

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.

Agency website: www.turnanewleaf.org

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A New Leaf is a Joint Commission accredited, non-profit 501(c)(3) agency. It’s mission of Helping Families...Changing Lives, is achieved through the provision of relevant and effective services, delivered with compassion, sincerity and clarity of purpose. The agency’s comprehensive continuum of care, includes services offered at 20 different program sites, serving vulnerable populations throughout Maricopa County. Since 1971, A New Leaf has been making a positive impact in the community, serving approximately 18,000 men, women and children annually. As an agency, A New Leaf’s services target families and individuals who identify as low-income, working poor, homeless, and victims of domestic violence; youth with emotional and/or behavioral health challenges; and families and individuals who are seeking certification for, or who are currently, fostering or adopting children, with or without special needs.

A New Leaf’s continuum of services includes: emergency and transitional shelter for victims of domestic violence and the homeless; service enriched housing for chronically homeless, special needs and low-income clients; affordable housing; residential and community based treatment for at risk youth; advocacy programs; financial literacy, IDA and work force development programs; community based behavioral health; a Community Action Program; and foster care/adoption services. A New Leaf continually works with the community to develop and deliver relevant, needed programs.

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

Additional lock(s) must be installed on exit doors near the top of the doors.	Yes	The extra door locks are provided as an extra safety measure for young children.
Plastic covers over door knobs can be installed as an additional safety method	No	To keep young children from opening doors without adult assistance.
Fire Extinguishers must be replaced yearly.	Yes	Additional Preventive Safety measure to keep families safe.
Fire Drills must be performed monthly.	Yes	Additional Preventive Safety measures to keep families safe.
We accept married couples, single providers, same sex couples.	no	To accommodate the variety of needs children have.