

# Juvenile Justice in Arizona

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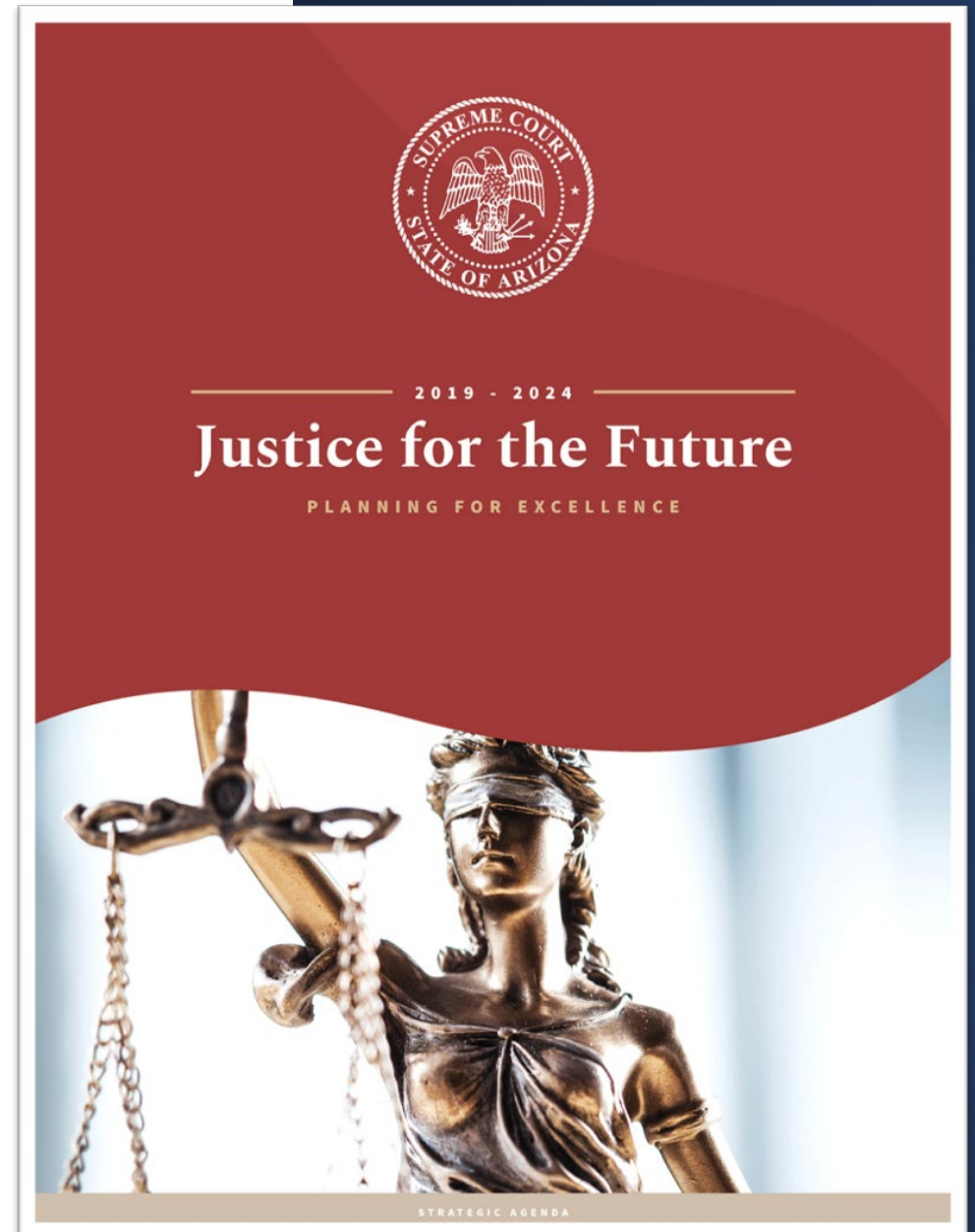
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# Arizona Strategic Agenda for the Court

<https://www.azcourts.gov/AZ-Courts/Strategic-Agenda>



## Goal #2 Protecting Children, Families and Communities

- Develop and utilize evidence-based practices for appropriate use of detention
- Expand mental health and substance abuse services for justice involved youth
- Improve the JJ system by updating rules, process and procedures, in addition to programming
- Improve community collaboration and restorative justice efforts

# Juvenile Justice System Improvement

- Data-driven decision making creates an environment for evidence-based practices
- Trauma-informed practices embedded in juvenile courts, probation and treatment services
- Continuous efforts to achieve a fair & equitable juvenile justice system free of disparity and prejudice
- Initiatives drive culture that maintains sustainability



# RISK – NEED – RESPONSIVITY PRINCIPLES

*To reduce recidivism, research reveals justice-involved individuals should be assessed to...*

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RISK

Identify their risk to reoffend

NEED

Identify criminogenic needs (risk factors)

RESPONSIVITY

Determine the most effective mode of intervention

# National and State Partners

- Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy
- University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute
- Burns Institute
- One in 37 Research, Inc.
- Annie E. Casey Foundation
- National Center for State Courts
- Kids at Hope
- McCain Institute



# Statewide Juvenile Justice Initiatives


# COUNTY EFFORTS

- **Apache** – The Loft and The Lodge community teen centers
- **Cochise** – Sex Trafficking Specialists Manual
- **Coconino** – Hope Assessment Center
- **Gila** – Teen Center & school district collaboration to reduce referrals
- **La Paz** – Strategy for Reviewing the Juvenile Referrals with the county attorney
- **Maricopa** – STRENGTH Court for juvenile sex trafficked victims
- **Mohave** – Juvenile Health and Wellness Court
- **Navajo** – The HUB (Hope, Unity, Belief) combining school, life skills programming, and a Teen Center
- **Pima** – Clinical staff trained in EMDR
- **Pinal** – Reduced number in detention and out of home care
- **Yavapai** – Youth Advisory Program (mentoring)
- **Yuma** - Fentanyl Awareness Programming





# Sustaining System Improvement Initiatives

- Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (ACJA)
- Detention Standards
- Arizona Rules of Procedure for Juvenile Court
- Statutes
- Local policy

# Moving Forward

- Current revamp of **Probation Officer Certification Academy**
- Future revamp of **Juvenile Detention Officer Academy**
- Ongoing **AZYAS** certification and refresher trainings
- Ongoing **JOLTSaz** improvement
- Evaluation of **Matrix** data post first year of implementation
- **JSAB** training for probation officers
- **5-year solicitation** of evidence-based, trauma-informed treatment services and ongoing monitoring of contract compliance
- Implementation of **Fentanyl Awareness Programming** in probation departments



# Future Juvenile Justice Commission Presentations?

- Highlights of Rules of Procedure for Juvenile Court revisions
- Youth in Custody
- Overview of JSAB Probation Officer Training
- Overview of Fentanyl Awareness Training
- Other topics?

Thank you

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