



Arizona Child and Family Advocacy Network (ACFAN)



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▶ Mission statement

ACFAN supports the establishment, sustainability and improvement of child and family advocacy centers throughout Arizona.

▶ Vision

We will have success when a coordinated multidisciplinary response to victims of child abuse, sexual assault and family violence is the standards throughout Arizona

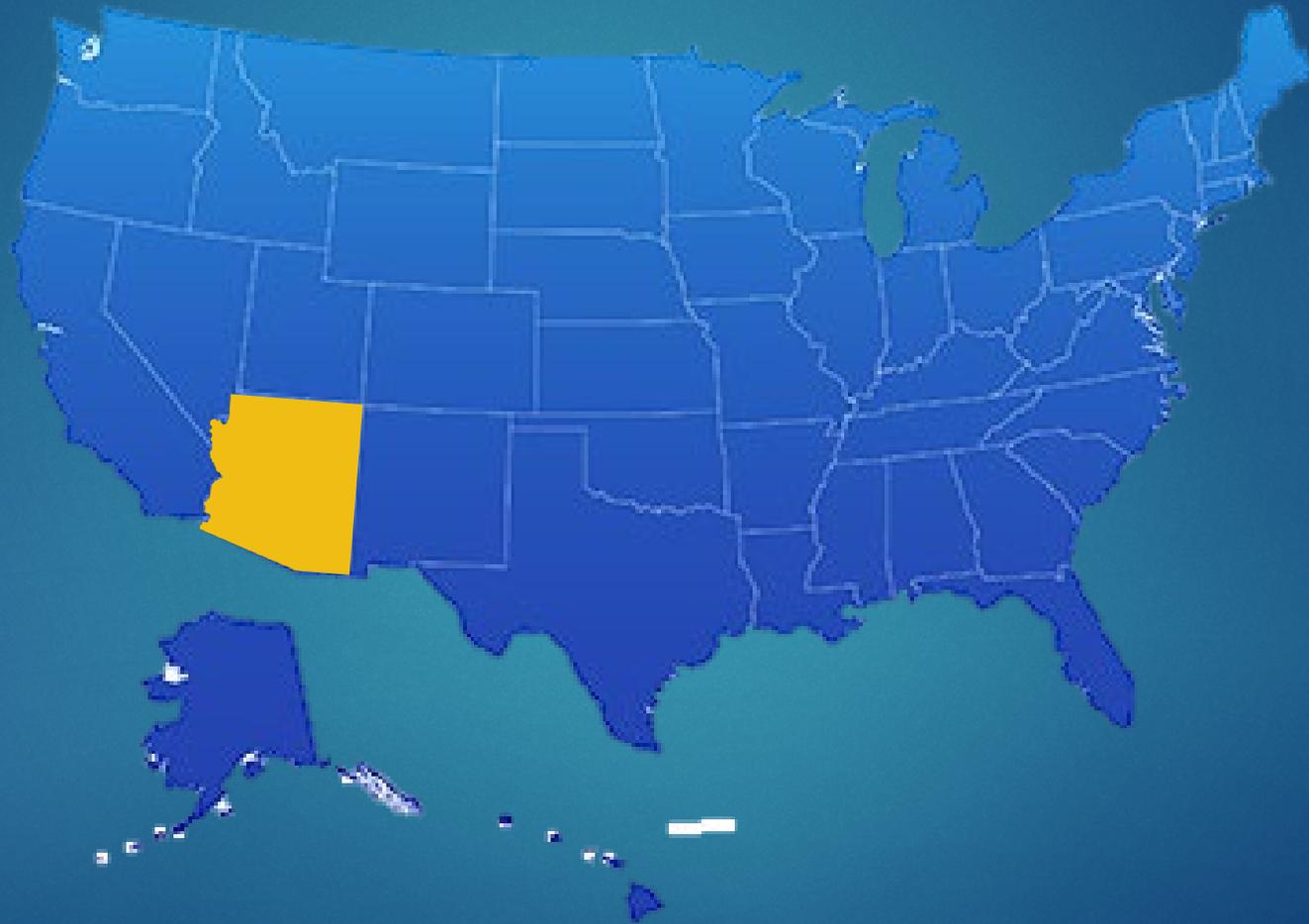
ACFAN History

- ▶ 1974 – US Congress passes the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)
- ▶ 1988 – Congress amends CAPTA to include the Children’s Justice Act (CJA)
- ▶ 1989 – AZ receives it’s first CJA grant (\$180,000 est.) Governor Rose Mofford appoints the first CJ Task Force (CJTF)
- ▶ Mesa Center Against Family Violence
- ▶ Safe Child Center
- ▶ Southern Arizona Children’s Advocacy Center
- ▶ First Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) training takes place in Tucson
- ▶ Advocacy Center Network (informal meetings)
- ▶ 1999 ACFAN becomes a 501c3 (June 11th)
- ▶ 24 FAC/CAC through Arizona, Mobile unit, satellite offices

