, taleman@lss-sw.org, 480-489-5772
Gilbert: 1159 N. Greenfield Road, Gilbert, AZ 85234, mscavo@lss-sw.org, 480-489-5771
Queen Creek: 24414 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek, AZ 85142, zpolonia@lss-sw.org, 480-489-5773
North Phoenix: 9424 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85021, brogers@lss-sw.org, 602-501-8652
Sunnyslope: 3030 E. Thunderbird, Phoenix, AZ 85032, kwillhauck@lss-sw.org, 602-501-8840

Family Resource Network Link – The family resource centers in the First Things First Family Resource Network give parents and caregivers the tools they need to support the learning and healthy development of their young children. To find a family resource center visit www.familyresourceaz.org.

Play SPOT – Play groups facilitated by trained staff and volunteers offer ideas for adults to weave play and learning together. Play groups last about 90 minutes. Activities include: interactive songs; hands-on activities for parents and children 0-5; and take home activities. Contact 602-501-8840 or 480-489-5774.

Locations:
Juniper Library
1825 W. Union Hills Drive,
Phoenix, AZ 85027
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
1st and 3rd Wednesday

Acacia Branch Library
750 E. Townley Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85020
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
2nd and 4th Friday

Queen Creek Library
21802 S. Ellsworth Road
Queen Creek, AZ 85142
12:45 p.m. – 2:15p.m.
1st and 3rd Wednesday

Mesa Express Library
2055 S. Power Road, Ste. 1031
Mesa AZ 85209
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2nd and 4th Fridays
Southeast Regional Library
775 N. Greenfield Road,
Gilbert, AZ 85234
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1st Saturday and
11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
4th Tuesday

Mesquite Library
4525 E. Paradise Village
Phoenix, AZ 85032
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
2nd and 4th Wednesday

Cholla Branch Library
10050 N. Metro Pkwy East
Phoenix, AZ 85051
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
1st and 3rd Tuesday

Mesa Main Library
64 E. 1st Street,
Mesa, AZ 85201
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1st and 3rd Friday

Spectrum Community Center
2928 S. Spectrum Way
Gilbert, AZ 85295
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1st and 3rd Tuesday

Power Ranch Carriage House
4546 E Haven Crest Drive
Gilbert, AZ 85297
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
2nd Tuesday

Mending Hearts Family Services
14240 N. 43rd Avenue
Building 200A
Glendale, AZ 85306
On the campus of Pure Heart Christian Fellowship in the Door of Hope building
Tel.: 602-633-2246
Fax: 602-687-7069
Website: mendingheartsfs.org

MHFS is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency (recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster placements), though this is not mentioned on the MHFS website. Other services provided by MHFS include family counseling and/or individual counseling to deal with parent/child relationship issues; children's counseling; bonding/attachment therapy; post-adoption services that includes counseling and seminars for adoptive parents with children and teenagers; grief counseling; and therapy for children and adults who have experienced sexual abuse.
Mesa United Way
137 E University Drive
Mesa, AZ 85201
Te.: 480-969-8601
Fax: 480-834-8184
Website: mesaunitedway.org

Mesa United Way maintains a directory of community services in the East Valley at the following web address: mesaunitedway.org/Faces%20of%20Need%20-%20and%20Hope.

Services/providers listed include the following:

HEALTH SERVICES
Free/Low Cost Healthcare and Dental Clinics
CARE Partnership Family Practice Clinic 480-833-8987
Chandler Family Health Center 480-344-6100
Guadalupe Fam. Health Center 480-344-6000
Mesa Family Health Center 480-344-6200
Mission of Mercy Mobil Clinic 602-861-2233
Mountain Park Health Center 602-243-7277

Family Planning
Aid to Women Center Pregnancy/Medical Clinic 480-966-1902
CARE Partnership Family Planning Clinic 480-833-8987
Mesa Crisis Pregnancy Center 480-733-2740
New Turning Point Women’s Center 480-586-6896
Planned Parenthood 602-277-7526

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (D.V.) SERVICES
Hotlines
Arizona Child Abuse Hotline 602-530-1800
AZ Coalition Against D.V. 800-782-6400
Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline 800-422-4453
Casa Center for Positive social Change 602-254-6400
Child Crisis Center Hotline 480-969-2308
Jewish Family & Children’s Services D.V. Hotline 602-452-4640
National D.V. Hotline 800-799-SAFE (800-799-7233)

Shelters
Autumn House Domestic Violence Shelter 480-835-5555
My Sisters’ Place 480-821-1024

FOOD SERVICES
Food Boxes
Buddhist Tzu Chi Fndn. 480-838-6556
Casa de Amor Baptist Center 480-464-2877
Church of the Master 480-985-1660
Divine Word Ministry 480-820-0224
East Mesa Baptist Church 480-986-9827
Matthew’s Crossing Food Bank 480-857-2296
New Hope Community Church 480-497-4101
Paz de Cristo 480-464-2370
The Salvation Army Corps Community Center 480-962-9103
United Food Bank 480-926-4897

Meals Served
Paz de Cristo 480-464-2370
Tempe Youth Resource Center 480-966-2036
Urban Outreach 480-967-3376
Wayne Unruh Memorial 480-649-0081

COUNSELING SERVICES

Hotlines
Boys Town National Hotline 800-448-3000
Catholic Charities Pregnancy Counseling 888-818-4445
Community Bridges Peer Access to Care Line 877-931-9142
Community Bridges Substance Abuse Hotline (623) 931-1114
Crisis Hotline 602-248-8336
GLBT National Hotline 888-843-4564
LDS Services (Pregnancy) Hotline 800-537-2229
Magellan Health Services of Arizona Warm Line 602-347-1100
Maricopa Cnty. Warm Line 602-347-1100
National Parent Helpline 855-427-2736
National RAINN Sexual Assault Hotline 800-656-HOPE (800-656-4673)
Senior Help Line 602-264-4357

General
A New Leaf Dorothy B. Mitchell Counseling Center 480-969-6955
ASU Counselor Training Ctr 480-965-5067
Catholic Charities Counseling 602-749-4405
EMPACT Counseling Center 480-784-1514
Interfaith Counseling 480-317-9868
Jewish Family & Children’s Counseling Services 602-256-0528
LDS Family Services 480-968-2995
Mesa Family Health Center 480-344-6200

Parenting
Black Family and Child Srvcs. 602-243-1773
Family Resource Center 480-834-9424
Jewish Family & Children’s Service Welfare Services 602-279-7655

Substance Abuse
Al-Anon/Alateen 480-969-6144
Alcoholics Anonymous 480-834-9033
Aurora Behavioral Health System 480-345-5400
Black Family and Child Services 602-243-1773
Chandler Valley Hope 480-899-3335
Community Bridges Center for Excellence 602-861-2255
Family Service Agency 602-264-9891
Jewish Family & Children’s Services 602-256-0528
Journey-A New Beginning 480-962-7922
Lifewell Behavioral Wellness Outpatient Svc. 602-808-2822
Narcotics Anonymous 480-897-4636
Native Health 602-279-5262
Saint Luke’s East Valley Outpatient Center 602-251-8535
Suicide Prevention
EMPACT Suicide Prevention Center 480-784-1500
National Hopeline Network 800-442-4673
National Suicide Prevention Hotline 800-SUICIDE (800-784-2433)
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800-273-8255
Veterans Hotline 800-273-8255 ext 1
The Trevor Project 866-488-7386

Teen
Alateen 480-969-6144
Boys Town National Hotline 800-448-3000
Covenant House Nineline 800-999-9999
GLBT National Youth Talkline 800-246-7743
The Pathway Program 877-921-4050
Teen Lifeline 602-248-8336
Tumbleweed Youth Crisis Hotline 602-841-5799

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
Information and Referral Search Dial 2-1-1 or www.211arizona.org or call 877-211-8661
Arizona Afterschool Program Directory www.azafterschool.org

Onward Hope, Inc.
3118 W. Thomas Road, Ste. 716
Phoenix, AZ 85017
Tel.: 480-387-4940
Fax: 480-323-2114
E-mail: info@onwardhope.org
Website: onwardhope.org

Eshawn Peterson, Founder and Executive Director, Alumni of Foster Care
Tony Lee, Chairman Board of Directors, ProSmart Realty

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. OHI is a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster and adoptive families. Foster care-related services offered by OHI include free childcare for all advanced education training; foster and adoptive family mentoring; a dedicated family support specialist; 24-hour assistance; a quarterly newsletter; an annual spring gathering and holiday event; support groups for foster and adoptive parents, children in foster care, and biological children; and community/organization donations of items such as blankets, diapers, clothing, toiletries, food, complimentary tickets to community and sporting events. Other services provided by OHI include street outreach to homeless and at-risk youth; hands-on independent living workshops with case management; youth-led advisory board; mentoring for youth and young adults; transitional housing for foster care alumni; and a drop-in center for young people.

Providence of Arizona
Tucson Central
1161 N. El Dorado Place #101
Tucson, AZ 85715
Tel.: 520-748-7108/520-747-6600
Toll Free: 800-747-6950
Fax: 520-747-6605
Website: provideceofaz.com [NOTE: the DCS website currently links to a different website, provcorp.com, which is not the correct website]
Tucson Northwest
3295 W. Ina Road, Ste. 150
Tucson, AZ 85741
Tel.: 520-744-4376

Yuma
3220 E. 40th Street, Building A
Yuma, AZ 85365
Tel.: 928-317-0177
Rene Martinez - HCTC
Anita Comstock - Clinical
Tina Rube - Outpatient

Phoenix
3602 W. Thomas Road, Ste. 10
Phoenix AZ 85019
Tel: 480-253-7853 (cell)
Tel.: 602-455-4626 (office)
Fax: 602-455-4624

Judy Letourneau, Director

Flagstaff
320 N. Leroux, Ste. C
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Tel.: 928-522-4517 /928-226-1097
Fax: 928-774-2159

Diana Reed - TFC Coordinator

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency in this county. PSC is a foster care licensing agency (recruiting and licensing – but not training -- foster placements), both at the DES and HCTC (therapeutic) level. Families receive ongoing round the clock support.

Rise Family Services, Inc.
6420 E. Tanque Verde Road
Tucson, AZ 85715
Tel.: 520-298-6468
Fax: 520-298-2549
Website: riseservicesinc.org/arizona

Michaela M. Luna Romero, Family Services Supervisor, Pima County and Chairwoman, Foster and Adoptive Council of Tucson (FACT)
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520-300-0682 (Cell)
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mluna@riseservicesinc.org

4554 E. Inverness Avenue
Mesa, AZ 85206
866-242-2714
This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. RISE provides foster and adopt services in the following Arizona counties: Maricopa, Pima and Pinal (RISE provides DDD services statewide). RISE recruits, trains and licenses placements for children in foster care, respite care, and kinship care; children in the care of the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDD); and medically fragile children. RISE also certifies families to adopt through the foster care system. RISE licenses single and two-parent families with no limitations on religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation. Training at RISE is free. RISE also offers free advanced training classes throughout the year to licensed placements. RISE provides 24-hour emergency support and assistance and visits placements regularly. RISE supports placements through mentoring relationships, respite and appreciation events like picnics, holiday parties, and training classes, and a wide array of supports to placements with DDD children.

