

ARIZONA JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
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 Title II Program Presentation, ICAN
 Melissa Kawalski, ICAN







Mission

ICAN's mission is to provide free, comprehensive programs that empower youth to be productive, self-confident, and responsible members of the community.



4/10 youth are living in single parent homes





Family Program :
Strengthening Family Units





8/10 youth are living in extreme poverty





ICAN partners with CUSD to provide each youth a meal daily





4/10 youth will be using drugs or alcohol to cope





ICAN's resiliency and life skill programs build self-esteem and positive relationships





5/10 youth will be experiencing a form of academic failure





ICAN's S.T.E.A.M. programs promote academic success and problem solving





2/10 will not graduate high school by the age of 25





90% of ICAN youth say they do better in school because of ICAN

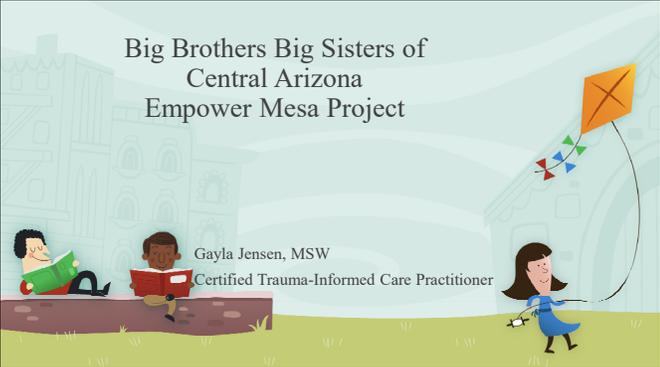


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Central Arizona
Empower Mesa Project

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Certified Trauma-Informed Care Practitioner



225+ kids served in Mesa over 3 year period

Met Our Goals

Trauma Informed Care: What We Did!

Trainings for Caregivers/Parents & Mentors

- Mentoring Through Trauma
- Supportive Strategies for Responding to Challenging Behavior
- How to Help Youth Build Resilience
- Ways to Help Boost Your Littles' Brain Power
- Parenting Through Trauma
- Ways to Boost Your Child's Brain
- Opioid & Substance Abuse Prevention & Resilience
- Coping Skills
- Parental Support During K-12

Parent/Caregiver & Mentor Newsletters

- ACEs 101
- Mindfulness: 8 Habits You Can Practice Every Day
- Supportive Strategies for Bigs/Parents Responding to Challenging Behaviors
- Developing Emotional Intelligence (learning empathy)
- Self-Care for Covid 19 Stress
- Self-Care Activities to Do With Kids

Self-Care Toolkits for Littles

- BBBS Drawstring Backpack
- BBBS Journal with pen
- Play Doh
- Crayons & Coloring Books
- Smiley Face Stress Balls
- Mindful Kids Set of Cards
- [The Mindfulness Journal for Teens](#)
- [Mindfulness Workbook for Kids \(8-12\)](#)



BBBS Staff

- All Staff Receive Trauma-Informed Care (ACEs) Training
- Bi-Weekly Emails Provide Ongoing Training
 - Positive Childhood Experiences (PCE), (focus on the positive experiences we can provide for children that can help to heal or buffer ACEs)
 - Spanking Is An ACE
 - Self-Care, Self-Care Through Covid
 - Mindfulness
- Agency Assessment for Trauma-Informed Care



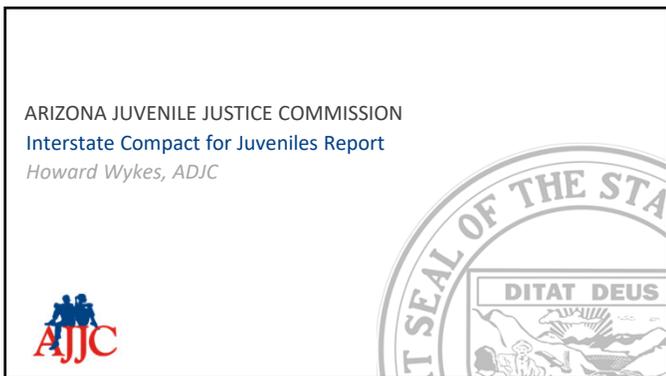
Race & Culture Outreach

- Staff created a new virtual dialogue series around race and culture to better inform and recruit volunteers. Attendees were from all over Maricopa County including Mesa. They include the following topics:
 - The Power of Mentoring in the Black community
 - The Power of Mentoring in the Native American community
 - The Power of Mentoring in the LGBTQ community
 - The Power of Mentoring in the Latinx community











AJJC 2021 Annual ICJ Update

Follow Up from 2020

ICJ National Office launched the new reporting platform called UNITY (Uniform Nationwide Interstate Tracking for Youth) in May 2021

October 8th 2021 will end the suspension of enforcement for emergency ICJ Rule 2-108

15 proposed rule changes will be voted on at the annual ICJ business meeting in October



Proposed Rule Changes

- 6 - deal with minor verbiage changes
- 4 - are primarily due to the changes in Unity regarding reports and or travel permits but would also include minor verbiage changes
- 2 - would include adding a photo requirement
- 2 - would add the option to find alternative living arrangements rather than return a youth
- 1 - requires use of the Unity system



Supervised Youth

Incoming
 In FY 2020 we had 139 youth come to AZ under the ICJ Compact
 In FY 2021 we had 76 youth come to AZ under the ICJ Compact
 Of those 76, 21 were from California

Outgoing
 In FY 2020 we had 99 youth leave AZ under the ICJ Compact
 In FY 2021 we had 63 youth leave AZ under the ICJ Compact
 Of those 63, 20 went to California



Current Snapshot

As of 8/16/21 currently AZ ICJ is supervising 68 incoming youth from other states and we currently have 53 AZ youth being supervised in other states.

Apache - 0	Mohave - 5
Cochise - 0	Navajo - 1
Coconino - 1	Pima - 4
Gila - 2	Pinal - 6
Graham - 2	Santa Cruz - 0
Greenlee - 0	Yavapai - 6
La Paz - 0	Yuma - 10
Maricopa - 18	Total - 53



Returns

In FY 2020 Arizona returned 25 AZ youth from other states that were either runaways and or absconders.

We no longer have access to data from July 2020 to May 2021 as a result of the platform switch. In the last six weeks of FY 2021 we returned 11 AZ youth from other states that were either runaways and or absconders.

Already so far in the first 6 weeks of FY 2022 we have returned 12 AZ youth from other states that were either runaways and or absconders.





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Questions?





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