What is a center?

- ▶ An *advocacy center* is a comprehensive, victim focused program based in a facility that allows victim advocates, forensic interviewers, medical professionals, mental health providers, child protection professionals, prosecutors, and law enforcement to work together assisting a victim on their journey from victim to survivor.

What sets *Arizona* apart?

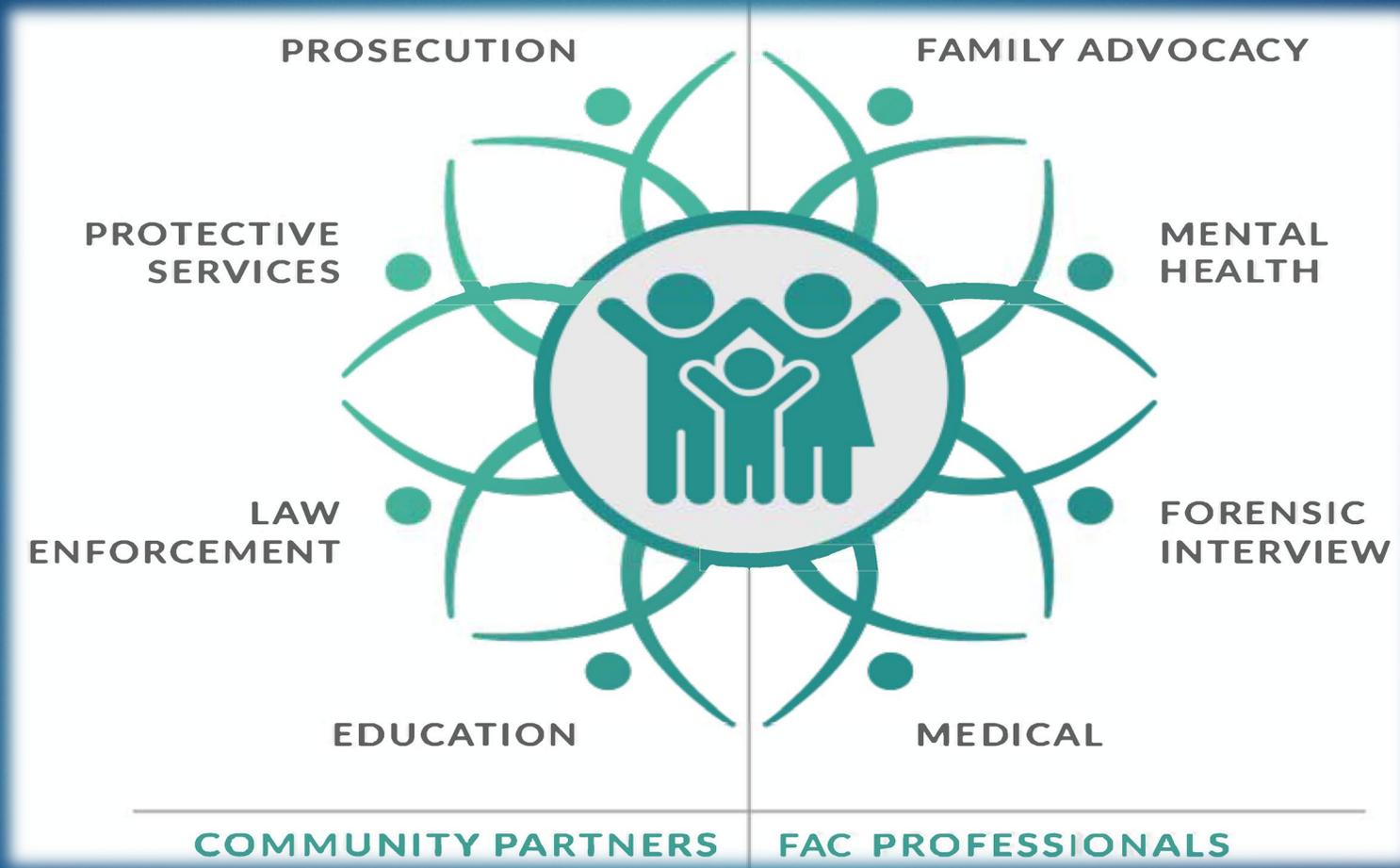


Victims Served



- Domestic Violence
 - Physical Abuse
 - Emotional Abuse
 - Social Abuse
 - Sexual Abuse
 - Economic Abuse
- Child Abuse
 - Physical
 - Sexual
 - Neglect
- Elder Abuse
- Sexual Assault
- Human Trafficking

Multidisciplinary Team



Without Center & With Center



Primary Legislative Goals:



- ▶ Codify a legal definition for child and family advocacy centers.
- ▶ Obtain direct funding in the State budget for advocacy centers.

Prior to 2017 advocacy centers were not recognized in the law.

- ▶ ARS § 8-817 merely recognizes the need for interdisciplinary cooperation in child-abuse investigations.
- ▶ This is the county protocols statute.

2017: SB 1107 becomes law.

1. Codifies child and family advocacy centers.
2. Creates qualified legal immunity for employees of advocacy centers.
3. Specifies that qualifying advocacy centers are eligible for funding from the Child and Family Advocacy Center Fund, which is administered by the Attorney General.

[Chapter 257, S.B. 1107 \(53rd Leg., 1st Reg. Sess.\)](#)



CHAPTER 276
SENATE BILL 1520

AN ACT

AMENDING LAWS 2017, CHAPTER 305, SECTIONS 115 AND 141; APPROPRIATING
MONIES.

2018: Funding!

- ▶ The Budget Includes \$100,000 for Advocacy Centers.
- ▶ This money is included in the “baseline”—which means it is more likely to be treated as an ongoing appropriation in future fiscal years.

SB1520 (2nd Reg. Sess.)

39	Sec. 12. ATTORNEY GENERAL - DEPARTMENT OF LAW	
40		<u>2018-19</u>
41	FTE positions	588.7
42	Operating lump sum appropriation	\$ 51,022,700
43	Capital postconviction prosecution	795,700
44	Case management system upgrade	1,489,000