Southwest Human Development
2850 N. 24th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
Tel.: 602-266-5976
Website: swhd.org
General Information 602-266-5976/info@swhd.org
Birth to Five Helpline 877-705-KIDS (5437)
Children’s Developmental Center 602-468-3430/edcenter@swhd.org
Donations 602-808-GIVE (4483)/give@swhd.org
Employment 602-266-5976/resumes@swhd.org
Good Fit Counseling Center 602-200-0434
Head Start 602-468-3431
Media Requests/Interviews 602-633-8624/rnarramore@swhd.org

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Paul J. Roshka, Jr., Polsinelli PC
Tom Simplot, Arizona Multihousing Association
Tracy Tannenbaum
Christopher D. Thomas, Squire Sanders (US) LLP
Ann Tyburski, BMO Harris Bank
James Van Steenhuyse, UBS Financial Services Inc.
Sloane Ware, Head Start Policy Council

SWHD is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency (recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster placements), though this is not mentioned on the SWHD website. Other services provided by SWHD include those set forth below:

Family Support, Parenting Education and Child Abuse Prevention Programs – Healthy Families (an evidence-based home visitation program that supports pregnant women and families with newborns to promote child health and development, enhance parent-child relationships, improve school readiness and increase family self-sufficiency); Common Sense Parenting (an evidenced-based group parenting program for parents of children ages birth to 18 years that emphasizes positive parent-child interactions and positive reinforcement; child care is available); Behavioral Health Direct Support Services (an in-home program for families with a child ages birth to 18 who has a behavioral health diagnosis; services include family support, parenting skills training, behavior coaching and social skills training); Family Support Coordination (a coordinated service in central Phoenix provided by seven agencies for families of young children who are in crisis or have very complex problems. The program includes a comprehensive assessment, treatment plan, linkage to services and short term follow-up); New Beginnings Program (a nationally-recognized parenting program for separating and divorcing parents in which research demonstrates that parental participation in the program results in improved children's long-term adjustment following divorce); and Parent Partners Plus (a service in south Phoenix that ensures families are linked to the most appropriate home visitation in order to best meet their unique needs).

Child Abuse Intervention Programs – Kinship Care, Adoptions and Guardianship (kinship home studies, foster care licensing, adoptive certifications and placement supervision and support to assist families seeking to provide homes for relatives’ children who have been removed from their parents due to abuse or neglect, Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) services; and transitional living skills are provided through an evidence-based program for older teens); In-Home Services (Family Preservation and support, including short-term support and counseling to families in an effort to resolve concerns related to child abuse or neglect and safely maintain the children in their homes Family Reunification and stabilization, including short-term, intensive family support and counseling); and the Substance-Exposed Newborn Safe Environment Program/“SENSE Program” (a comprehensive, coordinated treatment program for
families with substance-exposed newborns to effectively address the needs of the baby as well as the substance abuse by the mother or parents).

Child Development and Mental Health Programs – Birth to Five Helpline (free, developmentally appropriate information and resources for parents of young children and their caregivers); The Fussy Baby program (an extension of the Birth to Five Helpline and offers support, and in some cases, home visiting, to families with infants who are hard-to-soothe); Good Fit Counseling Center (the only mental health center in Arizona dedicated to young children); Newborn Intensive Care Program (providing in-home community health nursing services to assist families of premature newborns); Permanency and Well-Being programs (a spectrum of services designed to give children who are involved with the Department of Child Safety (DCS) and their families or caregivers critical support, counseling, and resources); and Smooth Way Home (supports a successful transition for fragile infants and their families from the newborn intensive care unit back to their community).

Disability Services – Comprehensive Developmental Assessments; Feeding Program for Infants and Young Children; Autism Services; Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy; Psychology and Counseling Services; and Assistive Technology Services.

Education and Literacy – Head Start (a free, comprehensive child development program serving low-income children ages birth through four, their families and expectant mothers); Raising A Reader (an eight-week early literacy program designed to educate parents about the importance of early literacy skills and how they can build these skills in their young children to help them enter school ready to learn); Reach Out and Read (promotes early literacy by bringing new books and information about the importance of reading aloud into the pediatric exam room); Literacy Communities (help child care centers, family child care homes and other early childhood providers understand and promote early language and literacy in young children from birth to 5 years old); and Educare Arizona (part of a national network of early childhood centers that provide low-income children, ages birth to five, with comprehensive, high-quality education, family support and health care to set them on a path for success in school and in life).

Spirit of Hope, Inc.
PO Box 90192
Phoenix, AZ 85066
Tel.: 480-788-2094
Email: info@spirithope.org
Website: spirithope.org

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. SHI is a foster care licensing agency (recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster placements). SHI provides 24 hour emergency support; assistance in the adoption process by conducting the Adoption Home Study; deliberately maintaining a small to medium sized agency in order to emphasize personal attention; and additional support services for adoptive families.

Sunshine Angels
3822 W. Helena Drive
Glendale, Arizona 85308
Tel.: 602-391-3669
E-mail: sunshineangelsaz@gmail.com
Website: sunshineangels.com
Contact: Sandra Hurst

Sunshine Angels is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that was founded to support foster children living in group homes, specifically foster children in the care of Sunshine Residential and Group Homes in Maricopa County, as well as children in the care of Genesis, which runs group homes under a contract with the Navajo Nation. SA has qualified for the Arizona Foster Care Organization tax credit. The Angels are volunteers who become the “grandparents,” “friends” and unconditional support missing in the children’s lives. Specific services provided include: (1) welcome boxes for children coming into care; each box is handcrafted by a volunteer and includes a special message, shampoo, soap/body wash, deck
of cards, brush/comb, lotion, lip balm, small mirror, journal and pen, toothbrush and tooth paste, snacks, and a “worry”
angel to help take worry away; (2) personalized birthday celebration packages consisting of food, a homemade cake,
candles, a birthday card with $5 inside and a gift; (3) each May, a graduation celebration (including a luncheon) for 8th
grade, 12 grade and GED graduates; (4) approximately six $500/year scholarships for those going to college after foster
care; (5) a week-long summer camp in the White Mountains; (6) hosts a Christmas party and celebration dinner for each
child; (7) Kid’s Closet, which provides new underwear and socks, and new and gently used shoes and regular use
clothing; (8) for children aging out of foster care, Angel’s Attic is a storage facility that provides items like furniture,
kitchen items (appliances, cutlery, basics, etc.), bathroom items, wash clothes and towels, bed linens, and pillows
RoomStore has donated beds in the past; (9) Every July, each child receives a new pair of athletic shoes of the child’s
choosing; (10) an annual “Backpack For Kids” event that provides each child with a new backpack, school supplies, and
new socks and underwear, and a special Back To School night of fun every September to help the children kick off their
school year with a positive start and with enthusiasm and excitement; (11) in-house tutoring; (12) obtains educational
software and computers that can be used by all the children in each group home; (13) provide movie tickets, tickets to the
Arizona Diamondbacks’ games, Phoenix Mercury games and opportunities to get cultural experiences like going to the
Phoenix Art Museum; (13) one-on-one mentoring for children aging-out of foster care; and (14) haircuts.

Track House Life, LLC
4205 N 7th Avenue Ste 307
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Tel.: 602-522-2595
Fax: 602-258-4996
E-mail: info@trackhouselife.com
Website: trackhouselife.com

Track House Life’s programs include group homes for boys and an independent living program (for youth who have not
been adopted and are likely to age out of foster care). THL also trains and licenses foster placements and adoptive
families.

Spirit of Hope, Inc.
PO Box 90192
Phoenix, AZ 85066
Tel.: 480-788-2094
Email: info@spirithope.org
Website: spirithope.org

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families
in this county. THL runs group homes for boys, an independent living program (for kids aging out of foster care and
transitioning to adulthood), and also is a foster care licensing agency (recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster
and adoptive placements).

Voices for CASA Children, Inc.
4300 North Miller Rad, Suite 116
Phoenix, AZ 85251
Website: voicesforcasachildren.org
Contact: Robin Pearson (exec. director)/Victoria Strayer (president)
Tel.: 480-685-4888
Email: robin@voicesforcasachildren.org; victoria@voicesforcasachildren.org

Voices for CASA Children is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization which has qualified for the Qualified Foster Care
Organization tax credit. Their annual signature fundraising event is a Superhero Walk & Run held in the spring. In
everything they do, Voices for CASA Children believes in giving every lost and voiceless child a brighter future. Voices
does this by (1) recruiting, training and retaining Court Appointed Special Advocates [CASAs] (their primary focus); (2)
creating opportunities that help every child know that they are cared for and safe; i.e. enriching children’s lives by
partnering with other organizations such as AFFCF; and (3) by engaging the community to help drive awareness about the
plights of Arizona’s abused and neglected children; i.e., “getting the word out” and lobbying government for benefits for foster children.

**West Valley Child Crisis Center**
Thunderbird Office Park @ 101,
14050 N. 83rd Avenue, Ste. 120,
Peoria, AZ 85381
Tel.: 623-848-8863
Fax: 623-848-8864
E-mail: news@wvccc.org
Website: wvccc.org

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This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. WVCCC is a foster care and adoption licensing agency (recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster placements, and also adoptive placements). WVCCC partners with Arizona Kids Consortium to host ongoing foster care orientations. Orientations are offered, in both English and Spanish, on an ongoing basis at a variety of locations across Maricopa County. Parenting for Safety and Permanency Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (PS-MAPP) training is offered after orientation to individuals and families interested in continuing through the foster care and adoption licensure process. PS-MAPP is a preparation and selection program for potential foster and adoptive parents. The trainings are supported through a mutual process, which emphasizes open communication, and trust between prospective foster care and adoption families, child welfare workers and WVCCC. WVCCC staff supervises and monitors the foster home once a child has been placed with the licensed individual or family. For newly licensed homes, WVCCC staff will conduct weekly in-home visits for the first four weeks and monthly visits thereafter. WVCCC staff will also provide ongoing support through phone and email.

WVCCC also assists and supports kinship caregivers (family members raising grandchildren or another relative’s children); contact Candace Schulte at 623-848-8863 or by email at cschulte@wvccc.org.

**Mohave County**

**Arizona Children’s Association**
Phoenix Corporate Office:
711 E. Missouri, Ste. 200
Phoenix, AZ 85014

Tucson Corporate Office:
2700 S. 8th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85713

Mohave County Contact: Laura Butcher, 928-208-9457
This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. Services offered in Mohave County include:

1. Outpatient Behavioral Health (location: 228 London Bridge Rd, Suite 202, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403; Contact: Gretchen Shallcross, gshallcross@arizonaschildren.org, 928-527-1000 x2858).
2. In-Home/Family Preservation (location: various; Contact: Richard Johnson, rjohnson@arizonaschildren.org, 928-680-4458 x1007).
3. Adoption certification process and support (location: various; Contact: Lynette Vernon, lvernon@arizonaschildren.org, 928-208-2550).
4. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements (location: various; Contact: Lynette Vernon, lvernon@arizonaschildren.org, 928-208-2550).
5. Supporting and monitoring families who care for children, placed in their care, from another state or county under the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) (location: various; Contact: Lynette Vernon, lvernon@arizonaschildren.org, 928-208-2550).
6. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements for HCTC foster care; “Home Care Training for the Home Care Client”; therapeutic foster care that provides behavioral health services to the child (location: various; Contact: Jodi Oen, joen@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991).
7. New Directions Institute; parenting education classes and workshops based on brain development research (location: various; Contact: Linda Taroli, ltaroli@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).
8. Parents as Teachers; early childhood home visitation program for families with children birth to 5 (Location: 228 London Bridge Rd, Suite 202, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403; Contact: Shelley Fischer, sfischer@arizonaschildren.org, 928-680-4458 x1013).
9. In My Shoes - Mentorship and Outreach; one-on-one mentorship for youth in foster care and community outreach (location: various; Contact: Christa Drake, edrake@arizonaschildren.org, 520-747-1533).
10. Independent Living Program (life skills for youth in foster care and/or aging out of foster care up to 21 years old (location: 228 London Bridge Rd, Suite 202, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403; Contact: Hayes Paden, hpaden@arizonaschildren.org, 928-499-0378 x2036).

