

Tips For Parents On Finding Providers

AUTISM AWARENESS NIGHT with the Phoenix Suns

Parents often recruit their own providers for habilitation, respite or attendant care services. If you are planning to do some recruiting, these tips may help. Once you have identified a person you would like to work with your child, refer them to your manager with Arion to get started with the hiring process!

1. Determine your needs and priorities

- How would you describe the type of person you are looking for? What qualities are important to you and your family?
- How would you describe your child to someone else?
- What will be the schedule? What will a typical day or habilitation session involve?
- Will the provider need to drive with your child?

2. Start with who you know

- Many people make great providers with some training and support, so previous experience is not always necessary. A good indicator is if they seem naturally good with children, especially with your child.
- Ask your friends, neighbors, co-workers and extended family

3. Think locally

- Finding good providers that live near you (less than 15 miles) often helps a lot! Providers are not reimbursed by Arion for travel time for gas expenses.
- Explore your neighborhood – where might you find good candidates?
Universities or community colleges, local elementary schools, Community centers or religious congregations
- *Post flyers or contact these places to find out where you can advertise.*

4. Advertising resources

- ASU Job Board – open to the public, not just ASU students! Post your position for anywhere in the valley, even if not near ASU. It's free!
<http://students.asu.edu/employment/employers>
- Maricopa Community Colleges Job Board – also free! Used by all community college students in the valley.
Profile! <https://secure.jobing.com/ec/postajob.asp?Profile=669>
- www.care.com – search caregiver profiles
- Your local town newspaper
- **Sample Ad:** “Great job opportunity to make a difference in the life of our child with developmental disabilities; part-time; \$10.18 – \$12.65/hr; afternoon hours; training provided; please send resume to family@gmail.com.”

Phoenix Suns vs. New Orleans Hornets

- Discounted tickets, upper or lower level
- Free gift for everyone – a Suns bag or replica jersey
- Featured as the “Group of the Game”
- A flyer in every seat in the arena to promote autism awareness
- 10 kiddos standing with the players during the National Anthem
- Group photo with the Suns dancers

When: Sunday, April 7, 2013

Time: 6:00 pm

How to get tickets: www.suns.com/autism-awareness-night

When you click “Get tickets now!” it will ask you for a group code. Enter “SUNS” – then set up your Ticketmaster account to complete purchase.

Sensory Craft with Water Bottles

Water bottle crafts and activities are fantastic for children with autism or sensory issues. These crafts encourage creativity, peer interaction, fine motor development, and provide sensory and visual input. Here is a fun and creative idea that you can do with your kids by using items that you have around your house. See other ideas in the link below.

Sound Bottle

Put beans, popcorn kernels, and rice in different bottles. Stick each bottle inside an old sock. Let the children shake and guess what is in the bottles.



<http://www.especialneedsblog.com/sensory-activity-fun-water-bottles/>