

## Foster Organizations & Their Resources:

### **AZ Helping Hands:**

32<sup>nd</sup> St and Thunderbird in Phoenix

<https://azhelpinghands.org/need-a-hand/#main>

We provide twin beds, cribs, bed sheets, linens, clothing, diapers, and other items to help children in foster care.

### **Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation:**

<https://www.affcf.org>

Required for child to be a ward of the state of AZ. Kinship and Non-licensed are eligible.

Grants for covered expenses including sports registration and uniforms, lessons, tutoring, special event clothing, camps, and many other things.

### **Helen's Hope Chest**

in Mesa

<https://helenshopechest.org>

We do this by providing our services in a welcoming shop-by-appointment storefront where foster youth come to pick out clothing, school supplies, and other basic needs free of cost

### **ASA Now/Jacob's Missions Center-Mesa**

<https://www.asanow.org>

They do food donations, clothing and can refer to many other resources

## **CASA**

<https://voicesforcasachildren.org/>

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are volunteers who look out for the best interest of children who have experienced abuse and neglect. CASA volunteers help ensure children are placed in safe, loving and permanent homes.

## **Hope & A Future**

7<sup>th</sup> Ave and McDowell

<https://azhope.com/>

Every foster child deserves hope and a bright future. Together, we can help them reach their potential and achieve their dreams through summer camps, life skills, mentoring and scholarships.

## **Thrive AZ**

<https://www.thriveaz.org/>

To assist our families and young adults in overcoming their obstacles and meeting their goals, Thrive AZ provides the following resources at no charge:

A brand new bed, sheets, pillows, and blanket

Other furniture, household items, and cleaning and hygiene items

Support and encouragement through the client's specific situation

Referrals to community agencies/programs

Housing for aged out young adults

## **KARE Family Centers**

<https://www.arizonaschildren.org/kinship/>

KARE Family Centers provide services to kinship caregivers. If you are a family member raising grandchildren, nieces or nephews, cousins or other relatives, the KARE Center can assess your needs and provide information and referrals to resources to help you. Services are provided in both English and Spanish. Locations in Phoenix, Tucson, Sierra Vista, Casa Grande and Yuma.

## **Lodestar Family Connections Center (LFCC)**

[www.familyconnectionscenter.org](http://www.familyconnectionscenter.org)

LFCC is an agency-independent supportive and educational resource center, providing a variety of programs for foster, adoptive, guardianship and kinship families. LFCC is family-centered to help meet the diverse needs of families caring for Arizona's children. Located in Phoenix.

## **Arizona Association for Foster and Adoptive Parents (AZAFAP)**

[www.azafap.org](http://www.azafap.org)

Working in partnership with child welfare professionals and the community, AZAFAP's purpose is to support, educate, empower and provide a unified voice for Arizona's foster and adoptive families, with the goal of increasing the well being and stability of Arizona's most vulnerable children.

## **Arizonans for Children**

[www.arizonansforchildren.org](http://www.arizonansforchildren.org)

Arizonans for Children is a non-profit organization that facilitates opportunities and provides effective solutions to alleviate hardships and improve the lives of children in foster care. They have a number of programs available including, tutoring, mentoring, life books, financial literacy for teens and a legal education program for teens aging out of the foster care system. Arizonans for Children also offers Children's Visitation Centers for supervised visits as well as dance, sewing, cooking and craft classes.