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602-285-1999 x59008
Fax: 602-285-0311

Satellite office:
2220 S. Country Club, Ste. 108
Mesa, AZ 85210
Tel.: 480-388-3292

Mohave County Contact: John Lang, Foster Care and Adoptions Supervisor, 928-243-0957

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see the entry for Arizona Partnership for Children above, under National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies]

CASA Council Helping Children of Mohave County
P.O. Box 6605
Kingman, AZ 86402-6605
Tel.: 928-279-9314 (c)
Fax: 928-692-9677
E-mail: info@casasupport.org
Website: casasupport.org
Contact: Ron Stephan, rstephan@casasupport.org

According to their website, they fund the following for foster children: equine therapy; sports fees and equipment; computers; tutoring; summer camps; music lessons and instruments; martial arts classes; dance lessons; and art classes. They also cover electronics, regular-use clothes and furniture. For disabled kids, they put books/educational materials on tablets, and this has been very helpful to children. They work closely with the placement to make sure that these materials will be utilized. There are no group homes in Mohave County and all foster placements in the county are 100% full; many kids are placed out-of-county. Many family placements need mattresses and furniture. They pay CASAs $0.14/mile for visits over 100 miles and fund a CASA appreciation dinner once a year. The website includes an application form. They raise funds by taking donations through their website and by holding a golf tournament.

**GAP Ministries**
2861 N. Flowing Wells Ste. 161
Tucson, AZ 85705
Tel.: 520-877-8077
E-mail: info@gapmin.com
Website: gapmin.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. *For more details, see the GAP Ministries entry below, under Pima County.*

**General Health Corporation - AmeriPsych**
Statewide Office:
2400 W. Dunlap Avenue., Ste. 124
Phoenix, AZ 85021
Tel.: 602-728-0630
Toll-Free: 866-677-0024
Fax: 602-728-0632
Website: rescare.com

Mohave County Contact: 928-776-1484

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. *For more detail, see the General Health Corporation - AmeriPsych entry above, under Apache County.*

**Human Resource Training, Inc.**
1951 W. Camelback Road, Ste. 450
Phoenix, AZ 85015
Tel.: 602-433-1344
Toll Free: 888-433-1344
Fax: 602-249-1570
DDD On-Call: 602-703-2858
Email: familyservices@hrtaz.com
Website: hrtaz.com

Parenting classes
2131 E. Broadway Road, Ste. 14
Tempe, AZ 85282
Tel.: 480-967-6895
Fax: 480-967-4986

Areas outside of Maricopa County:
Tel.: 888-KID-4HRT (888-543-4478) x704
Toll Free: 888-433-1344
This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. *For more information, see the entry for Human Resource Training set forth above under Apache County.*

**Providence of Arizona**

**Tucson Central**
1161 N. El Dorado Place #101
Tucson, AZ 85715
Tel.: 520-748-7108/520-747-6600
Toll Free: 800-747-6950
Fax: 520-747-6605
Website: provideceofaz.com [NOTE: the DCS website currently links to a different website, provcorp.com, which is not the correct website]

**Tucson Northwest**
3295 W. Ina Road, Ste. 150
Tucson, AZ 85741
Tel.: 520-744-4376

**Yuma**
3220 E. 40th Street Building A
Yuma, AZ 85365
Tel.: 928-317-0177

Rene Martinez - HCTC
Anita Comstock - Clinical
Tina Rube - Outpatient
Judy Letourneau, Director

Diana Reed - TFC Coordinator

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. PSC is a foster care licensing agency (recruiting and licensing – but not training -- foster placements), both at the DES and HCTC (therapeutic) level. Families receive ongoing round the clock support.

Navajo County

Arizona Children’s Association
Phoenix Corporate Office:
711 E. Missouri, Ste. 200
Phoenix, AZ 85014

Tucson Corporate Office:
2700 S. 8th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85713

Navajo County Contact: Bettina Aguilera, Associate Resource Family Specialist, 928-499-7572

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. Services offered in Navajo County include:

1. Outpatient Behavioral Health (location: 906 W. University Avenue, Bldg. B, Suite 150, Flagstaff, AZ 86001; Contact: Gretchen Shallcross, gshallcross@arizonaschildren.org, 928-527-1000 x2858).
2. In-Home/Family Preservation (location: various; Contact: Pamela Cerski, pcerski@arizonaschildren.org, 480-474-2263).
3. Adoption certification process and support (location: various; Contact: Lisa Sahady, lsahady@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991 x2401).
4. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements (location: various; Contact: Lisa Sahady, lsahady@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991 x2401).
5. Supporting and monitoring families who care for children, placed in their care, from another state or county under the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) (location: various; Contact: Susan Kelly, skelly@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991 x2405).
6. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements for HCTC foster care; “Home Care Training for the Home Care Client”; therapeutic foster care that provides behavioral health services to the child (location: various; Contact: Jodi Oen, joen@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991).
7. New Directions Institute; parenting education classes and workshops based on brain development research (location: various; Contact: Linda Taroli, ltaroli@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).
8. In My Shoes - Mentorship and Outreach; one-on-one mentorship for youth in foster care and community outreach (location: various; Contact: Christa Drake, cdrake@arizonaschildren.org, 520-747-1533).

9. Independent Living Program (life skills for youth in foster care and/or aging out of foster care up to 21 years old (location: 440 N. Washington Ave, Prescott, AZ 86301; Contact: Lori Ollom-Tighe, lollom-tighe@arizonaschildren.org, 480-435-4188).

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Mesa, AZ 85210
480-388-3292

Navajo County Contact: Jennifer Devore, 800-859-2531/928-634-4254

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Areas outside of Maricopa County:
Tel.: 888-KID-4HRT (888-543-4478) x704
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Navajo County Contact: Mollie Vega, 928-399-0503

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more information, see the entry for Human Resource Training set forth above under Apache County.

**Navajo County Friends of CASA**
P.O. Box 1774
Show Low, AZ 85902-1774

George Turner, 928-242-3139/gwturn77@aol.com
Karen Harris, karencfc@gmail.com

This is the Navajo County CASA Support Council. They spend a total of $20-30,000/year. They do a back-to-school event for all kids each August, for all kids in care at the time, appx. 80-100 each year. In October, they hold a new coat, gloves and hat event (costing about $5,000); their Christmas event includes turkeys for the families and angel-tree gifts for each child in foster care. In June they host a family picnic event, with food, face-painting, fishing, bird-house building, etc. They prepare infant care kits that are stocked at DCS offices (at Show Low/Pinetop and Winslow) that include everything needed for 3-4 days for infants. They provide (fewer) teenager kits and kits for youth aging out as well. The foregoing takes about half their funds; the rest goes for individual grant requests – furniture, glasses/contacts, bikes, etc. They buy things; they do not give out money. They cover Navajo County and sometimes Apache County, which has no CASA support organization of its own. They don’t cover children on the Indian reservations, as they have federal aid. They have 12-14 people in their organization. Their big fund-raiser is a golf tournament held each fall. They are a 501(c)(3) and are currently trying to qualify with the state for the foster care credit.

**Pima County**

**A Place To Call Home**
1830 S. Alma School Road, Ste. 122
Mesa, AZ 85210
Tel.: 480-456-0549
Tel. (emergency after hours): 480-244-7800
Fax: 480-456-0553
Website: tocallhome.com

Tucson Office:
1200 N. El Dorado Place, Bldg. C, Ste. 300
Tucson, AZ 85715
Tel.: 520-318-9906
Tel. (emergency after hours): 520-404-1598
Fax: 520-881-9051
This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. APTCH recruits, trains, licenses and supports foster and adoptive placements, including Kinship, Medically Fragile, Department of Developmental Disabilities (“DDD”) and Tribal Foster Care placements. Behavior specialists on staff complete individualized behavior treatment plans. A respite coordinator assists families in scheduling respite. 24-hour telephone assistance.

**Arizona Baptist Children’s Services & Family Ministries**

Maricopa County  
1717 W. Northern Avenue, #112  
Phoenix, AZ 85021  
Statewide Fostercare Director: Nichole Tamburstuen, ntamburstuen@abcs.org, 480-296-8786/602-346-2382  
Tel.: 602-346-2382  
Toll Free: 800-678-0648  
Website: abcs.org  
Maricopa Contact: Debbie Bayes, 602-346-2311

Pima County  
1779 N. Alvernon Way  
Tucson, AZ 85712

Pima Contact: Joann Stevens, Director of Foster Care, 520-795-7541

Yuma County  
2855 S. 4th Avenue #122  
Yuma, AZ 85364

Yuma Contact: Raul Solorzano, 928-246-1766

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. *For more detail, see Arizona Baptist Children’s Services & Family Ministries above, under Maricopa County*

**Arizona Kinship Support Services/KARE**

220 E. Speedway Boulevard  
Tucson, AZ 85705  
520-323-4476  
Statewide Caregiver Resource Line: 888-737-7494  
Website: arizonakinship.org

*See above, under National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies]*

**Arizona Partnership for Children**

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Phoenix, AZ 85013  
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Tel.: 480-388-3292
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Aviva Children’s Services
153 S. Plumer Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85719
Tel.: 520-327-6779
Fax: 520-327-6052
Website: avivatucson.org
E-mail: info@avivatucson.org

Robert Heslinga, Executive Director: Ext.12, bob.heslinga@avivatucson.org
Cindy Lingel, Life Books Coordinator: Ext. 14, cindy.lingel@avivatucson.org
Monica Durand, Development and Community Relations Manager: Ext. 13, monica.durand@avivatucson.org
Cindy Somerville, Human Resources Manager: Ext. 18, cindy.somerville@avivatucson.org
Lisa Schlecta, Business Manager: Ext. 39, lisa.schlecta@avivatucson.org
Jason Farlee, Parent Aide Coordinator: Ext. 19, jason.farlee@avivatucson.org
Eleanor Springer, Parent Aide Office Manager: Ext. 21, eleanor.springer@avivatucson.org
Michelle Rios, Community Resources Coordinator: Ext. 11, michelle.rios@avivatucson.org
Jeff Porter, Maintenance and Facilities Manager: Ext. 40, jeff.porter@avivatucson.org
Catherine Ross, Administrative Assistant: Ext. 10, catherine.ross@avivatucson.org

ACS primary provides parent aide services under contract with DCS. ACS also has a parent education program. Besides paid parent aides, ACS also utilizes social service interns, i.e. student volunteers under the supervision of a unit supervisor or case worker; course credit may be earned through various colleges or universities.

