

CASA Quick Reference Resource List

More information resources can be found at
<https://casaconnect.voicesforasachildren.org/resources/>

Related Training Courses can be found at
<https://casaconnect.voicesforasachildren.org/on-demand-education-classes/>

[Understanding the Acronyms](#) - The ABC's of Juvenile Court

Resource Directories Provided by Other Organizations

- DCS - [Kinship Caregivers Resources List](#)
- DCS - [Young Adult Program \(YAP\) Youth Resources](#) List
- Arizona Friends of Foster Children - [Resource Directory \(Maricopa County\)](#):

Birthdays

- Helen's Hope Chest: John's Room Program - Provides gifts for birthdays and holidays
<https://helenshopechest.org/>
- The Foster Alliance: Birthday Dreams program - provides birthday gifts, including toys, books, etc. (Must submit birthday request form one month prior to the child's birthday.)
<https://thefosteralliance.org/how-we-help/birthday-dreams/>
- [Box of Balloons](#) - personalized birthday boxes, decorations and treats for children <12.
<https://www.boxofballoons.org/arizona>

Birth Families

- Family Involvement Center - <https://www.familyinvolvementcenter.org/>

Essential & Supplemental Needs (Kinship & Foster Youth)

Car Seats (Kinship & Foster Families)

- AZ Foster Alliance - <https://thefosteralliance.org/how-we-help/essential-needs/>
- Child Crisis Center -
https://childcrisisaz.org/safe-kids-program/?doing_wp_cron=1736885520.4756009578704833984375

Child Care Resources

- Child Care Resources & Referral - <https://azfamilyresources.org/>

Clothing & Shoes

- AFFCF Supplemental Clothing Award -
<https://www.affcf.org/what-we-fund/supplemental-clothing/>
- Helen's Hope Chest - <https://helenshopechest.org/programs>

- Jose's Closet - <https://josescloset.org/>
- AZ Foster Alliance - <https://thefosteralliance.org/how-we-help/essential-needs/>
- Child Crisis Center (see Kids Closets located across the Valley) - <https://childcrisisaz.org/what-we-do/education-and-tools-for-families/resource-distribution-center/>
- [OCJ Kids](https://ocjkids.org/) - supporting teens and youth in group homes including a "dignity closet" with professional help for teen girls with the proper bra fitting. They provide the fitting, 3 bras, sports bra and nice pajamas for each girl. <https://ocjkids.org/>

Diapers

- AZ Foster Alliance - <https://thefosteralliance.org/how-we-help/essential-needs/>
- Child Crisis Center - <https://childcrisisaz.org/what-we-do/education-and-tools-for-families/resource-distribution-center/>
- Helen's Hope Chest - <https://helenshopechest.org/programs> is also a Emergency Diaper Bank partner.

Education Checklists / Resources - where to begin?

- AFFCF - [Youth Educational Guide for ages 13+](#) A Checklist for youth.
- [Resource Guide](#) for Education - What's available?

Extracurricular Activities & Lessons & Participation in Sports

- Arizona Friends of Foster Children
<https://www.affcf.org/ways-we-help/childhood-activities/what-we-fund/>
- Duet for Grandparents - <https://duetaz.org/grandparents-raising-grandchildren/>
- Free Arts Days & Art Activities - <https://freeartsaz.org/>

Food Banks/ Pantries

- AZCEND's Food Bank - <https://azcend.org/get-help/food-bank/>
- Desert Manna Food Pantry - <https://desertmannafoodpantry.org/>
- United Food Bank - <https://unitedfoodbank.org/findfood/>
- St Vincent de Paul - <https://www.stvincentdepaul.net/get-help/meals-and-food-boxes>
- St. Mary's Food Bank - <https://www.stmarysfoodbank.org/>

Furniture (including Cribs)

- The Foster Alliance (Cribs, Beds) - <https://thefosteralliance.org/how-we-help/>

