

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.

Agape Adoption Agency of Arizona, Inc. is a 501©(3) non profit agency that provides child placement services for adoptive and foster families, birth families, and children that require and deserve a safe, supportive home and parents. In accordance with our name, translated as “love” in Greek, Agape staff works in a cooperative spirit, wholly committed to helping our clients grow and strengthen their families. As a Christian organization, Agape adheres to Biblical standard for itself and its clients. Pure and lasting religion in the sight of God our Father means that we must care for orphans and widows in their troubles, and refuse to let the world corrupt us (James 1:27, New Living Translation). Our services include adoption certification, foster care licensing, parenting classes, advocacy for families providing kinship care, and services for birth parents.

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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
<p>Agape is a faith based organization which considers its work in the community a ministry. Agape staff will endeavor to conduct themselves with LOVE. We expect all staff and clients to interact with attitudes that reflect values identified in Galatians 5:22-23: truth, patience, kindness, humility, perseverance, courage and confidence.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>These attitudes help to develop a supportive and working relationship.</p>
<p>Agape has 3 advanced training classes that are required by Agape within the first 12 months of foster care licensure: Responding to Unplanned Disruptions, Managing Extreme Behaviors, and Parenting Sexually Abused Children.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>These classes help to further equip resource parents and help preserve placements.</p>