In addition to parent aide services, ACS also provides other services directly to foster children and their families, including:

1. The Abused Children’s Fund – this is a community donations fund used for special needs of children who are in the care of DCS, primarily for after school programs but also for, e.g., basketball shoes, YMCA registration, the cost of obtaining birth certificates, prom dress and shoes, baseball, football, or basketball camp, birthday gifts, and also necessities like food, formula, diapers, shoes, cribs or beds, school supplies, and new underwear and socks (requests to utilize the Abused Children’s Fund should be made through the child’s DCS case worker).
2. The Bags for Kids Project uses a sew-a-thon to make duffel bags for children in foster care, so foster children are not stigmatized and embarrassed by being forced to use garbage bags as luggage;
3. The Life Book project creates an age-appropriate written story of a foster or soon-to-be adopted child's life, written for the child by Life Book volunteers with the hope that it will help the child make sense of confusing and often upsetting events that led to an out-of-home placement.
4. Every November, ACS runs a toy drive so that foster children can receive holiday gifts (ACS also does gift cards for teenagers).
5. The Parent Peer Support Program charges no fees and allows families to meet in a group environment to share their experiences. The support group is run entirely by the participants and is the only program of its kind in Pima County and perhaps the only one of its kind in Arizona. ACS has approximately 700 volunteers and estimates that it reaches more than 80% of the children in foster care in Pima County.

Besides its DCS contracts, ACS raises funds through grants, fund-raising events, the Arizona Qualified Foster Care Organization tax credit, and the “Aviva Divas,” who sell handmade items at craft shows.

Casa de los Niños
1101 N. 4th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85705-7467
Tel.: 520-624-5600
Donations are accepted at the Administrative Offices:
1101 N. 4th Avenue
Tucson, AZ  85705
Monday to Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thrift Store donations are accepted at the store:
1302 E. Prince Road
Monday to Saturday – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Susie Huhn, Chief Executive Officer, susieh@casadelosninos.org
Beverly Bryant, Director, Human Resources and Support Services, bevb@casadelosninos.org
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George Everett, Director, Information Technology, georgee@casadelosninos.org
Maureen Johns, Director, Business Operations, maureenj@casadelosninos.org
Joanne Karolzak, Director, Child and Family Services, joannek@casadelosninos.org
Jan Wallace, Director, Behavioral Health Services, janw@casadelosninos.org
Lisa Webster, Director, Development and Community Relations, lisaw@casadelosninos.org
Dan Gregory, Community Relations Coordinator, 520-624-5600 (o); 520-429-0638 (c)/ dang@casadelosninos.org
Stephanie Miller, 520-326-8250 (o) 520-208-4279 (c)/sszakacs@gmail.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. Child abuse prevention services: Free, interactive parenting training for parents, caretakers and professionals, in both English and Spanish. Classes are offered individually or in series format. For more information, or to register, call 520-624-5600, x309. Nurses work with vulnerable first-time mothers to have a healthy pregnancy and delivery and to become a better parent; nurses continue to provide care and counsel to new moms until the baby is 2 years old. Casa de los Niños and the Easter Seals Blake Foundation are the only local providers authorized to offer the Nurse-Family Partnership program in Pima County. A more detailed list of services (and the ability to refer someone to this program) is available on the website. The Parent Info-Line is there to help parents connect to other families in the community, strengthen their own parenting abilities, and find answers to difficult parenting questions; call 520-624-9290. The Tucson Safe Baby program gives an alternative to simply abandoning a child; Safe Baby locations are places where a woman who delivers an unwanted baby may relinquish the child, no questions asked. This must be done in the first 72 hours of the infant’s life. The baby also must be handed to a staff member at the location rather than leaving it unattended. Given those two conditions, however, the matter will be kept confidential and the child will be sent to an appropriate hospital or shelter. More detailed information is available on the website.

Child abuse intervention services include the following: A children’s shelter; children who are at risk or have experienced abuse or neglect receive secure shelter, medical care, and critical assistance. Casa de los Niños is licensed to accommodate 48 children, with a focus on children younger than 12 years. A specialty is the stabilization of youngsters with medical problems; Casa de los Niños offers around-the-clock medical care. Most children are placed in the shelter by government agencies and local hospitals. In other instances, youngsters are at Casa de los Niños because they are medically vulnerable and their parents lack the resources to provide adequate care. Often-times staff will help teach parents how to deal with the healthcare challenges faced by the child. Casa de los Niños also offers a voluntary placement program for families who need time to address their own challenges; the caregiver may need to be hospitalized for a procedure, for example. Casa de los Niños will give the child a safe and caring home until the parent is able to resume a normal life. Casa de los Niños recruits and trains individuals and families who wish to provide excellent temporary care for abused and/or neglected children and helps families through the licensing process. Casa de los Niños provides supervised visits required by DCS for family reunification, and parents are helped to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to safely reunify their families. Casa de los Niños also provides in-home services in the form of intensive counseling and parent education to at-risk parents to maintain family stability. Casa de los Niños also has a parent aide program that offers a variety of services for parents and/or caregivers involved with DCS.
Child abuse treatment services include the following: Comprehensive assessment and therapeutic interventions are provided to very young children (birth to 5 years) exposed to violence, abuse, neglect or other traumatic experiences. Behavioral health treatment including assessments, counseling, psychiatric care, medication, and support and rehabilitation services are provided to eligible children and young adults under the age of 22 years. Casa de los Niños provides in-home, after hour and weekend services to meet the needs and schedules of the children. More detailed information is available on the website.

**CASA Support Council for Pima County**
P.O. Box 36017  
Tucson, AZ 85740  
Website: pimacountycasa.org

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They have qualified for the Qualified Foster Care Organization tax credit. This CASA council provides goods and services only for kids who have CASAs. Among the things they do for CASAs are the following: assist in the recruitment of CASA volunteers; fund ongoing training and professional development of CASAs; sponsors annual CASA recognition luncheon the third Thursday each April; and reimburse CASA volunteers for the expenses they incur in serving children in the program. Among the things they do for foster children are the following: college scholarships; backpacks; tutoring; clothing and shoes; beds and mattresses; summer camp; refurbished computers; musical instruments; cultural experiences; and holiday parties (they hold a Christmas party for the kids, with gift cards that the CASA takes the child to buy whatever the child wants; they do the same for birthdays). They work with other 501(c)(3) organizations to obtain goods and services. They work with a women’s group in the local symphony to obtain music lessons. They have access for free prom dresses. The Assistance League “Operation School Bell” provides regular clothing for children in Title 9 schools. They get museum and event discounts. They provide $25/month per CASA/child for CASA/child outings. The CASA program is growing rapidly, as the Court is advertising for more CASAs. They do a joint newsletter with the Court’s CASA organization. They respond to many emergency removals, so there is a need for cribs and clothes.

**Christian Family Care**  
3603 N. 7th Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85013  
Toll-Free: 800 939-5432  
Tel.: 602-234-1935  
Fax: 602-234-0022

6063 E. Grant Road  
Tucson, AZ 85712  
Tel.: 520 296-8255  
Fax: 520 296-8773
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**Children's Village**
1550 N. Country Club Road  
Tucson, AZ 85716-3152  
Tel.: 520-327-0199  
Fax: 520-327-0557  
Website: tmmfs.org

Contact: Debbie Mack, Vice President, dmack@tmmfs.org

Provides group homes for children in need of a temporary out-of-home placement. Offers a home-style, residential environment while children await adoption, return to home of origin, or placement in extended foster care. Eligibility: Children ages 3-17. Intake Process: Call; must have referral from DCS or other agency.

**Community Provider of Enrichment Services, Inc.**
Corporate Headquarters  
4825 N. Sabino Canyon Road  
Tucson, AZ 85750  
Tel: 520-884-7954  
Fax: 520-884-0383

Recruitment and Training  
2917 E. Grant Road  
Tucson, AZ 85716  
Tel: 520-325-9688  
Fax: 520-325-3561

Tucson, AZ  
CPES Behavioral Health Services  
4444 E. Grant Road #116  
Tucson, AZ 85712  
Tel.: 520-882-0090  
Fax: 520-882-6821

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. *For more detail, see entry for Community Provider of Enrichment Services, Inc. above, under Maricopa County.*
This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. GAP Ministries is a non-denominational Christian organization that helps those in need regardless of religious beliefs. Services provided to foster children include: SPLASH (“Spirit Powered Love Aggressively Shaping Hearts”) houses (DCS contracted group homes for 130 children daily in 14 residential homes); Backpack-2-School (free backpacks filled with school supplies to Title 1 schools in Tucson provided at free Backpack to School Carnivals; Holiday of Hope (Christmas gifts and the Festival of Trees annual event). GAP is approved to recruit, train and license foster placements (as of 5/13/2015).

For teenagers in the SPLASH houses, GAP Ministries runs a program called MERGE (“Maturity Education Responsibility Growth Excellence”). MERGE is licensed by the Arizona Department of Economic Security/Arizona Children Youth and Family, and is available to children at least 16 years of age. The program is designed to assist young people as they begin to transition out of the care of DCS by teaching budgeting; time management; how to handle more freedom; developing confidence to live on their own; learning how to ask for help when needed; assuming more responsibility for daily activities; and learning to respect their space, and the space of others. As they progress through the three different levels in the MERGE program, the young men and women are expected to demonstrate positive school performance, establish employment, complete assigned chores, demonstrate the ability to keep a clean room, show financial responsibility, have good hygiene, show the ability to follow through and have a positive attitude. GAP Ministries’ goal is to purchase an apartment like complex to expand on this vision to help not only the children in care at GAP but homeless teens in Tucson.

STEP is a program providing transitional housing for at-risk foster teens/young adults. It is a multi-year program for 18-25 year olds who already have strong independent living skills, but need that a last boost into adulthood. The STEP program is designed to support young adults for as long as their transition requires. The STEP Program Manager maintains contact with the youth and offers emotional support, as well as problem solving and supervision. STEP is intended as a natural progression from the MERGE program. Once the program is well established with foster youth, the intent is to expand STEP to include other disadvantaged young people who may or may not be in the foster care system, including specifically homeless teens/young adults in Pima County. STEP is a sustainable business model; a portion of the apartments are reduced rent to participants, while the remainder of the apartments are income-producing, helping cover the costs of the program.

Root 52 consists of a Community Training Kitchen, Diner and Mobile Kitchen/Food Truck. The Kitchen reclaims highly perishable donated food to make meals for foster care group homes, children in low-income schools, and community outreaches. The Kitchen serves as a training kitchen for individuals in vulnerable populations, including young adults
aging out of foster care or beginning a career search, and the unemployed or underemployed can participate in a 12 week culinary arts certification program. GAP’s mobile kitchen/food truck allows GAP to take food into needy neighborhoods. Groups may use GAP’s Diner and high-tech conference room, including catering, for a low cost. The Food Truck may also be available for catered events when not in use serving community needs.

GAP Ministries One Life Internship Program offers three tracks to choose from: (1) Ministry School Course Track (Training to become a minister); (2) Education Course Track (specialized training in social services); (3) Vocational Course Track (certificates of proficiency in: Culinary; Auto Mechanics; Social Services System; Janitorial and House Keeping; Warehouse; General Maintenance; students earn money for each certificate of completion earned).

GAP keeps a small store stocked with clothing that is both purchased and donated to help meet the needs of the children in its care. GAP also makes available to those in need small household appliances, bedding, cleaning supplies, paper goods, and other items to set up and maintain a household. Some items are donated and some are purchased at a discounted price from partnering retailers.

Holiday of Hope – Each year at Christmas, GAP asks churches or individuals to “adopt” one of the 14 SPLASH Houses to provide Christmas presents, with the idea that each child receive at least three or four gifts from their “wish list”. GAP Ministries also accept donations for individual kids. In the past, there has been an overflow of gifts, giving GAP Ministries the ability to give gifts to nearly 300 children in the community who are in need. The Festival of Trees is an annual fundraiser benefitting Holiday of Hope; custom Christmas trees are beautifully decorated by local businesses or groups and sold to the public to raise funds.

