

## Legal Assistance

*Child Support Enforcement* 602-322-8600

*Adoption/Guardianship/Paternity  
Reliable Solutions* 602-273-0004

*Community Legal Services  
Central & Westside  
Eastside* 602-258-3434  
480-833-1442

*Maricopa County Bar Association*  
602-257-4200

*Immigration Issues & Citizen Classes  
Catholic Social Services* 602-997-6105

*Mexican Consulate* 602-242-7398

## Support Services for Children

*Community Information & Referral*  
List of support groups for children  
602-263-8856

*Girl Scouts Beyond Bars*  
Support and increased contact for daughters of incarcerated mothers  
602-253-6359 x1307

*STARS Mentoring Project  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona*  
Information on obtaining mentors for children  
602-264-2447

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### Contact:

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602-251-3171 x4104*

*To download this brochure, go to:  
<http://www.thepartnership.us/Youth/Stars.aspx>*

**If you suspect child abuse, call:**

**Child Abuse Hotline  
1(888)767-2445  
or 911**

# Are You Taking Care of Someone Else's Child? Maricopa County



*Where to go in Maricopa County  
for help when you are taking care of  
children whose parents have been arrested,  
in jail or prison*

## Immediate Needs

*Free Car Seats*  
Call to learn qualifications  
*Chandler Fire Department* 480-782-2134  
*Gilbert Fire Department* 480-503-6353  
*Mesa Fire Department* 480-644-2101  
*Peoria Fire Department* 623-773-7279

*Clothing Bank (Free)* 602-254-7450  
*Interfaith Cooperative Ministries*

*Utilities Assistance*  
*DES program* 1-800-582-5706  
*APS (Arizona Public Service)* 1-800-253-9405  
*SRP (Salt River Project)* 602-236-3000

*Food, Clothing, and Transportation*  
The following items require referrals from the various assistance programs listed below:

- Bus Passes
- Clothing
- Diapers
- Food Boxes
- School Supplies

For referrals to get free items contact:  
*Golden Gate Community Center  
of the Arizona Children's Association*  
602-233-0017

*Or churches, synagogues, or other houses of  
worship and local school resource centers*

*General Information  
Arizona 2-1-1 Online*  
Resources including child care, jobs, health care, and insurance

[www.AZ211.gov](http://www.AZ211.gov)

## Guardianship Information

- Guardianship requires parents' consent to secure legal custody of children in your care

### *Superior Court of Maricopa County*

*Central Region* 602-506-3204  
*N.E. Region* 602-372-7601  
*N.W. Region* 602-372-9400

## Guardianship is usually required to register children for school

### *Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools*

Information on your home school district  
602-506-3866

As a relative or legal guardian, there may be healthcare, childcare, and cash benefits available for the children in your care

## Healthcare Assistance

### *AzEIP (AZ Early Intervention Program)*

Includes developmental assessments age 0-3 years  
602-532-9960 or 1-888-439-5609

### *AHCCCS (AZ Health Care Cost Containment System)*

602-417-4000

### *KidsCare*

Statewide children's health insurance program  
602-417-5437

### *Maricopa Health Department*

Serves children under age 19 who do not qualify for other insurance  
602-506-6900

## Other Resources

### *Aid to Adoption of Special Kids Agency*

#### *Lodestar Family Connections Center*

Referrals to educational resources  
602-254-2275

### *Community Information & Referral*

Referrals to agencies, organizations, and self-help groups  
602-263-8856  
[www.cir.org](http://www.cir.org) 1-800-352-3792

### *DES (Department of Economic Security)*

*Child Support* 1-800-882-4151

### *National Family Caregiver Support Program*

Referrals to educational resources, support groups, and respite care  
602-542-6431

### *Bus Schedules Valley Metro*

602-253-5000

### *Emergency Food Boxes*

*Paz De Cristo* 480-464-2370  
*St. Mary's Food Bank* 602-352-3640  
*United Food Bank* 480-926-4897

### *Head Start (Preschool)*

*Phoenix Central* 602-262-4040  
*Eastside* 480-464-9669  
*Westside* 623-486-9868

### *School Breakfast/Lunch*

#### *Reduced Cost or Free Programs*

Contact your local school for information

*Domestic Violence Services* 602-534-2120

*Mental Health Crisis Line* 602-222-9444

*Public Housing* 602-744-4500

## Child Care and Cash Assistance

### *Child Care Assistance*

Applies if at least one adult caregiver works full-time  
602-244-2678

Child Care Resource & Referral 1-800-308-9000

### *DES (Department of Economic Security)*

602-542-9935

#### DES Family Assistance Administration

602-542-5065

#### DES Food Stamps

602-542-9935

#### DES TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)

Cash assistance program for children in your care who are related to you 602-542-9935

### *Social Security Benefits*

Survivor benefits and SSI 1-800-772-1213

### *WIC (Women, Infants & Children)*

Nutritional benefits, including formula  
1-800-252-5942

## Jail or Prison Visits

- Jails/prisons have specific visiting hours and rules
- Local churches may provide transportation

### *Arizona Department of Corrections*

*Liaison for Inmate Family & Friends*  
602-364-3945

#### Or the Internet at Your Local Library:

Website for information on Arizona's prisons

[www.adc.state.az.us](http://www.adc.state.az.us)

## Jail or Prison Visits continued . . .

### *Maricopa County Sheriff's Office*

Information on jail facilities, including visitation days, visitation hours, and policies for visitors  
602-876-0322

### *Middle Ground Prison Reform*

Information on jail/prison visitation policies, dress codes, rules for communication, and prisoner/family rights  
480-966-8116



## Resources for Grandparents And Kinship Care Families

### *Beatitudes Center for Developing Older Adult Resources (DOAR)*

Support service for kinship care families  
602-274-5022 x44

### *Central Arizona Kinship Care Coalition*

Support services and referrals including educational resources and support groups  
620-794-8433 x43

### *Family Resource Center – East Valley*

Referrals to resources, support groups, and training  
480-834-9424

### *Golden Gate Community Center of the Arizona Children's Association*

Information and support for west-side Phoenix kinship families  
602-233-0017

### *Senior HelpLine*

Referrals to all senior services in Maricopa County  
602-264-4357

### U of A Cooperative Extension

One on one & group support through information, education & referral focusing on South & Central Phoenix  
602-470-8086 x356