Orthodontia

- Smiles Change Lives - <https://smileschangelives.org/>

Pool Fences

- Child Crisis Center - <https://childcrisisaz.org/pool-fence-safety-program/>
- Boost a Foster Family (NOTE: request must be submitted through DCS Case Specialist) - <https://boostafosterfamily.org/pool-fence-request/>

Home Repair

- Boost Foster Family (NOTE: request must be submitted through DCS Case Specialist) - <https://boostafosterfamily.org/home-repair-requests/>

Housing Assistance

- A New Leaf - <https://turnanewleaf.org/>
- Arizona Friends of Foster Care Foundation (AFFCF) - <https://www.affcf.org/> (housing, career planning, education planning)

Kinship Support Services

- Arizona Children's Foundation
<https://www.arizonaschildren.org/services/kinship-support-services/>
- Duet (grandparents raising grandchildren) - <https://duetaz.org/grandparents-raising-grandchildren/>

Rent & Utility Assistance

- St Vincent De Paul - <https://www.stvincentdepaul.net/get-help/rent-and-utility-bill-assistance>
- SRP assistance program
- APS assistance program
- SW gas assistance program
- [FindHelp.org](https://www.findhelp.org/) at <https://www.findhelp.org/>- offers information about utility, rental, food and other emergency assistance

Behavioral/ Mental Health Advocacy

- Solari - Crisis Response Network (crisis line & warm line) - <https://crisis.solari-inc.org/>

Developmental Disabilities Advocacy

- Raising Special Kids - [community resource listing](#) for teens
- Autism
 - Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARRC) - <https://autismcenter.org/discover-what-we-do/>
 - Autism Resource Center - [https://www.aacap.org/aacap/Families and Youth/Resource Centers/Autism Resource_Center/Home.aspx](https://www.aacap.org/aacap/Families_and_Youth/Resource_Centers/Autism_Resource_Center/Home.aspx)
 - Autism Speaks Resource Guide - <https://www.autismspeaks.org/resource-guide>
- DDD - [DCS's DDD Program Policy](#);

Educational Advocacy

- Arizona Department of Education (obtain an Educational Surrogate to assist you in advocating for the educational needs of your youth with special education needs) - <https://www.azed.gov/specialeducation/surrogate>

Life Story Books

- A Family for Every Child - [://affec.org/](https://affec.org/)
- Lifebooks - <https://powerofstory.us/2022/08/11/lifebook-lifestory-book-overview/>

LGBTQ Advocacy

- One-n-Ten - <https://oneten.org/>

Pregnancy & Feminine Care Resources

- Feminine Care Products - <https://gowiththeflowaz.org/>
- Maggie's Place (includes housing) - <https://www.maggiesplace.org/>

Preparing Youth for Adulthood

Independent Living

- Arizona Friends of Foster Care (AFFCF) - Arizona Friends of Foster Children - Keys to Success - <https://www.affcf.org/ways-we-help/keys-to-success/>
- <https://www.affcf.org/ways-we-help/childhood-activities/what-we-fund/> (housing, career planning, cell phones, driver's license, education planning)
- Child Crisis Center (Halle House) - https://childcrisisaz.org/what-we-do/independent-living-program/?doing_wp_cron=1736881724.8457570075988769531250
- Arizona Children's Association (Young Adult Services) (<https://www.arizonaschildren.org/services/young-adult-services/>)

Postsecondary Education

- Arizona State University (includes Bridging Success & other programs) - <https://fosteryouth.asu.edu/>
- Arizona Friends of Foster Care Foundation (AFFCF) <https://www.affcf.org/ways-we-help/post-secondary/>
- EVIT/ Hope Tech Academy (includes housing, education, job training) - <https://www.evit.edu/services/hopetech>
- Grand Canyon College (Fostering Futures program) - <https://gcuwelcome.org/fosteringfutures>
- Maricopa Community Colleges (Bridging Success program) - <https://www.maricopa.edu/students/student-support/foster-youth>