

2020
BACK TO SCHOOL RESOURCES



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BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES

AID TO ADOPTION OF SPECIAL KIDS (AASK)

www.aask-az.org

If you are a foster family licensed through AASK, your licensing worker (family specialists) will provide the foster children in your care with backpacks and school supplies. If a family has a specific school-related need, they should let their family specialist know.

ARIZONA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S SERVICES

<https://abcs.org/resources/>

If you are a foster family licensed through Arizona Baptist Children's Services (ABCS), your licensing worker will provide you with information about the back to school items ABCS will provide to the foster children in your care.

ARIZONA'S CHILDREN ASSOCIATION

<https://www.arizonaschildren.org/>

If you are a foster family that is licensed through Arizona's Children Association or a young adult working with a Youth Support Specialist, Arizona's Children Association will have backpacks and school supplies available in limited supply. Arizona's Children Association is also working to address technology needs, as able.

ARIZONA FAITH AND FAMILIES

[http://www.faithandfamilies.com/!](http://www.faithandfamilies.com/)

If you are a foster parent licensed with Arizona Faith and Families, Arizona Faith and Families will provide you with backpacks and school supplies for the foster children in your care. Families can reach out to their licensing specialist for more information.

ARIZONA HELPING HANDS

<https://azhelpinghands.org/>

Arizona Helping Hands is excited to continue to provide new backpacks with grade appropriate school supplies to children in foster care entering pre-school through high school.

Additionally, foster families with children in foster care entering kindergarten through 6th grade can also request school appropriate clothing, limited to the first 700 requests.

You must have one of the following documents in order to request items:

- ! Notice to Provider
- ! SRPMC CPS Investigations-Ongoing
- ! Gila River Judgement Order
- ! Order of Appointment of a Permanent Guardian of a Minor

Pickup date and time will be confirmed via email. There is currently a wait list. To be placed on the wait list, please submit your information at the below link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QMTHTWW>

ARIZONA SUNSHINE ANGELS

[http://sunshineangelsaz.org/!](http://sunshineangelsaz.org/)

The Arizona Sunshine Angels work in concert with Sunshine Residential Group Homes, Garden House Group Homes, A Blessed Nest Group Home, and Sacred Journey Group Homes around the Valley of the Sun.

The Arizona Sunshine Angels and our Angel Partners organize an annual Backpack & School Supplies for Kids Drive to ensure all the children who reside in those group homes begin the school year with a new backpack and much-needed school supplies.

If you are a staff member with Sunshine Residential Group Homes, Garden House Group Homes, A Blessed Nest Group Home, or Sacred Journey Group Home, please see the below link for information about getting backpacks and school supplies for the children who reside in your homes.

<http://sunshineangelsaz.org/programs/backpack-for-kids/>

ASA NOW/JACOB'S MISSION COMMUNITY CENTER

<http://www.asanow.org/>

ASA Now will provide free backpacks for children impacted by foster care.

Saturday, August 1 | 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

To receive backpacks for your children, please sign up through this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/201924947399167!!!!>

AVIVA CHILDREN'S SERVICES (TUCSON, AZ)

<https://avivatucson.org/>

Aviva Children's Services will be offering back to school supplies for foster children. Aviva will provide a new backpack along with supplies such as composition books, folders, pencils, pens, ruler, crayons and or colored pencils. Binders, filler paper, calculators, scissors, index cards, glue sticks, and highlighters. The backpacks will be pre-filled and will be school age appropriate.

Pick-up times are to be determined. Please call 520.327.6779 for more information. Available only while supplies last.

CASA COUNCIL HELPING CHILDREN OF MOHAVE COUNTY

<https://casasupport.org/>

CASA Council provides children in foster care in Mohave County (dependents of the Court in Mohave County) with school backpacks filled with age-appropriate school supplies (folders, paper, pens, pencils and sharpeners, erasers, glue sticks, three-ring binders, ruler, markers, highlighters, colored pencils, pencil case, mechanical pencils and subject folders).

