

## **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.

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest lights the way in Arizona, caring for the most vulnerable in our community since 1970. We partner with individuals, congregations, and government agencies to offer a variety of social services, including: training, licensing and monitoring of foster families, services and resources for refugees, families, children and adults with developmental disabilities, the economically disadvantaged, homeless and seniors. We focus on **creating community** for individuals and families through our mission of “showing kindness, doing justice and serving those in need”.

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest Family Homes strives to recruit, train, license and monitor foster families who will provide a safe, stable and loving home to children and adults placed in their care by the Arizona Department of Child Safety or the Division of Developmental Disabilities. We are about families, not numbers and our emphasis is on providing the support each family needs in order to be successful in this very important endeavor. Monthly home visits by our Licensing Specialists are an opportunity for families to celebrate successes and explore options for dealing with challenges. Specialized trainings are available throughout the year to strengthen families and increase skills. Respite is provided to each family to allow them time to attend to personal matters and “refuel”. Working together, we can make a difference in the lives of children and adults in our community, helping them keep their BIG SMILES.

Please explore our website at [www.LSS-SW.org](http://www.LSS-SW.org) For additional information send requests to [familyhomes@lss-sw.org](mailto:familyhomes@lss-sw.org) or call 602 885-1492.

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
Not Applicable		Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest adheres to the State foster home licensing rules and the requirement within this contract and does not have additional requirements or expectations.

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