Additional services not directed to foster children: BOOST (Building Overflow out of Serving Together) provides food to partnering agencies who then gave to the community in need. GAP also provided its partners with over $100,000 worth of household items and products. GAP has a food pantry to meet the needs of the children in our SPLASH Houses, and when there is an overflow, that food is used in the BOOST program.

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Toll-Free: 866-677-0024
Fax: 602-728-0632
Website: rescare.com

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**Grace Retreat**
Foster Care and Adoption Services
2200 E. River Road, Ste. 224
Tucson, AZ 85718
Tel.: 520-276-9661
Fax: 520-328-8830
Website: graceretreatfostercare.org

Contact: Christina Boatner, christinab@graceretreatfostercare.org

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. GR licenses families to provide foster care and certifies families for adoption. Once a family is licensed, GR monitors and maintains licensure, facilitate placing children in the home, and provides continuing support. Support includes: 24/7 support by telephone; play/support groups; therapist available to support family; and respite (childcare). GR will adjust and add support as the family’s and child’s needs change.
Intermountain Centers for Human Development
Mailing Address:
P. O. Box 17749
Tucson, AZ  85731-7749
Tel.: 520-721-1887
Fax: 520-721-0069
Website: ichd.net

Administrative Offices:
994 S. Harrison Road
Tucson, AZ  85748

Other addresses:
2115 N. Highway 89
Chino Valley, AZ  86323
Tel.: 928-636-2881
Fax: 928-636-6292

994 S. Harrison Road
Tucson, AZ  85748
Tel.: 520-721-1887 x7359
Fax: 520-344-8892

1020 S. Harrison Road
Tucson, AZ  85748
Tel.: 520-721-1887, x7350
Fax: 520-344-8591

101 S. La Canada Drive
(Green Valley Village, Building 1), Ste. 14B
Green Valley, AZ  85614
Tel.: 520-399-1498
Fax: 520-648-7437

Tohono Plaza, Ste. 407
BIA Route 19
Sells, AZ  85634
Tel.: 520-383-1791
Fax: 520-383-1795; 520-383-2739

Intermountain Academy
555 S. Tucson Boulevard
Tucson, AZ 85716
Tel.: 520-721-1887, x5298
Fax: 520-207-5963
Email: intermountainacademy@ichd.net

Parent Aide Program (Pima County and Southeastern Arizona)
555 S. Tucson Boulevard
Tucson, AZ  85716
Tel.: 520-721-1887, x7359
Fax: 520-207-5963
This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. ICHD recruits, trains, licenses and supports foster families and therapeutic foster families. ICHD also recruits and trains Native American families to provide specialized foster care for Native American children. Specifically, ICHD recruits and trains Tohono O’odham families to foster Tohono O’odham children and Pascua Yaqui foster families to encourage and nurture Pascua Yaqui children.

Support includes initial and on-going training in the behavioral model; licensing application administration; 24 hours a day/7 days a week coordinator support; respite care as needed (including a Children’s Unplanned Respite Program [ChURP] in collaboration with Community Partnership of Southern Arizona, 520-721-1887 x5232, churpinfo@ichd.net);
available monthly refresher training; special services for children enrolled with the Department of Developmental Disabilities (520-721-1887 x4600); and networking with other provider families.

ICHD also operates group residences for youth in Tucson as well as foster, specialized foster and therapeutic foster care homes throughout Pima County. The residential program has been developed to meet the needs of children and adolescents that previously have been unsuccessful in other home-based settings. Youth are referred by the Arizona Department of Economic Security and tribal child welfare agencies. Individual Treatment Plans are determined for each adolescent through a comprehensive assessment and information from his/her Child and Family Team members. They are updated frequently in order to meet the youth’s Child and Family Team discharge goals. Increased individual participation in the community is an important component of each child’s treatment program. Each of Intermountain’s group residences for children has 24 hour therapeutic supervision for the residents. The facilities are comprised of:

1. An Intensive Behavioral Health Facility (formerly known as a Level II Group Residence), Sunrise Ranch, licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Public Health Licensing, under a Community Partnership of Southern Arizona (CPSA) specialized contract where the program targets Residential Treatment Center (RTC) diversion and offers: (a) a master’s level social worker who is available for individuals, family and group services; (b) individual behavior coaches to provide teaching opportunities for clients to work on their unique service goals; and (c) short term (90-120 days) programming to prepare youth for transition to their permanent placement and to prevent them from being placed out of the community in RTCs.

2. A Group Residence, Babad Ki/Drake House, licensed by the Arizona Department of Economic Security, where the program focuses on Native American children with complex needs that require behavioral interventions.

3. A Multi-Unit Dwelling, the Zia Apartments, which is home to a transitional living program for adolescents that: (a) focuses on the acquisition of life skills in a therapeutic environment; (b) is staffed 24 hours a day by behavior coaches trained in therapeutic interventions; (c) develops treatment plans based on each individual’s unique needs and personal strengths; and (d) supervises 16-18 year olds in the attainment of their educational and vocational goals through practice in their own apartments and in the community. The Transitional Living Program is licensed by the Arizona Department of Economic Security which also defines the qualifications and training for direct care staff in that residence. Behavioral health services are delivered by qualified Intermountain staff on an out-patient basis to the youth living in this multi-unit facility.

La Paloma Family Services/ La Frontera
Address for services:
870 W. Miracle Mile
Tucson, AZ 85705
Tel.: 520-750-9667
Website: lapalomakids.org

Administrative address:
504 W. 29th Street
Tucson, AZ 85713

Yvette Vera, Associate Director Residential Services [Group Homes], yvette.vera@lafrontera.org/520-206-8659
Mary Jeanne Chavez, Director Foster Care, maryjeanne.chavez@lafrontera.org/520-343-1884
Marnie Greggs, Foster Care Trainer and Recruiter, 520-429-4247
Priscilla Flores, Administrative Assistant, priscilla.flores@lafrontera.org, 520-750-9667

La Paloma Family Services Board
Suzan Buie-Costich, Chair
Patricia Feeney, Vice Chair
Missy Bowden, Secretary/Treasurer
Colleen Brinkley
Miguel Quezada
This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. LPFS merged with La Frontera Center in 2012 and is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) social service agency. LPFS recruits, trains, and supports foster parents. The support provided includes monthly monitoring for foster families; attending meetings and court hearings with the families; advocating for services for the children; participating in GoodThread (a clothing exchange for foster kids); fundraising to provide holiday and summer activities for foster children; and providing a Resource Parent Assistance Program that provides counseling and legal services to LPFS’ foster families. LPFS also runs group homes for children in foster care in Pima County, and licenses and monitors other foster homes. LPFS has an HCTC program (“Home Care Training for the Home Care Client”; therapeutic foster care that provides behavioral health services to the child) providing residential treatment care to youth in a family setting.

With regard to group homes, services provided include: case management services; individual, group and family counseling; behavior management program; educational monitoring; family visitation; discharge planning; crisis intervention; recreational activities; medication monitoring; skill building in preparation for independence; coordination of all routine and emergency medical needs; nutritional needs; mental health assessment; individual treatment planning; and referrals and community linkages.

**Lutheran Social Services of the South West**

10201 S. 51st Street, #180
Phoenix, AZ 85044
Tel: 480-396-3795

3443 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85012
Tel.: 602-248-4400

6303 E. Tanque Verde Road, #101
Tucson, AZ 85715
Tel: 520-748-2300

Website: lss-sw.org

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see entry for Lutheran Social Services of the South West above, under Maricopa County.
**Providence of Arizona**

**Tucson Central**
1161 N. El Dorado Place #101
Tucson, AZ 85715
Tel.: 520-748-7108/520-747-6600
Toll Free: 800-747-6950
Fax: 520-747-6605
Website: providecofaz.com [NOTE: the DCS website currently links to a different website, provcorp.com, which is not the correct website]

**Tucson Northwest**
3295 W. Ina Road, Ste. 150
Tucson, AZ 85741
Tel.: 520-744-4376

**Yuma**
3220 E. 40th Street Building A
Yuma, AZ 85365
Tel.: 928-317-0177

Rene Martinez - HCTC  
Anita Comstock - Clinical  
Tina Rube - Outpatient

**Phoenix**
3602 W. Thomas Road, Ste. 10
Phoenix AZ 85019
Tel: 480-253-7853 cell  
Tel.: 602-455-4626 office  
Fax: 602-455-4624

Judy Letourneau, Director

**Flagstaff**
320 N. Leroux, Ste. C
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Tel.: 928-522-4517 /928-226-1097
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Diana Reed - TFC Coordinator

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency in this county. PSC is a foster care licensing agency (recruiting and licensing – but not training – foster placements), both at the DES and HCTC (therapeutic) level. Families receive ongoing round the clock support.

**Rise Family Services, Inc.**
6420 E. Tanque Verde Road
Tucson, AZ 85715
Tel.: 520-298-6468
Fax: 520-298-2549
Website: riseservicesinc.org/arizona
Michaela M. Luna Romero, Family Services Supervisor, Pima County
Also, Chairwoman, Foster and Adoptive Council of Tucson (FACT)
520-298-6468 x4996-Office
520-300-0682-Cell
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mluna@riseservicesinc.org

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. See the full description of locations and services provided by Rise Family Services, Inc. under Maricopa County.

Vision Quest
Physical address:
600 N. Swan Road
Tucson, AZ 85711
Tel.: 520-881-3950
Pennsylvania Office: (610) 486-2280
Toll-Free: 800 433-4362
Website: vq.com

Mailing address:
P.O. Box 12906
Tucson, AZ 85732

Contact: Carol Keller, Arizona Director, 520-881-3950 x2504/carol.keller@vq.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. VQ is an employee-owned comprehensive national youth services organization rooted in American Indian culture (however, the program is open to children of all ethnic backgrounds and is not limited to or focused on children from Native American backgrounds). VQ offers three placement types for dependent youth and a school-based program. VQ focuses on wilderness adventures as a therapeutic alternative in which youth participate in activities that are physically or mentally challenging and emphasize teamwork and trust. VQ has called these activities “Extraordinary Experiences” and has used them as rites of passage for youth and to build teamwork and camaraderie. Experiences offered have included Wagon Train, the Buffalo Soldiers drill team, HikingQuest, BikingQuest, and Disney MarathonQuest. VQ has varied the types and length of Extraordinary Experiences offered to accommodate the needs and availability of youth in different community-based and residential programs.

VQ Community programs offer gender specific programming to adolescents between the ages of twelve and seventeen years. There are currently two houses located on a ranch in Tucson’s foothills which serves 20 males, one house in Marana serving ten boys ages 12-17 years, as well as one house located in central Tucson which serves 10 females. The youth attend public school and an emphasis is placed on positive community involvement. The primary objective of the program is family reunification or successful transition into foster care, semi-independent living, or independent living. VQ Community teaches the foundation of essential life skills for youth to grow into successful and productive adults. VQ Community focuses on encouraging youth to create positive routines and healthy habits in all aspects of their lives.

VQ Semi-Independent programs offer gender specific services to adolescents between the ages of sixteen and eighteen years. There are currently two female and three male homes located in single family houses throughout central Tucson. Each house is made up of only four to five youth which allows for more support and individualized attention. VQ Semi-Independent programs are designed for older youth who are ready for a gradual transition from the foster care system to independent living.

VQ Sibling programs are designed for children entering care. VQ Sibling focuses on the continuity of sibling relationships which can provide natural support to each other as well as a sense of stability and belonging. The VQ Sibling programs
are co-ed homes serving sibling groups between the ages of five and seventeen. The program objective is successful family reunification or successful transition to kinship or a foster family.

