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**Fun activities and exploring feelings!**

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Joining forces to serve families and youth in need

Child Crisis Arizona is proud to announce a new partnership with Chandler non-profit, FANS Across America. Child Crisis Arizona has added this resource which provides clothing, hygiene items and household goods to families as well as services to homeless youth and families in need in Chandler.

FANS takes referrals from local school districts, domestic violence shelters and the Department of Child Safety, for youth and families in transition that could use temporary help.

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