

## **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.

Foster parenting is caring for a child until the child's parent can resume this responsibility or until a permanent home can be found. It is a commitment. Foster parenting and adoption involves providing a home and stable family life for a child and giving that child a chance to heal, grow and develop. The time frame varies. It can be weeks, months or much longer, depending on the child's circumstances. In the case of adoption, parents are asked to make a lifetime commitment to a child. Foster and adoptive parents help children through a difficult time, so it is a job for people who can provide love and guidance.

The Providence Foster Care Program assists families in obtaining Pre-Service training, provides licensure and adoption certification and extensive ongoing support for foster and adoptive parents, both at the DES and HCTC (therapeutic) level. Our Foster Care staff have experience in a variety of areas including in-home family preservation services, urgent response, direct care in a residential treatment center, crisis prevention and intervention, licensed foster care provider and unlicensed kinship care. Families receive top-notch preparation for this invaluable service as well as receiving ongoing, round-the-clock support, which is paramount to the success of those children and their foster families.

Providence of Arizona values the importance of ensuring that our children placed in foster care can live with relatives, kin, extended families or foster and adoptive families with the intention of permanency. In addition to general recruitment for foster parents, Providence recognizes the increased need for licensing and supporting kinship families as well as families who are able to provide a home for sibling groups. As a result the foster care staff efforts include identifying kinship families who are able to meet licensing requirements and families who are willing and able to care for sibling groups, including HCTC families who care for siblings where one child needs a higher level of care.

<http://providenceofarizona.com/>

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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
First Aid/ CPR Training	Yes	Required for COA Accreditation
Human Trafficking training	Yes	Required for COA Accreditation
Trauma Informed Care training	Yes	Required for COA Accreditation
ICWA training	Yes	Required for COA Accreditation