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In Arizona



PAX in Arizona 2019-2024



Using a trauma-informed approach

Teaching behavior as a skill set

Creating a Nurturing Environment

Establishing reliable and consistent adults



PAX programming provides evidence-based strategies for all adults who work with or care for young people.

PAX can be integrated for daily use at school, in the community, or at home and provides improved behavioral, academic and lifetime outcomes for young people and improved workforce development and caregiver skills for caring adults.



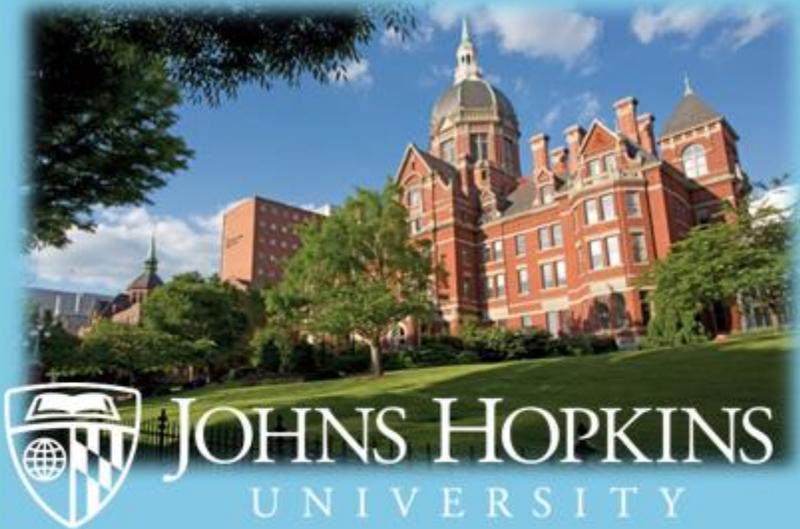
Statewide school- and
community-based initiative



The Need for Population-level Prevention

- In the years leading up to the initiative:
 - Thousands of suspected opioid overdoses
 - Inequitable access to prevention strategies
 - Overstressed and underprepared workforce
 - All amplified with the onset of the pandemic and quarantine

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Over 50 independent studies confirm an array of proximal and distal outcomes, including reductions in mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders.



PAX programming provided trauma-informed, evidence-based programming in schools and the community:

- Increased high school graduation and college entrance
- Reduced risk of mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders
- Decreased opioid and other drug misuse
- Decreased suicide

System of Care Approach

- AHCCCS supported implementing PAX across the youth system of care
- Educators, Human Service Professionals, Youth Development Professionals, Parents and Caregivers
- Trauma-informed evidence-based prevention at population level
- Including tribal, rural, and under-resourced populations



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Increased academic performance

Improve behavioral outcomes

Improve lifetime outcomes

The **PAX Good Behavior Game**[®] utilizes Evidence-based Kernels to teach **self-regulation** and **positive behavior** as a skill set.

Teachers implement the *evidence-based* **PAX Good Behavior Game** through typical classroom procedures.

Trained in School-based PAX

2019 - 2024



For PAX educators who work with children in schools.

7,542



For PAX educators to expand and improve their PAX implementations.

