

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.

Arizona's Children Association is one of the oldest and largest not-for-profit child welfare and behavioral health agencies in Arizona. For more than 100 years, Arizona's Children Association (AzCA) has stayed true to "Protecting Children, Empowering Youth, Strengthening Families," serving more than 42,000 children, individuals and families in all 15 counties in the state each year.

Arizona's Children Association provides a myriad of programs, across every county in the state, each tailored to the needs of the particular child, individual or family. Some of our programs and services include: Foster Care & Adoption, Child Specific Recruitment, Behavioral Health & Trauma/Crisis Response, Family Preservation & Reunification, Kinship Services, Parenting Education, and Transitional Living Services.

Our professionally trained, caring and dedicated staff provide a broad spectrum of services that help create and sustain a healthy family environment. Our team members are able to expertly navigate between our behavioural health and child welfare programs to provide additional supports and resources to our children and families. We believe that every child deserves a permanent home that is safe and nurturing and we strive toward that goal. All programs are family focused, strength based, culturally sensitive and outcome driven.

At AzCA, more than 90 cents of every dollar is spent on programs and services and we have been recognized by *The Business Journal* as one of Arizona's top-ranking charitable organizations.

We also maintain a number of additional accreditations, state licenses and organization memberships that allow the agency to remain on the leading edge of child welfare and behavioral health issues in Arizona and the country. AzCA is licensed by the Arizona Departments of Behavioral Health and Child Safety and nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) and Better Business Bureau.

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
Monthly home visits for all licensed foster homes	Yes	COA requirement
Quarterly medication check in the foster home	Yes	COA requirement
New Physician's Statement at renewal	Yes	COA requirement
Healing Through Relationships	Yes	Trauma informed care information, which information is not covered in PS-MAPPS
CPR/First Aid	Yes	COA requirement
Medication Administration	Yes	COA requirement
Common Sense Parenting Common Sense Parenting for Toddlers	No	We recommend this training to all foster care/adoptive parents that have never parented before and/or are in need of positive discipline techniques
De-escalation and Behavior Management	No	We recommend as advanced training during the first year for all foster care/adoptive providers