



More Than a Bed

Foster & Adoptive
Family Resource Center

More Than a Bed (MTaB) has been serving the foster, kinship, and adoptive community since 2014. It is our privilege to be a resource to children and families in Southern Arizona, and we look forward to growing our impact and expanding our services in the coming year! To ensure our support is being directed solely to the population we are committed to serving, we conducted an internal review of our policies, procedures, and paperwork. As a result, we have revised our acceptable forms of documentation, and will begin implementation in the new year.

As of January 1, 2026 we will be requiring updated/current documentation from all existing MTaB families as well as any new families going forward.

We will need to have current and legal documents on file in order for you to shop in the warehouse or enroll for services in our upcoming Enrichment Center.

Why are we making this update?

The funding we receive is with the agreement that the support and resources we provide are given solely to foster, kinship, and adoptive families and children. We must have current, accurate, and appropriate documentation on file to verify that we are serving only that population.

The good news?

You likely already have this required paperwork on hand or should be able to easily attain it through your caseworker. We've enclosed an easy-to-follow checklist to clearly identify what documents we accept. We've also included resources to contact for assistance if needed.

Special circumstances?

We understand. The foster system is layered and complex and things do not always run smoothly. We have accounted for potential obstacles, and we are here to work with you.

Questions?

Your caseworker can help with most documentation needs, but if you have additional questions or concerns, please contact our Program Manager, Deb Szelewski, or see the following for additional resources.

Deb Szelewski, Program Manager

520-428-5280 x0028

deborah@morethanabed.org

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.
We're grateful to be a part of this wonderful community!

- Grace Stocksdales and the More Than a Bed Team





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DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Now is the time to update your contact information.

The following items need to be current for Primary Caregivers.

1. Address
2. Phone Number
3. Email Address
4. Government-issued Photo ID (*Driver's License, ID Card, Passport, Military ID, etc.*)
5. Facebook Identifier (*only if you plan to access our Facebook Marketplace page*)
6. Signed Family Terms and Conditions (*attached*)
7. Foster License (*if applicable*)
8. Name Change Documentation (*if applicable*)

We need current documentation for all Primary Caregivers/Children.

In order to shop after January 1, 2026, we will need to have one of the Accepted Documents on file.

ACCEPTED DOCUMENTS

Please provide at least ONE of the following:

- ☐ Notice to Provider (NTP) signed and dated within the last 6 months
- ☐ Adoption Decree
- ☐ Temporary Guardianship signed and dated within the last 30 days
- ☐ Permanent Guardianship Decree
- ☐ Letter of Guardianship and/or Annual Report dated within the last year
- ☐ Tribal Placement Paperwork
- ☐ Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) and the contact information for your AZ caseworker
- ☐ Extended Foster Care Agreement

If you are in the process of obtaining one of the above but need more time, we will temporarily accept:
State of Arizona Guardian Portal Verification

NO LONGER ACCEPTED

The following documents are no longer sufficient:

- × Power of Attorney
- × 3rd Party Decision Making Letter
- × In Loco Parentis
- × Danger Plan / Emergency Placement
- × Notice of Hearing for Placement, Adoption, or Guardianship

To provide updated documentation:

Bring your paperwork into our Front Desk before January 1st or the next time you shop. We will review and scan it in and get your information updated!

Can't come in person?
Contact Program Manager, Deb Szelewski
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RESOURCES

Need Assistance?

We understand that there are often delays, obstacles, and confusion in the foster and adoptive system. We are here to help make this process simple and streamlined. Below are resources you can contact if you need assistance along the way:

1. **Case Manager**

The first person you should contact for any paperwork-related questions is your case manager. They should be able to provide you with one of the Accepted Documents.

2. **Deb Szelewski, Program Manager**

520-428-5280 x0028 | deborah@morethanabed.org

While Deb cannot provide you with any documentation, she can help answer questions as they pertain to MTaB and direct you to the proper resource for assistance.

3. **Fadwa Elnabulsi BA, Kinship Navigator III, Arizona Kinship Support Services**

520-334-7895 | FElnabulsi@arizonaschildren.org

Arizona's Children Association

4750 N Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ 85705, Ste 106

Fadwa is a resource for navigating foster, kinship, guardianship, and adoptive challenges.

4. **Iliana Ozuna, Attorney at Law**

520-327-6041 x104

Myers Strickland Adoption and Reproductive Assistance Law

Iliana specializes in challenging guardianship and adoption legal cases.

5. **Tribal Placement Representative**

For assistance obtaining documents, you can contact the representative for the child's tribe of origin. View a complete list here [DCS AZ Tribal Contacts](#)

We are here to help!

If you are unsure if your documents meet the criteria, please bring them in and we can review them!

More Than a Bed

3637 N. 1st Ave. Tucson, AZ 85719

Open Wednesday-Friday, 8:30am – 1:30pm

and the 1st + 3rd Saturdays, 8:30am – 1:30pm





Family Terms & Conditions

Effective: October 6, 2023

To All Active Families:

The following terms and conditions apply to all individuals receiving services, foundation or support from More Than a Bed.

_____ You agree to use the provided items solely to further a purpose or service related to assisting foster, kinship or adoptive children in your home. You may not sell, trade, barter or otherwise transfer the donated items in exchange for services, money or property.

_____ All reusable items received from More Than a bed should be donated back to More Than a Bed.

_____ You agree to indemnify and hold harmless More Than a Bed, its donors, its affiliates, and each of its respective officers, directors, employees, agents, counsels, successors, and assigns, from and against, any loss, cost, damage, expense, or liabilities (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with any and all claims, including third party claims, that result from or relate to More Than a Bed's negligence or willful misconduct, or the manufacturing and assembly of the products donated by More Than a Bed.

Printed Name

Signature

Date