969

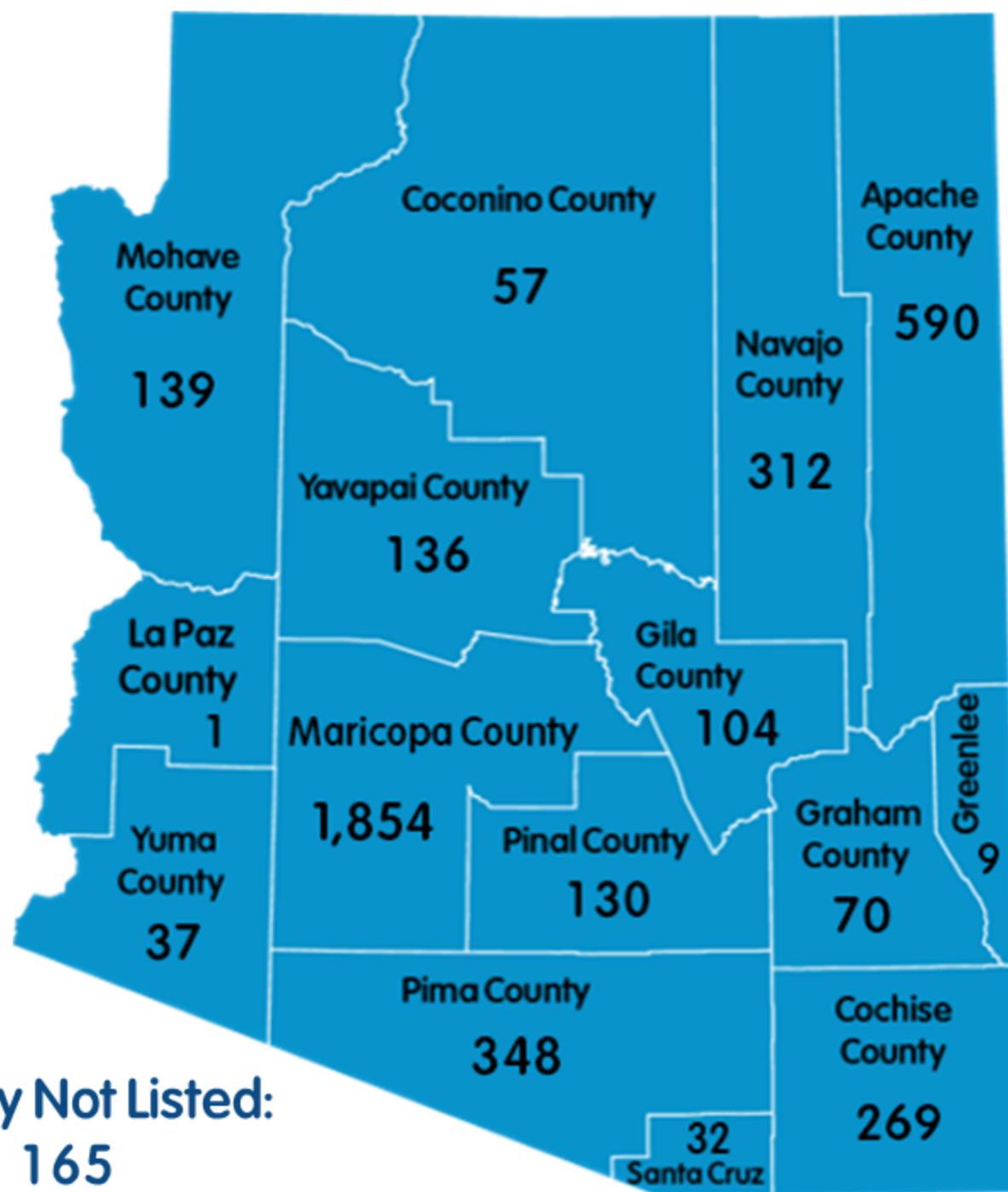


For internal and external providers who support educators.