VQ’s school-based program provides Aggression Replacement Training (ART) in five schools in the Marana School District. Facilitators work closely with school counselors and teachers to provide progress notes for each session a student attends. Families are invited to a community meeting at the onset of the program for an overview of ART to help reinforce the skills at home. At the end of the year, families and students come together to celebrate their successes.

Pinal County

Aid to Adoption of Special Kids
Main Office
2320 N. 20th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85006

West Valley Office
15396 N. 83rd Avenue, Ste. A100
Peoria, AZ 85382

East Valley Office
175 E. Corporate Place
Chandler, Arizona 85225

General Switchboard: 602-254-2275
How to Help a Child (for those interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent): 602-930-4900
Fax: 602-212-2564
Email: info@aask-az.org

Contact: CFO Vicki Basehore, 602-930-4459 (office)/480-553-8374 (cell)/602-930-4559 (fax)/vbasehore@aask-az.org
CEO Ron Adelson

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see the Aid to Adoption of Special Kids entry above under National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies].

Arizona Kinship Support Services/KARE
Seeds of Hope/Mondo Anaya Community Center
1487 N. Crane Street
Casa Grande, AZ 85122
Tel.: 520-421-0500
Statewide Caregiver Resource Line: 888-737-7494
Website: arizonakinship.org

For more detail, see above under National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies].

Arizona Partnership for Children
Jennifer Devore
Toll Free: 800-859-2531
Tel.: 928-634-4254

Pinal County Contact: America Norzagaray, 866-800-9468/520-876-0047 x102
This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more information, see the entry for Arizona Partnership for Children set forth above under National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies].

**Arizona Children’s Association**
Phoenix Corporate Office:
711 E. Missouri, Ste. 200
Phoenix, AZ 85014

Tucson Corporate Office:
2700 S. 8th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85713

Pinal County Contact: Rebecca Heitkamp, Senior Resource Family Specialist, 480-474-2263 x2525

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. Services offered in Pinal County include:

1. Outpatient Behavioral Health; developing skills and supports with children and families to increase independence and resiliency (locations: 2066 W. Apache Trail Road, Stes. 101 and 112, Apache Junction, AZ 85120; 2800 N. Highway 87, Coolidge, AZ 85228; Contact: Randy Hansen, rhansen@arizonaschildren.org, 480-503-8530 x2558).
2. In-Home/Family Preservation (location: various; Contact: Nicole Gibson, ngibson@arizonaschildren.org, 480-474-2263).
3. Adoption certification process and support (location: various; Contact: Rebecca Heitkamp, RHeitkamp@arizonaschildren.org, 480-474-2263 x2525).
4. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements (location: various; Contact: Rebecca Heitkamp, RHeitkamp@arizonaschildren.org, 480-474-2263 x2525).
5. Supporting and monitoring families who care for children, placed in their care, from another state or county under the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) (location: various; Contact: Sara Escandon, sescandon@arizonaschildren.org, 480-474-2263).
6. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements for HCTC foster care; “Home Care Training for the Home Care Client”; therapeutic foster care that provides behavioral health services to the child (location: various; Contact: Mary Duncan, mdl Duncan@arizonaschildren.org, 602-253-1620 x2667).
7. KARE (Kinship, Adoption, Resource and Education); physical sites where kinship caregivers can receive resource, referral, education and support services (locations: 1625 N. 39th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009; 1487 N. Crane Street, Casa Grande, AZ 85122; Contact: Joanna Prusa, jprus@arizonaschildren.org, 602-233-0017 x2329).
8. Kinship Support Services; connections for kinship caregivers to available support services, including food, clothing, and support groups (location: 1487 N. Crane Street, Casa Grande, AZ 85122; Contact: Joanna Prusa, jprus@arizonaschildren.org, 602-233-0017 x2329).
9. New Directions Institute; parenting education classes and workshops based on brain development research (location: various; Contact: Linda Taroli, ltaroli@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).
10. Parents as Teachers; early childhood home visitation program for families with children birth to 5 (location: 1075 S. Idaho Road, Ste. 106-A, Apache Junction, AZ 85119; Contact: Shelley Tellez, stellez@arizonaschildren.org, 480-288-4723).
11. In My Shoes - Mentorship and Outreach; one-on-one mentorship for youth in foster care and community outreach (location: various; Contact: Christa Drake, cdrake@arizonaschildren.org, 520-747-1533).
12. Independent Living Program (life skills for youth in foster care and/or aging out of foster care up to 21 years old (location: 1420 N. Greenfield, Ste. 100, Gilbert, AZ 85234; Contact: Megan Conrad, mconrad@arizonaschildren.org, 602-579-6721).
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GAP Ministries
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Tucson, AZ 85705
Tel.: 520-877-8077
E-mail: info@gapmin.com
Website: gapmin.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see the entry above for GAP Ministries, under Pima County.

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Website: rescare.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more detail, see above under General Health Corporation - AmeriPsych in Apache County.

Human Resource Training, Inc.
1951 W. Camelback Road, Ste. 450
Phoenix, AZ 85015
Tel.: 602-433-1344
Toll Free: 888-433-1344
Fax: 602-249-1570
DDD On-Call: 602-703-2858
Email: familyservices@hrtaz.com
Website: hrtaz.com

Parenting Classes
2131 E. Broadway Road, Ste. 14
Tempe, AZ 85282
Tel.: 480-967-6895
Fax: 480-967-4986

Areas outside of Maricopa County:
Tel.: 888-KID-4HRT (888-543-4478) x704
Toll Free: 888-433-1344

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. For more information, see the entry for Human Resource Training set forth above under Apache County.

Lutheran Social Services of the South West
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Tel: 480-396-3795

3443 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85012
Tel.: 602-248-4400

6303 E. Tanque Verde Road, #101
Tucson, AZ 85715
Tel: 520-748-2300

Website: lss-sw.org

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Pinal Council for CASA, Inc.
Pinal Council for CASA/Foster, Inc.
P.O. Box 12569
Casa Grande, AZ 85230
Tel.: 520-560-1332
Website: pccinow.org [NOTE: this website appears to be non-functional]
Facebook: facebook.com/pages/PCCI-Pinal-Council-for-CASAFoster-Inc

Karen DeBold, President, k_tlccg@hotmail.com
Ellen Jones, Vice President, 520-560-1332/520-421-0208, ellenj1019@yahoo.com/ellenj1019@g-mail.com
Rhonda Goddard, 520-431-0100
Carmen Azuza, Treasurer, 520-560-4202, caauza@peoplepc.com
Gerri Sheedy, Social Secretary, (452) 765-9450
Ann Dessert, Parliamentarian, 520-450-2332
Brian Goddard, Historian, 520-280-9562
Pam Burke, the Pinal Superior Court’s CASA coordinator, is an advisor to the PCCI board.
Sarah Curiel, DCS Supervisor, is an advisor to the PCCI board.
PCCI provides prom clothing and extras, tutoring, parties at the local swim park, backpacks and school supplies, a Christmas party for the foster kids only. The tutoring is done in conjunction with Sylvan Learning Center, with whom PCCI has a partnership. PCCI has a partnership with Central Arizona College to provide mentoring and funding opportunities for foster students in the Independent Living program. PCCI sponsors a “Project Prom,” so foster children can go to their proms. The Christmas party is sponsored by the Florence-Coolidge Elks Lodge #2350, with further support from local RV resorts, the Pinal County Sherriff’s Department, and local merchants. The Aquatics Park Event is sponsored by the Casa Grande Optimist Club. PCCI meets once a month, the 3rd Wednesday each month at 6 pm; the CASA coordinator and a DCS representative usually attend. PCCI funds itself with a fund-raiser once a year (big dinner and silent auction), in October (tickets $100, $65 tax benefit). PCCI regularly meets at Bedillon’s Restaurant in Casa Grande, 800 N. Park Avenue, Casa Grande, 520-836-2045, unless the restaurant’s private room is unavailable, in which case they meet elsewhere.

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Toll Free: 800-747-6950  
Fax: 520-747-6605  
Website: provideceofaz.com [NOTE: the DCS website currently links to a different website, provcorp.com, which is not the correct website]

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Tucson, AZ 85741  
Tel.: 520-744-4376

**Yuma**

3220 E. 40th Street Building A  
Yuma, AZ 85365  
Tel.: 928-317-0177  
Rene Martinez – HCTC  
Anita Comstock – Clinical  
Tina Rube – Outpatient

**Phoenix**

3602 W. Thomas Road, Ste. 10  
Phoenix AZ 85019  
Tel: 480-253-7853 cell  
Tel.: 602-455-4626 office  
Fax: 602-455-4624  
Judy Letourneau, Director

**Flagstaff**

320 N. Leroux, Ste. C  
Flagstaff, AZ 86001  
Tel.: 928-522-4517/928-226-1097  
Fax: 928-774-2159  
Diana Reed – TFC Coordinator
This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency in this county. PSC is a foster care licensing agency (recruiting and licensing – but not training – foster placements), both at the DES and HCTC (therapeutic) level. Families receive ongoing round the clock support.

Santa Cruz County

Arizona Children’s Association
Phoenix Corporate Office:
711 E. Missouri, Ste. 200
Phoenix, AZ 85014

Tucson Corporate Office:
2700 S. 8th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85713
Tel: 800-944-7611
Website: arizonaschildren.org

Santa Cruz County Contact: Sarah Gojkovich, 520-224-9108 x1894

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. Services offered in Santa Cruz County include:

1. Outpatient Behavioral Health; developing skills and supports with children and families to increase independence and resiliency (location: 1790 N. Mastick Way, Suite D, Nogales, AZ 85621; Contact: Steve Ochs, sochs@arizonaschildren.org, 520-224-9100 x1862).
2. Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault; support for survivors of recent and past sexual assault as well as sexual assault education and prevention (location: 1600 N. Country Club Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718; Contact: Liz Wong, ewong@arizonaschildren.org, 520-327-1171).
3. In-Home/Family Preservation; providing strengths based in-home supportive interventions to families at risk, must be referred by DCS (location: various; Contact: Cheryl DeHaven, cdehaven@arizonaschildren.org, 520-971-4013).
4. Parent Aide; DCS referred families receiving parenting, education, home management skills to demonstrate positive behavioral changes (location: various; Contact: Joseph Johnson, jjohnson@arizonaschildren.org, 520-458-2131 x1810).
5. Adoption certification process and support; supporting families through the adoption certification process and beyond (location: various; Contact: Jessica Wells, jwells@arizonaschildren.org, 520-224-9108 x1895).
6. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements (location: various; Contact: Jessica Wells, jwells@arizonaschildren.org, 520-224-9108 x1895).
7. New Directions Institute; parenting education classes and workshops based on brain development research (location: various; Contact: Linda Taroli, ltaroli@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).
8. New Directions Institute; provides parenting education classes and workshops based on brain development research (location: various; Contact: Linda Taroli, ltaroli@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).
9. Independent Living Program (life skills for youth in foster care and/or aging out of foster care up to 21 years old (location: 174 S. Coronado Drive, Suites B and C, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635; Contact: Miranda Cox, mcox@arizonaschildren.org, 520-456-4713).

