

**Contractor Agency Description and Requirements
(Exceeding State Foster Home Licensing Rules or Contract)**

1. ADCS will be updating the www.azkidsneedu.gov website with contractor information. Describe your agency and its specialties. Include your agency website url and contact information. Do not exceed 500 words.

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It is our mission to recruit foster and adoptive families that can provide as natural a family environment as possible for children (ages 0-17 years) and adults in foster care as well as children available for adoption. A Place To Call Home specializes in serving children and adults with a history of abuse or neglect, developmental disabilities, therapeutic needs and/or medical complications. Our services include recruitment, training and licensing for foster homes as well as certifying homes for adoption. We take great pride in our timeframes for licensing new foster homes and/or certifying new homes within 4 months of initial application date. Initial application, assessment and training are completed by our agency within 10 weeks. The state or court will take an average of 6 weeks thereafter to issue your license or certification. Once licensed, A Place to Call Home works diligently to field placement referrals and find the ideal match for children and adults to their identified foster or adoptive homes. Our support services include a minimum of monthly home visits, ongoing monitoring, respite services, behavior intervention, development and support, education plan advocacy, quarterly support training and 24-hour availability. We prioritize the children and adults in our care and strive to "do right" by the children and adults we are serving. A Place to Call Home is committed to not only serving the best interests of the children and adults in our care, but to the best interests of the foster and adoptive families providing the direct care as well.

2. List and describe in detail any specific agency requirements or expectations of your agency that exceed the State foster home licensing rules or the requirements within this contract. This may include additional requirements regarding pets or pool fences, for example. Also include anything that may be considered added value, such as offering additional respite hours or a faith-based perspective.

Name of Additional Requirement or Expectation	Is this Required? Yes or No	Reason
Pool Fence	Yes	A Place to Call Home strongly recommends pool fencing for any body of water for

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		all ages of foster children in care. We work with foster parents to obtain state approved pool fencing by working with community business and organizations to provide donated or reduced/low cost fencing for pool fences for foster children; upon agency approval, the agency may provide funding for pool fences with an agreed contract for repayment. Arizona has the second highest drowning rate for children in the United States.
Training	Yes	A Place to Call Home provides/requires additional training free of charge or billing to all its foster parents for licensure. The additional training is designed prepare a foster parent for the likelihood of children with special needs, medical issues, developmental delays or disabilities that could be referred before these needs are identified or a child is eligible for qualification as a child with disabilities. These trainings teach alternatives to punishment, nontraditional parenting through positive reinforcement and alternative and effective ways to handle behaviors of children and teens. It provides a means to identify and interpret nontraditional and non age appropriate behaviors and cognitive delays in children that are referred.
Behavioral Support	No	A Place to Call Home can provide a Behavioral Specialist to work with foster parents with placed foster children that display acute or abnormal behaviors that present more than normal challenges or threaten disruption.
Support to foster families	No	A Place to Call Home routinely assists foster parents by accompanying them to court hearings, medical reviews, school issues including Individualized Education Plans development, Child and Family meetings.
Cleaning supplies	Yes	A Place to Call Home requires families to have harmful substances beyond highly toxic substances to be locked to ensure the safety of children placed in the home.
Host visits	No	A Place to Call Home pairs each families being licensed with a currently licensed family with similar placement interests. This allows a family in the process to ask

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		questions of a family that has already been where they are in terms of being licensed. The new family also has an experienced family to contact in the future if they need assistance, advice or other support.
Vehicle Inspections	Yes	A Place to Call Home completes an inspection of the vehicles being used to transport a child placed to ensure working seatbelts, heat, and air conditioning as appropriate.
Child Care	No	A Place to Call Home prefers a child 0-3 be in the care of a stay at home provider. This allows for healthy bonding between the primary care giver and the child.