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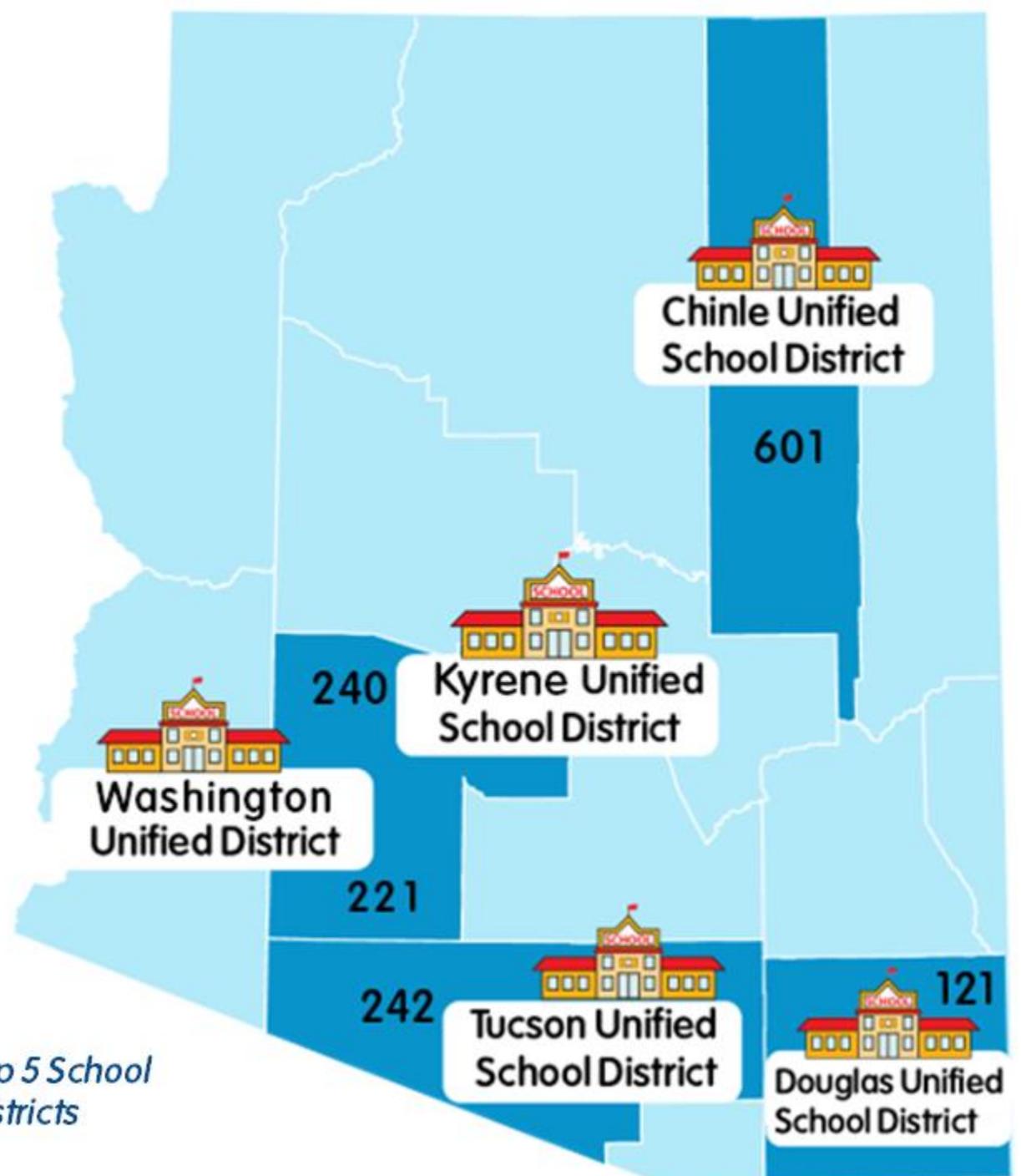
PAX GBG trained by County

Maricopa	1,854
Apache	590
Navajo	312
Pima	348
Cochise	269
Mohave	139
Pinal	130
Yavapai	136
Gila	104
Coconino	57
Graham	70
Yuma	37
Santa Cruz	32
Greenlee	9
LaPaz	1



PAX GBG Trained by School District

- Chinle Unified School District - 601
- Tucson Unified School District - 242
- Kyrene Unified School District – 240
- Washington School District - 221
- Douglas Unified School District - 121
- Saddle Mountain Unified School District - 90
- Southwest Keys Programs - 73
- Gilbert Unified School District – 73
- Miami Unified School District - 64
- Glendale Unified School District – 62
- Sierra Vista Unified School District - 60



**Top 5 School Districts*



7,542

Arizona educators trained in PAX GBG since 2019

188,550

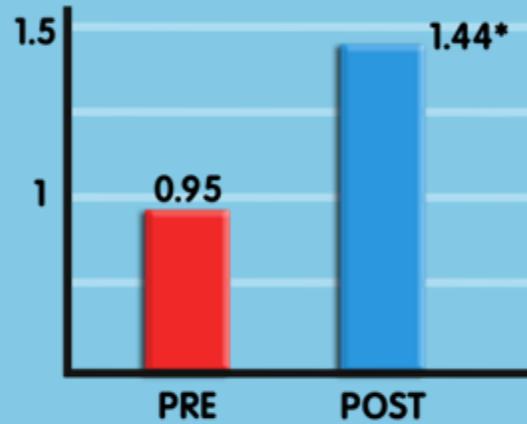
Arizona students impacted each year

15%

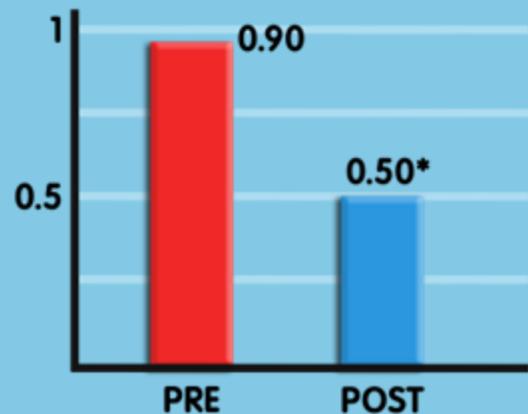
Of the Arizona public and charter K-6 teachers represented