Arizona Partnership for Children
4747 N. 7th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85013
602-285-1999 x59008
Fax: 602-285-0311

Satellite office:
2220 S. Country Club, Ste. 108
This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. *For more detail, see above under Arizona Partnership for Children in National/Statewide Organizations Providing/Administering Goods/Services [Private Agencies].*

**GAP Ministries**
2861 N. Flowing Wells Ste. 161  
Tucson, AZ 85705  
Tel.: 520-877-8077  
E-mail: info@gapmin.com  
Website: gapmin.com

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. *For more detail, see the entry above for GAP Ministries, under Pima County.*

**General Health Corporation - AmeriPsych**
Statewide Office:  
2400 W. Dunlap Avenue, Ste. 124  
Phoenix, AZ 85021  
Tel.: 602-728-0630/928-776-1484  
Toll-Free: 866-677-0024  
Fax: 602-728-0632  
Website: rescare.com

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*NOTE: There is no CASA Support Council in Santa Cruz County.*
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Website: arizonaschildren.org

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1. Outpatient Behavioral Health; developing skills and supports with children and families to increase independence and resiliency (location: 906 W. University Avenue, Bldg. B, Suite 150, Flagstaff, AZ 86001; Contact: Gretchen Shallcross, gshallcross@arizonaschildren.org, 928-527-1000 x2858).

2. In-Home/Family Preservation; providing strengths based in-home supportive interventions to families at risk, must be referred by DCS (location: various; Contact: Anjaneane Knudsen, aknudsen@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991 x2008).

3. Adoption certification process and support; supporting families through the adoption certification process and beyond (location: various; Contact: Lisa Sahady, lsahady@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991 x2001).

4. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements (location: various; Contact: Lisa Sahady, lsahady@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991 x2001).

5. Supporting and monitoring families who care for children, placed in their care, from another state or county under the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) (location: various; Contact: Susan Kelly, skelly@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991 x2005).

6. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements for HCTC foster care; “Home Care Training for the Home Care Client”; therapeutic foster care that provides behavioral health services to the child (location: various; Contact: Jodi Oen, joen@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).

7. New Directions Institute; parenting education classes and workshops based on brain development research (location: various; Contact: Linda Taroli, ltaroli@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).

8. Parents as Teachers; early childhood home visitation program for families with children birth to 5 (Location: 440 N. Washington Ave, Prescott, AZ 86301; Contact: Rainee Crabtree, rcrabtree@arizonaschildren.org, 928-443-1991 x2021).

9. In My Shoes – Mentorship and Outreach; one-on-one mentorship for youth in foster care and community outreach (location: various; Contact: Christa Drake, cdrake@arizonaschildren.org, 520-747-1533).

10. New Directions Institute; provides parenting education classes and workshops based on brain development research (location: various; Contact: Linda Taroli, ltaroli@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).

11. Independent Living Program (life skills for youth in foster care and/or aging out of foster care up to 21 years old (location: 440 N. Washington Avenue, Prescott, AZ 86301; Contact: Hayes Paden, hpaden@arizonaschildren.org, 928-499-0378 x2036).

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Mesa, AZ 85210
Tel.: 480-388-3292

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**Christian Family Care**
3603 N. 7th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85013
Toll-Free: 800 939-5432
Tel.: 602-234-1935
Fax: 602-234-0022

6063 E. Grant Road
Tucson, AZ 85712
Tel.: 520 296-8255
Fax: 520 296-8773

This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency, recruiting, training and licensing foster families in this county. CFC provides help to any child or family in need regardless of their color, culture, disability, ethnic group, gender, race, religion or socioeconomic status. CFC provides services in Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal (through the Pima office) counties at this time. Services provided include: (1) licensing foster placements, therapeutic foster placements, Department of Developmental Disabilities foster placements and adoptive placements (they will assist kinship placements, but this is not a focus for the organization); (2) for the families they have licensed, they will do events from time to time such as date nights/respite care, and family nights; (3) CFC’s Safe Families for Children program provides a program similar to foster care, but without government involvement; the program provides sanctuary to children when parents are struggling with problems such as drug addiction, domestic abuse, incarceration, or illness, minimizing the risk for abuse or neglect and giving parents the time and tools they need (for now, the program is only in Maricopa, but CFC hopes to expand it); (4) as a part of its adoption program, CFC provides free pregnancy counseling to mothers considering putting the child up for adoption; (5) youth counseling for children in foster care, at no cost to the child; and (6) marital and individual counseling; these services require payment of a fee.

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**Family Involvement Center**
5333 N. 7th Street, A-100
Phoenix, AZ 85014
Tel.: 602-412-4095
Toll Free: 877-568-8468
Website: familyinvolvementcenter.org
Parent Assistance Center (PAC)
Tel.: 602-288-0155
Toll Free: 877-568-8468
pac@familyinvolvementcenter.org.

For more detail, see under Maricopa County, above.

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1951 W. Camelback Road, Ste. 450
Phoenix, AZ 85015
Tel.: 602-433-1344
Toll Free: 888-433-1344
Fax: 602-249-1570
DDD On-Call: 602-703-2858
Email: familyservices@hrtaz.com
Website: hrtaz.com

Parenting Classes
2131 E. Broadway Road, Ste. 14
Tempe, AZ 85282
Tel.: 480-967-6895
Fax: 480-967-4986

Areas outside of Maricopa County:
Tel.: 888-KID-4HRT (888-543-4478) x704
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Verde Valley CASA Children’s Foundation/CASA Children’s Center, Inc.
P.O. Box 2523,
Cottonwood, AZ 86326

Contact: Elisa Richards, 928-639-2611(H); 928-300-8978 (C)/ migee94@gmail.com
Karin Krippene, kikrippene@att.net

Verde Valley CASA Children’s Foundation/CASA Children’s Center, Inc. is the Verde Valley-area Yavapai County CASA support council (there is a separate CASA support council for the Prescott area of Yavapai County; see the entry for Yavapai CASA for Kids Foundation). Mike Wade, the Court’s CASA coordinator, is a member. They provide bedding, as well as gift cards and mattresses. They report there is only one group home in Yavapai County and that is in Prescott, so the local DCS office struggles to find placements for teenagers. They report there is a serious problem with drugs in the area.

Yavapai CASA for Kids Foundation
P.O. Box 12457
Prescott, AZ 86304
Tel.: 928-445-0800
Website: YavapaiCASAforKids.org

Contact: Jennifer Whittemore, Board President, 928-533-2254 (cell)/jenwhittemore@hotmail.com
Alternative: Eileen Bond, Board Vice-President, 928-632-7798/jimbond@northlink.com

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Ex-Officio Members
CASA Coordinators/Prescott
Tracy Sauer – tsauer@courts.az.gov
Quinci Castleberry – qcastleberry@courts.az.gov
Cindy Miller – cmiller@courtsaz.gov

Ameri-Corp Volunteer
Crystal Ogden – c4kvista@gmail.com

Yavapai CASA for Kids Foundation (“C4K”) is the Prescott-area Yavapai County CASA support council (there is a separate CASA support council for the Verde Valley area of Yavapai County; see the entry for Verde Valley CASA Children’s Foundation/CASA Children’s Center, Inc.). C4K is a Qualified Foster Care Organization. They provide
grants of goods and services, through their application form available online at their website. Their form specifically asks if the applicant has first applied to AFFCF. Anyone involved in the life of a foster child can apply. C4K coordinates holiday “gift trees” to obtain holiday gifts for foster children at a number of retailers in their area (the specific stores are listed on C4K’s website). Yavapai CASA for Kids operates a mailbox for confidential letter and gift exchanges between adoptive and birth families; this service is only available when approved by the Court and when both the birth and the adoptive families agree to participate. The mailbox ensures that the birth family can receive news about their children who have been adopted in a way that respects the confidentiality of all parties. C4K runs a visitation center for foster children visiting with their biological parents. C4K provides “celebration cards”; these are gift cards from local stores that are given to children in foster care when they experience a milestone, such as a birthday, improving grades in school, getting along better in the foster home, not wetting the bed for a week, or sleeping through the night in their own bed, in order to provide much-needed positive reinforcement. C4K supplies clothing gift cards for each foster child in Yavapai County; the amounts for 2014 were $45 for children ages 0-5 years, $55 for children ages 6-10 years, and $65 for children 11 years and older. Last year, they spent a total of $18,000 on clothing gift cards for more than 400 children. C4K also provides each DCS office in its target area with gift cards (10 cards at $50.00 each replaced as needed) under the title “emergency clothing cards” to be available for case managers/foster placements to use when a child comes into care with only the clothes on their backs. These cards are available at the DCS office without the need to put a specific grant request into C4K and distribution of the cards is tracked so that C4K knows how they were used. They partner with the following organizations to obtain clothing for foster children:

- **Child Haven**, Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2980 Willow Creek Road, 928-772-3435. Distributes free clothing mostly for younger children, but they do have some teen clothes. Open Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to Noon; no need to call in advance.

- **First Baptist Church**, 114 Union Street, Prescott, 928-771-7592. Open Mondays and Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. May take whatever clothing is needed for children of all ages; no need to call in advance.

- **Needful Things**, 8400 E. Spouse, Prescott Valley. Associated with the Yavapai Food Bank, they have a limited supply of clothing and will limit distributions to 2-3 outfits per child. Open Tuesday and Wednesday Noon to 4:00 p.m. For emergencies (only!) outside these hours, contact Lynne Passfield, 928-772-5255, or by cell at 928-499-8857.

- **Open Door**, 5050 W. Gurley (at the corner of Summit), Prescott, 928-445-8382. A division of the Coalition for Compassionate Justice. Open 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; no need to call in advance.

- **Salvation Army**, 225 S. Montezuma, Prescott, 928-778-0150. Open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. through Noon and 1:00 p.m. through 3:00 p.m. A voucher will be issued once every 60 days for two outfits per child, but the voucher is good only the day it is issued, so foster parents should review the clothes available before requesting a voucher. No need to call in advance.

- **Teens’ Closet**, 717 White Spar Road, 928-379-1667. An outreach of the American Lutheran Church. Call in advance to make an appointment.

**Yuma County**

**Arizona Children’s Association**
Phoenix Corporate Office:
711 E. Missouri, Ste. 200
Phoenix, AZ 85014

Tucson Corporate Office:
2700 S. 8th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85713

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1. Outpatient Behavioral Health (location: 3780 S. 4th Avenue Extension, Ste. K, Yuma, AZ 85365; Contact: Deana Salter, dsalter@arizonaschildren.org, 928-344-8800 x175).

2. In-Home/Family Preservation (location: various; Contact: Andrea Mendez, amendez@arizonaschildren.org, 928-344-8800 x153).

3. Adoption certification process and support (location: various; Contact: Nancy Felix, nfelix@arizonaschildren.org, 928-344-8800 x137).

4. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements (location: various; Contact: Nancy Felix, nfelix@arizonaschildren.org, 928-344-8800 x137).

5. Supporting and monitoring families who care for children, placed in their care, from another state or county under the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) (Location: various; Contact: Nancy Felix, nfelix@arizonaschildren.org, 928-344-8800 x137).

6. Recruiting, training, licensing and supporting foster care placements for HCTC foster care; “Home Care Training for the Home Care Client”; therapeutic foster care that provides behavioral health services to the child (location: various; Contact: Nancy Felix, nfelix@arizonaschildren.org, 928-344-8800 x137).

7. New Directions Institute; parenting education classes and workshops based on brain development research (location: various; Contact: Linda Taroli, ltaroli@arizonaschildren.org, 602-371-1366 x2264).

8. In My Shoes - Mentorship and Outreach; one-on-one mentorship for youth in foster care and community outreach (location: various; Contact: Christa Drake, cdrake@arizonaschildren.org, 520-747-1533).