Children must be referred for the back to school assistance by their Department of Child Safety (DCS) caseworkers.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES

<https://www.catholiccharitiesaz.org/>

If you are a foster parent licensed with Catholic Charities, Catholic Charities will set up a back-to-school “shop” so children in foster care and their foster parents can select backpacks and school supplies. Catholic Charities will send out a flyer to all the Catholic Charities Foster Care families advising them of the dates. If families are unable to attend in person, they can let their worker know what they need and staff will “shop” for them.

CHILD CRISIS ARIZONA

<https://childcrisisaz.org/>

If you are a foster parent licensed with Child Crisis Arizona, Child Crisis Arizona will provide you with backpacks for the foster children in your care. Families can reach out to their specialist for more information.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY CARE

<https://cfcare.org/>

If you are a foster parent licensed with Christian Family Care, Christian Family Care will provide you with a backpack and school supplies for the foster children in your care. Families can reach out to their licensing specialist for more information.

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GRACE RETREAT FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION SERVICES

<https://www.graceretreatfostercare.org/>

If you are a foster parent licensed with Grace Retreat, Grace Retreat will provide you with school supplies for the foster children in your care. Families can reach out to their licensing specialist for more information.

HELEN'S HOPE CHEST

<https://www.mesaunitedway.org/helenshope/>

Helen's Hope Chest will provide backpacks to children in foster care and biological and adopted children, as long as there is a foster or kinship child in the household.

Helen's Hope Chest will schedule times for families to pick up backpacks the weeks of July 20, July 27 and August 3, 2020. If you are in need of a backpack please visit their website or call 480.969.5411 to make an appointment.

HOPE AND A FUTURE, INC

<https://azhope.com/>

Families who have participated in Hope and A Future programs or camps can contact Hope and A Future to complete a form to receive a backpack.

A MIGHTY CHANGE OF HEART

<https://www.amchaz.org/>

A Mighty Change of Heart provides personalized duffle bags to foster children moving to a new placement. If you are requesting a bag for a child who will be moving to your home and the child also needs school supplies, you can request to add school supplies to the order.

MORE THAN A BED (TUCSON, AZ)!

<https://morethanabed.org/>

More Than a Bed provides offer a selection of backpacks for all ages and school supplies including notebooks, pens, pencils, glue, erasers, scissors, etc. for children in foster, kinship and adoptive care. They also provide essentials such as beds, clothes, shoes, toys and diapers.

NAVAJO COUNTY FRIENDS OF CASA

<http://navajocountyfriendsofcasa.com/>

For more than 12 years, each year prior to the beginning of the school year, Navajo County Friends of CASA provides \$250 per child in foster care working with a CASA volunteer toward clothing and school supplies. They partner with local Walmart stores in Show Low and Winslow to provide this service. On a specified day, the child, accompanied by their caregiver, CASA volunteer or DCS caseworker shop for their clothes and supplies.

If a child cannot attend on the specified day, their caregiver works with the DCS caseworker to provide a shopping list which the caseworker or CASA volunteer will shop for the child.

OCJ KIDS

<https://www.ocjkids.org/>

OCJ Kids will hold its 13th annual Tools 4 Success back-to-school event for local foster group homes on August 1, 2020.

Due to COVID restrictions, they will limit attendance at the event and will add scheduled pick-up days for those unable to attend. OCJ Kids expects to provide up to 900 backpacks with a full list of school supplies.

ONWARD HOPE

<https://onwardhope.org/>

If you are a foster parent licensed with Onward Hope, Onward Hope will provide you with a backpack and school supplies for the children in your foster care. Families can reach out to their licensing specialist for more information.

THREE PRECIOUS MIRACLES

<http://www.threepreciousmiracles.com/>

With the generosity of donors and volunteers from across the valley, Three Precious Miracles selects one Native community to bless 400 - 500 children each year to have a successful coming school year by providing needed items, such as backpacks with school supplies, shoes, socks, underwear and a toy.

In past years they have provided back-to-school items for Gila River Indian Community, Tohono O'odham Nation, White Mountain Apache, San Carlos & Hopi Tribe.

TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

<https://www.herozona.org/programs/phoenix-tools-4-school/>

The Phoenix Tools 4 School event is annual initiative that provides basic school readiness supplies for students whose families cannot afford any or all the necessary items to start off the school year. The initiative provides students with book bags, notebooks, writing utensils and other necessary supplies to K - 8 students. Their 2020 event will be a drive-thru giveaway.

Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020

Time: 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Location: South Mountain Community College, 7050 S 24th St, Phoenix, AZ 85042

To control the distribution line and provide a safe experience you must preregister to reserve your backpack(s). Register at the below link:

<https://www.herozona.org/programs/phoenix-tools-4-school/>

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YAVAPAI COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Unfortunately, due to the continually changing COVID-19 mandates and restrictions, the Yavapai County School District made the decision to cancel their annual quad city back-to-school year. Instead, they will hold a drive-thru backpack giveaway at the Heights Church in August, where families can drive up to receive a backpack filled with school supplies for each student. For more information, please call 928.759.5109.

CLOTHING & OTHER NEEDS

ARIZONA FRIENDS OF FOSTER CHILDREN FOUNDATION

<https://www.affcf.org/>

Children in foster care who need back-to-school clothing can request clothing assistance from AFFCF via the “Supplemental Clothing” category (if it has not yet been awarded this year). AFFCF also provides assistance with book, school pictures and extracurricular activities.

ARIZONANS FOR CHILDREN

<https://arizonansforchildren.org/>

Arizonans for Children can provide new tennis shoes (kids sizes 11,12, and 13) for students in addition to sizes 1 - 7 including half sizes. Foster families in need can contact Kaye McCarthy at kayemccar@cox.net.

ASA NOW / JACOB’S MISSION COMMUNITY CENTER

<http://www.asanow.org/>

In addition to providing backpacks, Jacob’s Mission Community Center is an after-school center powered by ASA Now. It serves students K - 12 by offering after-school tutoring, dance, art, reading music, keyboard, ukulele, guitar, karate, yoga and cooking lessons. The Resource Center and mentorship program will help transition youth into adulthood by providing classes such as budgeting, cooking and nutrition, job resume, college prep, housing and more.

BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING DRIVE

[https://www.backtoschoolclothingdrive.com/!](https://www.backtoschoolclothingdrive.com/)

Due to the challenges associated with COVID-19, the Back to School Clothing Drive will work with their partner schools to register their students and deliver the items directly to the districts. The students will receive their packages at the start of the school year.

FREE ARTS FOR ABUSED CHILDREN OF ARIZONA

<https://www.freeartsaz.org/>

Free Arts is working on developing free arts kits “to go” for children in foster care. Please watch for more information on their website once the kits are available.

JESSE’S CLOSET FOSTER CHILD RESOURCE CENTER (YUMA, AZ)

<https://www.jessiescloset.org/>

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Jesse’s Closet has clothes and school uniforms available for foster families. Please contact them for an appointment at 928.769.4004 or 928.769.4000. You can also contact them via email at info@jessiescloset.org or info@desertgrace.org Some foster parents contact them through Facebook Messenger, and that is okay, too! [www.Facebook.com/jessiesclosetyuma](https://www.facebook.com/jessiesclosetyuma)

MORE THAN A BED (TUCSON, AZ)!

<https://morethanabed.org/>

More Than a Bed provides essentials to the children in foster, kinship, and adoptive care including beds, clothes, shoes, toys and diapers.

SPREADING THREADS CLOTHING BANK (TUCSON, AZ)

[https://spreadingthreads.com/!](https://spreadingthreads.com/)

Families who have a need for back to school clothing for children in foster care can make an appointment to receive clothing. School supplies and backpacks may be available, if donated.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES & SUPPORT

ADVOCACY 31 NINE

www.advocacy31nine.org

Advocacy 31 Nine provides educational resources and advocacy support. If you are in need of support around the areas of special education, individual education plans (IEPs) and 504 plans for a student who has been impacted by the foster care system, Advocacy 31 Nine can help.

GENERATION JUSTICE

<https://www.genjustice.org/>

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Gen Justice, through its Children's Law Clinic, offers a series of educational presentations for foster and kinship parents, older children in foster care, and child welfare professionals. The presentations, each about one hour long, offer an overview of Arizona's child welfare laws, the court and dependency process, special education information, as well as useful resources.

