

WAYS YOU CAN CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR. Everyone in your neighborhood can play a part in making sure that kids are safe and healthy. You can reach out to help your neighbors. If you believe a child is being abused or neglected by a parent or caregiver, make a confidential call to the Child Protective Services Hotline at 888-SOS-CHILD or 888-767-2445. Your call could get the family the help they need – and could save a child's life.

BE A VOICE. Speak up for kids wherever you are – in your workplace, your faith congregation, your social networks and your community activities. Take every opportunity to remind people – especially the Governor and your state legislators – that children are your top priority. Tell candidates that you won't support them if they don't support budgets and policies to protect children, like quality education and child care, and a strong and effective Child Protective Services.



BE A VOLUNTEER. Help out at your local school or child care center. Spend time with children at a crisis shelter. Become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and speak up for abused and neglected children through the court process (602-452-3407 or www.azcasa.org). Volunteer one day a month at the Foster Care Review Board and help children to have a safe, forever home more quickly (602-452-3400 or www.azfcrb.org.)

CONNECT WITH CHILDREN'S ACTION ALLIANCE. Children's Action Alliance (CAA) is the only statewide child welfare advocacy organization in Arizona. CAA is an independent voice for Arizona children at the state capitol and in the community (602-266-0707 or www.azchildren.org).

BE A MENTOR. Being a mentor for a foster child is a unique and rewarding opportunity to be a positive role model and give a child hope for the future. (www.arizonansforchildren.org in Maricopa County, www.inmyshoesinc.org in Pima County, and www.arizonaschildren.org for all other Arizona regions).

BE A DONOR. Help prevent child abuse and neglect with strong community networks like after-school programs and parent support. Donate to the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation who help provide opportunities for foster children such as college scholarships, tutoring and extracurricular activities (602-252-9445 or www.affcf.org).

BE A FOSTER PARENT. Provide a temporary loving, safe and stable home to a child who has suffered from abuse or neglect. Specialized training, financial support and child care are available to help support the children placed in your care – you don't have to be wealthy or own your own home! Foster parents can be single, married, divorced or widowed. (877-Kids-NeedU (1-877-543-7633) or www.azkidsneedu.gov).

BE AN ADOPTIVE PARENT. Provide a permanent loving family to a child in foster care through adoption. Training and financial support are available. (877-Kids-NeedU (1-877-543-7633) or www.azkidsneedu.gov).

BUY THE "IT SHOULDN'T HURT TO BE A CHILD" LICENSE PLATE. Next time you renew your vehicle registration, purchase the Child Abuse Prevention License Plate for just \$25. Proceeds are used to support child abuse prevention programs throughout the state and give you a chance to help save Arizona's children.