



PROJECT JIGSAW

Recommended Foster/Adoption Agencies for LGBTQ Prospective Parents:

1. [Aid to Adoption of Special Kids \(AASK\)](#)

Email: info@aask-az.org

Description: Aid to Adoption of Special Kids (AASK) is the largest agency in the state focused exclusively on finding family relationships for children in Arizona's foster care system through adoption, foster care and mentoring.

Services Include:

- Foster Care Program:
 - a. Training and licensing services
 - b. Post-placement monitoring and advocacy
 - c. Family support services and community events
 - d. Kinship program for families who have accepted placement of a relative child in state custody
 - e. Specialized Medical program for medically fragile infants and DDD children
 - f. Todos Los Ninos Program for Hispanic families
- Adoption Program:
 - a. Training and certification services
 - b. Post-placement monitoring and advocacy
 - c. Family support services and community events
 - d. Todos Los Ninos Program for Hispanic families
- Mentoring Program:
 - a. Through its Mentoring program, AASK pairs qualified and committed adults with foster children and young adults to age 21. Volunteers may choose to mentor a child age 9 - 15, sharing activities and providing a sense of stability, or mentor a young adult age 16 - 21, guiding their transition into adulthood.

[2. Arizona's Children Association](#)

Description: Arizona's Children Association (AzCA) is one of the oldest and largest not-for-profit child welfare and behavioral health agency in Arizona. For more than 100 years, AzCA has stayed true to "Protecting Children, Empowering Youth, Strengthening Families," serving more than 42,000 children, individuals and families in all 15 counties in the state each year.

AzCA provides a myriad of programs that are family focused, strength based, culturally sensitive and outcome driven.

Services Include:

- Foster Care & Adoption
- Behavioral Health & Trauma/Crisis Response
- Family Preservation & Reunification
- Kinship Services
- Parenting Education
- Transitional Living Services

[3. Southwest Adoption Services](#)

Email: info@swadoption.com

Description: Southwest Adoption Services is a licensed adoption agency in the state of Arizona that provides domestic and international adoption home study services to adoptive families of any race, religion, ethnic background, sexual and gender identity.

Services Include:

- Domestic Home Study Reports for Adoption Certification
- International Hague home study reports (with permission from the placement agency or through a separate Hague Accredited agency)
- Home Study update reports
- Court-certification renewals
- Home Study Addendums
- Post-Placement and Post-Adoption reports
- Re-Adoption/Adoption- Finalization reports and services
- Pre- and Post-Adoption Counseling
- Adoption Education and Information
- Support groups for adoptive parents
- Adoption Resources
- Referrals to adoption-placement agencies

[4. Devereux Arizona](#)

Description: Devereux Arizona recruits and trains foster families (many of whom eventually adopt) from all walks of life, all sorts of backgrounds, and all sorts of

relationship statuses. Devereux provides both traditional and therapeutic foster care in Tucson (Pima County) and Phoenix (Maricopa County).

- Recognized by the HRC, Devereux is the only organization in Arizona to receive the “All children-all families™” seal that affirms their intent and competency around working with LGBT individuals and families. Devereux’s staff at all levels have gone through and continue to go through LGBT-specific trainings to ensure the staff provide culturally competent care from the moment you inquire about foster care until you become a licensed foster care parent.
- Devereux is public about their commitment to recruit and license LGBT providers, and has modified paperwork, processes and their environment to ensure inclusiveness.
- Regularly works with LGBT foster parents, adoptive parents, and clients every single day and advocates with other organizations and entities in order to place children in LGBT homes.

Services Include:

- Traditional foster care
- Kinship care
- Therapeutic foster care

5. [AmeriPsych, Inc.](#)

Description: For over 20 years, AmeriPsych has been a leading provider of foster care / adoption services throughout Arizona and Parent Aide service. AmeriPsych provides a variety of child welfare and social services to children and their families.

Services Include:

- Foster care licensing and adoption certification
- State-approved training for potential foster and adoptive parents
- Home and community based instruction in positive parenting techniques, and life and home management skills
- Intensive home based intervention for families involved in the Child Protective Services (CPS) system
- Supervised visitation for parents, children, and sibling groups

6. [Unity, LLC](#)

Email: info@Unity-LLC.com

Description: Unity provides Child and Adult Developmental Home services to children, youth and adults with developmental disabilities. They offer a highly qualified staff with several years’ experience in working with children and adoptions, as well as adults with developmental disabilities. Unity welcomes foster parents and providers of any family type, including single parent households and gay and lesbian couples.

7. [Human Resources Training, Inc.](#)

Email: familyservices@hrtaz.com

Description: Since 1981, HRT has specialized in preparing and supporting foster families in Arizona. HRT-FCSP believes that children in foster care are entitled to a family to call their own through either foster care or adoption.

Services Include:

- Training and licensing in Maricopa and Pinal Counties, Northern Arizona, and Yuma
- Licensing for Regular Foster Care (DCS), Kinship Foster Care, Respite, Medically Complex
- Therapeutic (HCTC/Professional License), Child/Adult Developmental Homes, and Native American communities
- Adoption certifications from the Arizona DCS system and kinship adoptions
- 24/7 support from your personal HRT-FCSP Foster Care Specialist
- Low staff turnover and long-term relationships with our foster parents
- Access to a Master's Level Family Therapist at no charge