For more information, visit <https://www.genjustice.org/> or email info@genjustice.org

TUTORING

The list below consists of Arizona Friends of Foster Children (AFFCF) preferred partners for tutoring. Each of these tutoring options offer a discount for children in foster care and how they are serving kids in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. AFFCF can fund up to 12 weeks of tutoring for a child in foster care at a maximum of \$500. To learn more about AFFCF guidelines, please visit:

<https://www.affcf.org/guidelines-a/>

A ROAD TO LEARNING, LLC

1611 E. Main St.
Mesa, AZ 85203

Locations: Tutoring provided statewide

Contact: Corina Gastony
Tel: 480.545.2475

Email: cgastony@aroad2learning.com
www.aroad2learning.com

Regular rate: \$50 per hour/Discounted rate: \$40 per hour

COVID-19 Response:

Because of COVID-19, A Road to Learning has suspended their tutoring services to ensure the safety of their tutors and the families they serve. They do not currently have a targeted date to return to service as yet.

COGNITUTOR, LLC!

Locations: In-home tutoring available throughout Arizona

Contact: Loni Lebanoff
Tel: 863.521.3892

Email: loni@cognitutor.com
www.cognitutor.com

Regular rate of \$50/hour discounted to \$42/hour

COVID-19 Response:

COGNITUTOR, LLC (cont.):

Tutors are meeting students online and in person if needed (during school, some students didn't have access to a laptop or phone and couldn't continue schooling without assistance). Cognitutors are advising everyone to meet online as much as possible and if meeting in person, to abide by the CDC's guidelines.

FOCUS TUTORS

Locations: Mobile tutoring, serving North Phoenix and Scottsdale

Contact: Tina Kanelos Jones
Tel: 480.428.8322

Email: tina@focustutorsaz.com
www.focustutorsaz.com

Regular rate: \$70 – \$80 per hour, depending on grade level/Discounted rate: \$55 per hour

COVID-19 Response:

Focus Tutors still provide in-person tutoring in accordance to safety guidelines. They have also modified their services by adding online tutoring as a option for families.

KUMON LEARNING CENTER – GILBERT/VAL VISTA LAKES*

Locations: 1

Contact: Jose Penalosa
Tel: 480.813.1153

Email: mr.jose@kumonofgilbert.com
www.kumon.com/gilbert

10% off currently monthly fee (Regular rates = \$145/month for first subject; \$135/month for second subject)

**Please note this vendor requires a minimum enrollment period, depending on the child's grade level. AFFCF funding is not guaranteed for the full enrollment period. Be sure to review our Award Guidelines for more details.*

KUMON LEARNING CENTER – GILBERT/VAL VISTA LAKES (Cont.)

COVID-19 Response:

Kumon - Gilbert/Val Vista Lakes is applying every suggested precaution by the CDC and local health officials. The Center is open with limited space for social distancing, with only students allowed in the Center.

Students are required to sanitize their hands before and after class. Kumon checks each student's temperature checked and students must wear a face mask at all times. The staff follows the same requirements as students, in addition to wearing gloves and shields.

For families that prefer to keep their children at home, Kumon - Gilbert/Val Vista Lakes offers individualized Zoom meetings. Parents may request Zoom meetings for their children because it maintains the one-on-one work relationship students enjoyed before the pandemic.

For families interested in home-schooling, Kumon is working on a plan to help families achieve their goals.

SYLVAN LEARNING CENTER – ARROWHEAD

8190 W Union Hills Rd #120
Glendale, AZ 85308

Locations: 1

Contact: Victoria Sherrard
Tel: 623.537.3611

Email: sylvan0418@sylvanarrowhead.com
www.sylvanarrowhead.com

Discounted hourly rate of \$46/hour (regularly \$52/hour)

COVID-19 Response:

Sylvan Learning - Arrowhead is operating both in-person and online. In-person tutoring follows CDC guidelines. They are limited the number of students allowed in the facility, keeping students at least six feet apart and using plexiglass partitions between students and teachers. They sanitize all surfaces and shared technology items between student visits.

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