

Legal Assistance

Child Support Enforcement 602-252-4045

Kinship 602-542-2419

Adoption/Guardianship/Paternity

Billye Wilda 602-273-0004

Aid to Adoption of Special Kids 602-254-2275

Community Legal Services

Central and Westside 602-258-3434

Eastside 480-833-1442

Maricopa County Bar Association 602-257-4200

Immigration Issues & Citizen Classes

Catholic Social Service 602-997-6105

Mexican Consulate 602-242-7398

Support Services for Children

Community Information & Referrals

List of support groups for children.

877-211-8661/ 211

www.cir.org/211arizona/

Girl Scouts Beyond Bars

Support and increased contact for daughters of incarcerated mothers

602-452-7130

barbstrachan@girlscoutsaz.org

AZ STARS Mentoring Project

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona

Information on obtaining mentors for children

602-264-2447

Teen Outreach Program

602-506-6793

After school group, life skills activities and incentives.

Mentors for Children of Prisoners
Pima Prevention Partnership's AZ STARS Program partners with Big Brothers/Big Sisters agencies around Arizona to match mentors with children whose parents are incarcerated.

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"The potential possibilities of any child are the most intriguing and stimulating in all creation."

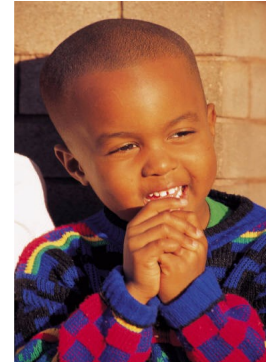
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**If you suspect child abuse, call:
Child Abuse Hotline**

888-767-2445

or

Are You Taking Care Of Someone Else's Child? -Maricopa County-



A resource guide to help individuals who are taking care of children whose parents have been arrested, or are in jail/prison.

***All website resources can be accessed at your local Library!**

Immediate Needs What you need to know... What you need to do...

Free Car Seats

Call to learn qualifications:

Chandler Fire Department 480-782-2046

Gilbert Fire Department 480-503-6300

Mesa Fire Department 480-644-2200
(installations only)

Association for Supportive Child 480-829-0500

SNACK 602-506-6850
(Safety, Nutrition, Activity, and Care for Kids)

Clothing Bank (Free)

Interfaith Cooperative Ministries 602-254-7450

Utilities Assistance

DES 800-582-5706

APS (Arizona Public Service) 800-253-9405

SW Gas 877-860-6020

Food, Clothing, and Transportation

The following items require referrals from the various assistance programs listed below:

Golden Gate Community Center 602-233-0017
of Arizona Children's Association (medical only)

Emergency Food Boxes:

Paz de Cristo 480-464-2370

St. Mary's Food Bank 602-242-3663

United Food Bank Locations
unitedfoodbank.org

Association of Arizona Food Banks
www.azfoodbanks.org

or

Local Faith based organizations, school resources and wellness centers.

Guardianship Information

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

Superior Court of Maricopa County

<i>24 hour general information</i>	602-506-7353
<i>Downtown Region</i>	602-506-3204
<i>N.E. Region</i>	602-372-7601
<i>N.W. Region</i>	602-372-9400
<i>S.E. Mesa Region</i>	602-506-2020

Guardianship is usually required to register children for school

Call your local school district to enroll and for school lunch/breakfast programs:

Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools

Information on your home school district.

602-506-3866

Healthcare Assistance

AzEIP 602-532-9960 or 888-439-5609

(AZ Early Intervention Program)

Includes developmental assessments age 0-3 years.

AHCCCS 602-417-4000

(AZ Health Care Cost Containment System)

KidsCare 602-417-5437

Statewide children's health insurance program.

Maricopa Health Department 602-506-6767

Serves children under age 19 who don't qualify for other insurance. (free immunizations)

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

Child Care and Cash Assistance

Child Care Assistance 602-244-2678

Applies if at least one adult caregiver works full-time.

Child Care Resource and Referral 800-722-1213

DES 602-542-2419

(Department of Economic Security)

Food Stamps 800-352-8401

TANF 800-352-8401

(Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)

Family Assistance 602-542-5065

Social Security Benefits 800-772-1213

Survivor benefits and SSI.

WIC 800-252-5942

(Women, Infants & Children)

Nutritional benefits, including formula.

Resources for Child and Caregiver

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 or 800-352-3792

www.cir.org

www.ArizonaSelfHelp.org

Free and easy way to find out if your family can get help from 40 different health and human services programs.

www.arizonaselfhelp.org

Arizona 2-1-1 Online 877-211-8661 / 211

Resources including child care, jobs, health care, and insurance.

www.cir.org/211arizona/

Other Resources

National Family Caregiver Support Program

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

Bus Schedules Valley Metro 602-253-5000

Grandparents United - Children's 602-273-0004

Adoption/Guardianship/Paternity

Human Services Department 602-506-5911

Provides education, employment, shelter & basic needs.

Arizona Kinship Navigators Services

Parenting skills, licensing and adoption support, food, housing, and clothing resources. 1-888-737-7494

Head Start (Preschool)

City of Phoenix Head Start 602-262-4040

Eastside 480-464-9669x200

Catholic Charities Head Start 623-486-9868

Human Development Head Start 602-266-5976

School Breakfast/Lunch Reduced Cost or Free Programs

Contact your local school for information.

Domestic Violence 602-534-2120

Mental Health Crisis Line 602-222-9444

Public Housing 602-744-4500

Jail or Prison Visits

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

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office 602-876-0322

Information on jail facilities, including visitation days, visitation hours, and policies for visitors.

Arizona Department of Corrections 602-364-3945

Liaisons for Inmate Family & Friend

Jail or Prison Visits

Internet at your local library:

Prison information on website.

www.adc.state.az.us

Middle Ground Prison Reform 480-966-8116

Information on jail/prison visitation policies, dress codes, rules for communication, and prisoner/family rights.

Resources for Grandparents and Kinship Care Families

Duet—Partners in Health and Aging

Support for kinship care families including Project GrandCare that hosts support groups.

602-274-5022x44

Area Agency on Aging 602-264-4357

Senior HelpLine 602-264-4357

Referrals to all senior services in Maricopa County

Casey Family Programs 602-794-8433

Support services and referrals including educational resources and support groups

Family Resource Center (East Valley)

Referrals to resources, support groups, and training.

480-834-9424x4590

Golden Gate Community Center of the Arizona Children's Association Statewide Caregiver Resource Line

Provides resources for caregivers in state-specific data, programs, and public policies. 888-737-7494

U of A Cooperative Extension 602-980-3691

Personal support and group information, education and references.