45	Child and family advocacy centers	100,000

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39 Statutes, relating to reporting of appropriations, amend article 10, 2020.

40 The amount appropriated for the child and family advocacy centers

41 line item is allocated to the child and family advocacy center fund

42 established by section 41-191.11, Arizona Revised Statutes.

\$100,000 is not a lot of money, but considering...

- ▶ This is the first time AZ has funded advocacy centers in the budget;
- ▶ The money came from the coveted general fund;
- ▶ There were other high profile demands on state resources this session (e.g. #RedforEd)...

Special thanks is to due to:

1. Senator Kate Brophy McGee
2. Representative David Livingston – House Appropriations Chair (legislative district 22)
3. Representative Jeff Weningen
4. Representative Paul Boyer
5. Representative Maria Syms
6. Senator Bob Worsley
7. Governor Ducey – This is Arizona's 1st time funding advocacy centers.

What happens now?

- ▶ Centers that certify to the Attorney General that they meet the criteria in [A.R.S. § 8-466](#) are eligible.

How is the funding allocated?

- ▶ Up to 5% can be kept by the AG's Office for administrative expenses.
- ▶ 5% goes to ACFAN.
- ▶ Of the remainder:
 - ▶ 50% goes to the qualifying advocacy centers proportionally; and
 - ▶ 50% is divided among the qualifying advocacy center on the basis of victims served.

See [A.R.S. § 41-191.11](#).

SB1593 –Sexual Offenses: Forensic Examination: Expenses

- ▶ “Charging victims of sexual crimes for their medical examinations is shameful, and we cannot let it happen in Arizona,” said Governor Ducey. “There is no other crime where a victim is charged for the collection of evidence — so thanks to the leadership and advocacy of Senator Kerr and community groups across the state, we’re tightening the law with Senate Bill 1593. Arizona will continue to stand up for victims and survivors and help protect them as they recover, and I thank everyone who supported this crucial legislation.”