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

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

Gap Ministries has more than 15 years of foster care history serving thousands of Arizona's children with experienced staff. We understand the challenges and rewards of serving children in our community. We are unique amongst foster care providers as we have a faith based approach to our children and families. GAP Ministries wants to bring awareness, develop support, create resources and promote advocacy for foster care and adoption among the Tucson community at large as key members of the community. We are dedicated to ensuring the families have ONE Family Specialist through licensing, placement, on-going, and if needed through the adoption process and after care. GAP Ministries remains committed to this focus as a means of support to the family and the children. We will provide 24 hour internal crisis support to our families. We will keep a faith minded on-going training/education/Child Trauma (prevention, intervention, restoration) as well as prayer support. Peer support from experienced foster parents will also be available. We will have a respite care coordinator who will have creative ways to provide respite i.e parents night out and camps. Foster families will have access to practical resources such as food, diapers, hygiene products, household items, clothing etc. We also have independent living, life skills programs for older children. Join a family agency that cares not only for the child's well being but the well being of the families that we serve. We are committed to YOU

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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