9. Independent Living Program (life skills for youth in foster care and/or aging out of foster care up to 21 years old (location: 3780 S. 4th Avenue Extension, Ste. K, Yuma, AZ 85365; Contact: Jessica Kelly, jkelly@arizonaschildren.org, 928-344-8800 x174).

Arizona Faith & Families
8114 W. Columbine Drive
Peoria, AZ 85381
Tel.: 623-341-3074
Email: contact@faithandfamilies.com
Website: faithandfamilies.com

Nikki Lehman, Co-Founder and Executive Director
Paul Lehman, Co-Founder and Program Director
Bonnie Barsalou, Licensing Specialist and Recruitment Coordinator
Joanne Fowler, RN; leads the medically complex training
Andy Holloway, Director of Media and Technology
Randi Brunansky, Licensing Specialist and Lead Trainer

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Phoenix, AZ 85015
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**Yuma**
3220 E. 40th Street Building A
Yuma, AZ 85365
Tel.: 928-317-0177
Rene Martinez – HCTC
Anita Comstock – Clinical
Tina Rube – Outpatient
This entity is listed on the DCS website as a foster care licensing agency in this county. PSC is a foster care licensing agency (recruiting and licensing — but not training — foster placements), both at the DES and HCTC (therapeutic) level. Families receive ongoing round the clock support.

**Yuma Council for CASA**
P.O. Box 903
Yuma, AZ 85366-0903
Facebook: facebook.com/YumaCouncilforCASA

Contact: Brooke Adams, President, 928-345-2598 (h), 928-246-3034(c)/bnaflour@yahoo.com

They meet regularly throughout the year, but during June, July and August they generally communicate electronically only. Their big fundraiser each March; they have a professional Elvis impersonator who lives in Palm Springs do a performance of “Elvis: The Early Years.” They obtain grants, and host other, smaller fundraisers as the opportunities present themselves. They focus on buying things for kids directly, such as summer camps, tutoring, speech therapy (the local schools provide only 15 minutes per month, in a group setting), prescription sports goggles, equine therapy, and especially regular use clothing. They seldom do electronics. They do ask CASAs to try to go through AFFCF first before applying to the CASA council. One of the churches in town (Desert Grace Community Church of the Nazarene [Pastor Clint], 12134 N. Frontage Road, Yuma, AZ 85367, 928-305-1132) runs “Jessie’s Closet,” which provides clothes for foster children; the CASA council works with this church. The CASA council does do some things for CASAs, though their focus remains on doing things directly for foster children: they help send the CASA of the Year to the annual national CASA conference, they contribute to the training library for CASAs, and they stage CASA recognition events. There are some group homes in Yuma County but not enough, and many teenage Yuma county foster children are sent to group homes in other counties.
Indian Tribes

Arizona Tribal Child Welfare Programs

Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Indian Reservation of Arizona
Social Services
12302 Kennedy Drive
Parker, AZ 85344
Tel.: 928-669-8187
Fax: 928-669-3065

Hopi Tribe of Arizona
Department of Social Services - Hopi Guidance Center
P.O. Box 68
Second Mesa, AZ 86043
Tel.: 928-737-2685
Fax: 928-737-2697

Hualapai Indian Tribe of the Hualapai Indian Tribe Reservation
Human Services
P.O. Box 480
Peach Springs, AZ 86434
Tel.: 928-769-2269
Fax: 928-769-2659

Navajo Nation of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah
Navajo Children and Family Services
P.O. Box 1930
Window Rock, AZ 86515
Tel.: 928-871-6806
Fax: 928-871-7667

Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona
Social Services Department
7474 South Camino De Oeste
Tucson, AZ 85757
Tel.: 520-879-5060
Fax: 520-879-6361

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation
Social Services Department
10005 E. Osborn Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85256
Tel.: 480-362-5645
Fax: 480-362-5574
Child Protective Services
Tel.: 480-362-2600
Fax: 480-362-8853
San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation  
Tribal Social Services  
P.O. Box O  
San Carlos, AZ 85550  
Tel.: 928-475-2313  
Fax: 928-475-2342

Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona  
P.O. Box 837  
Sells, AZ 85634  
Health and Human Services  
Tel.: 520-383-6000  
Fax: 520-383-3930  
Child Welfare  
Tel.: 520-383-6100  
Fax: 520-383-5373

Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Indian Reservation  
Health and Human Services – Social Services Department  
2400 W. Datsi Street  
Camp Verde, AZ 86322  
Tel.: 928-649-7100  
Fax: 928-567-6832

Other Organizations Specifically Aiding Indian Children in Foster Care

A Place To Call Home  
1830 S. Alma School Road, Ste. 122  
Mesa, AZ 85210  
Tel.: 480-456-0549  
Tel. (emergency after hours): 480-244-7800  
Fax: 480-456-0553  
Website: tocallhome.com

Tucson Office:  
1200 N. El Dorado Place, Bldg. C, Ste. 300  
Tucson, AZ 85715  
Tel.: 520-318-9906  
Tel. (emergency after hours): 520-404-1598  
Fax: 520-881-9051

Recruits, trains, licenses and supports foster and adoptive placements, including Tribal Foster Care placements. Behavior specialists on staff complete individualized behavior treatment plans. A respite coordinator assists families in scheduling respite. 24-hour telephone assistance.

Human Resource Training, Inc.  
1951 W. Camelback Road, Ste. 450  
Phoenix, AZ 85015  
Tel.: 602-433-1344  
Toll Free: 888-433-1344  
Fax: 602-249-1570  
DDD On-Call: 602-703-2858  
Email: familyservices@hrtaz.com  
Website: hrtaz.com
Parenting Classes
2131 E. Broadway Road, Ste. 14
Tempe, AZ 85282
Tel.: 480-967-6895
Fax: 480-967-4986

Areas outside of Maricopa County:
Tel.: 888-KID-4HRT (888-543-4478) x704
Toll Free: 888-433-1344

For more information, see the entry for Human Resource Training set forth above under Apache County.

Intermountain Centers for Human Development
Mailing Address:
P. O. Box 17749
Tucson, AZ 85731-7749
Tel.: 520-721-1887
Fax: 520-721-0069
Website: ichd.net

Administrative Offices:
994 S. Harrison Road
Tucson, AZ 85748

Other addresses:
2115 N. Highway 89
Chino Valley, AZ 86323
Tel.: 928-636-2881
Fax: 928-636-6292

994 S. Harrison Road
Tucson, AZ 85748
Tel.: 520-721-1887 x7359
Fax: 520-344-8892

1020 S. Harrison Road
Tucson, AZ 85748
Tel.: 520-721-1887 x7350
Fax: 520-344-8591

101 S. La Canada Drive
(Green Valley Village, Building 1), Suite 14B
Green Valley, AZ 85614
Tel.: 520-399-1498
Fax: 520-648-7437

Tohono Plaza, Ste. 407
BIA Route 19
Sells, AZ 85634
Tel.: 520-383-1791
Fax: 520-383-1795; 520-383-2739
Intermountain Academy
555 S. Tucson Boulevard
Tucson, AZ 85716
Tel.: 520-721-1887 x5298
Fax: 520-207-5963
Email: intermountainacademy@ichd.net

Parent Aide Program (Pima County and Southeastern Arizona)
555 S. Tucson Boulevard
Tucson, AZ 85716
Tel.: 520-721-1887, x7359
Fax: 520-207-5963

For more detail, see the Intermountain Centers for Human Development entry above, under Pima County

Sunshine Angels
3822 W. Helena Drive
Glendale, AZ 85308
Tel.: 602-391-3669
E-mail: sunshineangelsaz@gmail.com
Website: sunshineangels.com
Contact: Sandra Hurst

Sunshine Angels is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was founded to support foster children living in group homes, specifically foster children in the care of Sunshine Residential and Group Homes in Maricopa County, as well as children in the care of Genesis, which runs group homes under a contract with the Navajo Nation. SA has qualified for the Arizona Foster Care Organization tax credit. The Angels are volunteers who become the “grandparents,” “friends” and unconditional support missing in the children’s lives. Specific services provided include: (1) welcome boxes for children coming into care; each box is handcrafted by a volunteer and includes a special message, shampoo, soap/body wash, deck of cards, brush/comb, lotion, lip balm, small mirror, journal and pen, toothbrush and tooth paste, snacks, and a “worry” angel to help take worry away; (2) personalized birthday celebration packages consisting of food, a homemade cake, candles, a birthday card with $5 inside and a gift; (3) each May, a graduation celebration (including a luncheon) for 8th grade, 12th grade and GED graduates; (4) approximately six $500/year scholarships for those going to college after foster care; (5) a week-long summer camp in the White Mountains; (6) hosts a Christmas party and celebration dinner for each child; (7) Kid’s Closet, which provides new underwear and socks, and new and gently used shoes and regular use clothing; (8) for children aging out of foster care, Angel’s Attic is a storage facility that provides items like furniture, kitchen items (appliances, cutlery, basics, etc.), bathroom items, wash clothes and towels, bed linens, and pillows; (9) Every July, each child receives a new pair of athletic shoes of the child’s choosing; (10) an annual “Backpack For Kids” event that provides each child with a new backpack, school supplies, and new socks and underwear, and a special Back To School night of fun every September to help the children kick off their school year with a positive start and with enthusiasm and excitement; (11) in-house tutoring; (12) obtains educational software and computers that can be used by all the children in each group home; (13) provide movie tickets, tickets to the Arizona Diamondbacks’ games, Phoenix Mercury games and opportunities to get cultural experiences like going to the Phoenix Art Museum; (13) one-on-one mentoring for children aging-out of foster care; and (14) haircuts.

Three Precious Miracles
Tel.: (805)-947-3040
Website: threepreciousmiracles.com
FaceBook: https://facebook.com/Threepreciousmiracles

Contact: Elisia Manuel

TPM helps provides basic needs to Native American Foster children and grandparents raising grandchildren. TPM will provide basic support to the children and family to help them get adjusted to their new environment when they have been
removed from their home in a crisis situation. TPM works with Tribal communities and volunteers throughout the valley in creating a resource facility of supplies for Native children. Some items that TPM will provide include clothing, diapers, shoes, blankets, toy, toiletries and cultural trainings. Specific services include care packages, culture awareness, culture sensitivity, mentorship and a support group.
Defunct Organizations/Organizations No Longer Providing Services to Foster Children

AZ Heart Gallery
Now a part of DCS, it no longer is an independent organization.

Black Family and Child Services of Arizona
1522 E. Southern Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85040
Tel.: 602-243-1773
Foster Care Services: 602-256-2948
Email: info@bfcsfamily.org
Website: bfcsfamily.org

Mary Magalene Black, President and Chief Executive Officer
Tim Martinson, Director of Behavioral Health Services
Kamal El Shaarawy, Supervisor of the Family Support/Family Preservation Program
Tezerash Bekele, Quality Management/Performance Improvement Manager

BFCS is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) that formerly provided training and licensing for foster care placements and therapeutic foster placements, and behavior health and substance abuse counseling for both foster children and their biological parents. BFCS also provided a Family Enhancement Program (the child had to be enrolled in the ValueOptions behavioral health system) that included living skills/social skills development; family support training; in-home family counseling; crisis support; job development and placement; assistance in connecting with community resources; and case management.

Ceased serving foster children effective June, 2015.

Gila Council for Kids
P.O. Box 1512
Globe, AZ 85502-1512

Contact: Janice Neely, President, 928-425-0677 (h)/928-200-1122 (c), Fuzzybuzzard9@aol.com

No response to repeated attempted communications.