

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

1. ADCS will be updating the [www.azkidsneedu.gov](http://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.

Arms of Love Foster Care is a ministry of Arizona Baptist Children's Services (ABCS). Arms of Love offers hope and help to children and families in need by providing a safe, loving, and stable temporary living environment. Our staff is fully trained to support adoptive families through the process, should they choose to adopt through foster care. Our agency wants to partner with families who are called to open their homes to Arizona's foster children and show them the love of Christ. We will aid in providing additional trainings and material support through donations from the community. Our staff will support our foster families at DCS meetings regularly, help you advocate for children, assist with techniques as behavior challenges come along and offer regular prayer. The goal of ministry is to love and care for not only the children you serve but also for the people around those children, having an eternal impact.

Link to our website: [www.abcs.org](http://www.abcs.org)

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
Faith-based perspective	Yes	We are a faith-based agency that works with families from a faith-based perspective. One area of this is that our Foster Care Specialists pray with and for their families; this plays a huge role in the family feeling supported throughout their time as foster parents. A faith-based perspective also enables our agency to partner with churches in the surrounding community for retention events, foster family recruitment, areas to hold PSMAPP classes, etc.