Increase in support and consideration of peers for children in PAX classrooms



Reduction in aggressive behavior for children in PAX classrooms



Outcomes and Benefits

100%

feel confident in their understanding and ability to use PAX strategies

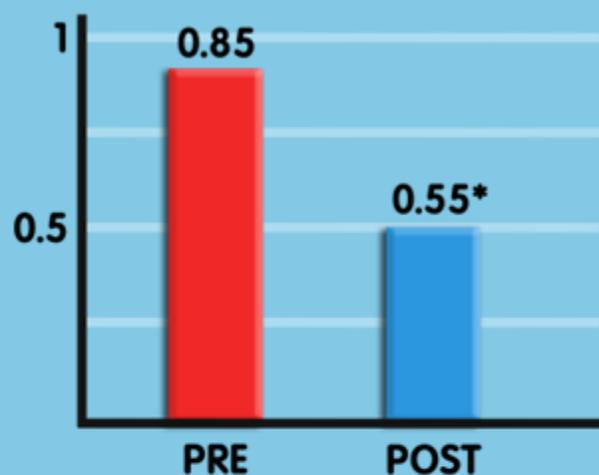
94%

PAX strategies help support students with behavior needs

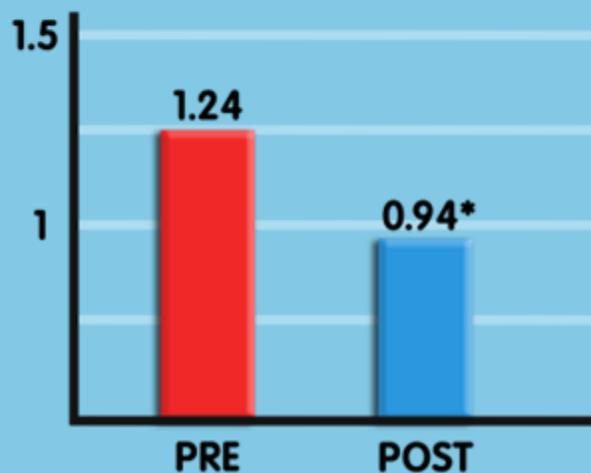
93%

saw improvement in standardized test preparation

Reduction in symptoms of depression for children in PAX classrooms



Reduction in off-task, inattentive behaviors for children in PAX classrooms



Outcomes and Benefits

99%

PAX GBG works well with existing schoolwide initiatives

98%

confident using PAX with children with behavioral needs

82%

students need fewer corrections during the day



Trauma informed

Evidence based

Culturally
responsive

PAX Tools[®] is a set of strategies that utilize Evidence-based Kernels to improve cooperation and relationships among children and adults.

PAX Tools strategies promote self-regulation and result in reduced conflict, improved climate, and decreased risk for mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders.

Trained in
Community-
based
PAX
2019 - 2024

1,810



For human service professionals
who work directly with youth.

583



For health and community
educators who work with parents
and caregivers in their communities.

450



For youth workers, volunteers,
and part-time staff who work
directly with youth.

819



For parents, grandparents, and
foster and kinship caregivers.



100%

Look to stay in the youth work field after using PAX Tools

– *AZ PAX Tools for Youth Workers 2019-2024*

“I think it will be well received by the families we serve in our rural community. The information is clear and the recipe for each strategy/tool is easy to follow step-by-step.”

- *PAX Tools for Community Educators*

Outcomes and Benefits

100%

confident in using PAX Tools with the young people they work with

– *PAX Tools for Youth Workers*

99%

PAX Tools strategies are appropriate for the children in their care

– *PAX Tools for Caregivers*

89%

noticed improvements in their own well-being since using PAX Tools

- *PAX Tools for Human Services*

PAX Programming for All Settings

Welcome to your PAX Community!



Adoptive Parents, Foster Parents,
Kinship Care Providers and
other Caregivers

pax tools
for Caregivers

pax tools
for Human Services



Youth-serving
Professionals



School-based
Staff

pax Good Behavior Game



Professionals supporting
parents and caregivers

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Community Educator Training

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Self-paced Training for Youth Workers



Youth Workers



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