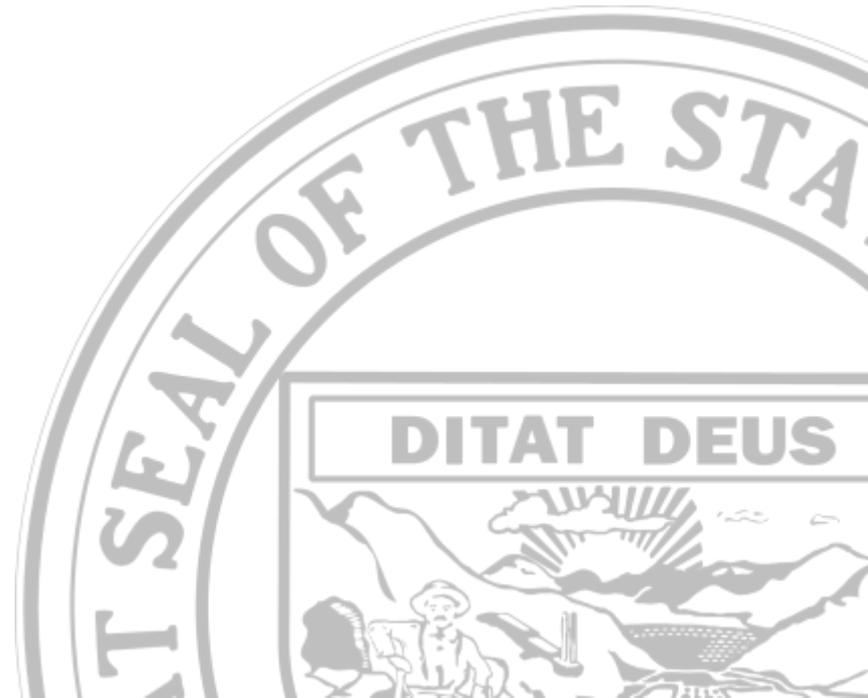
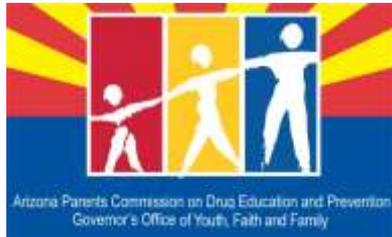


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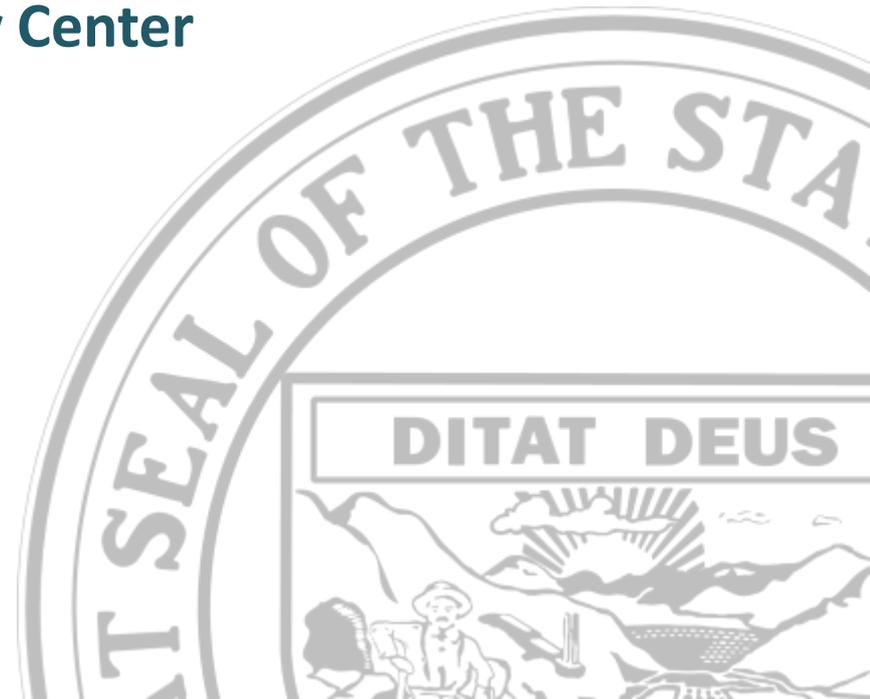
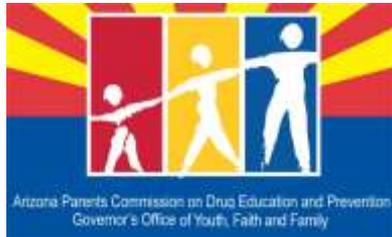


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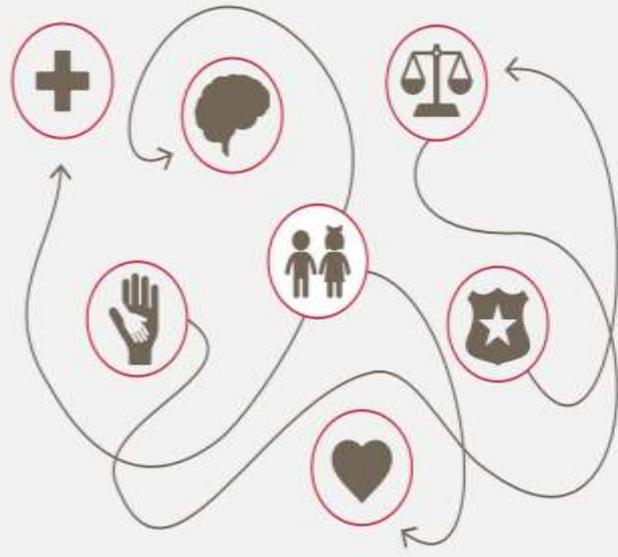
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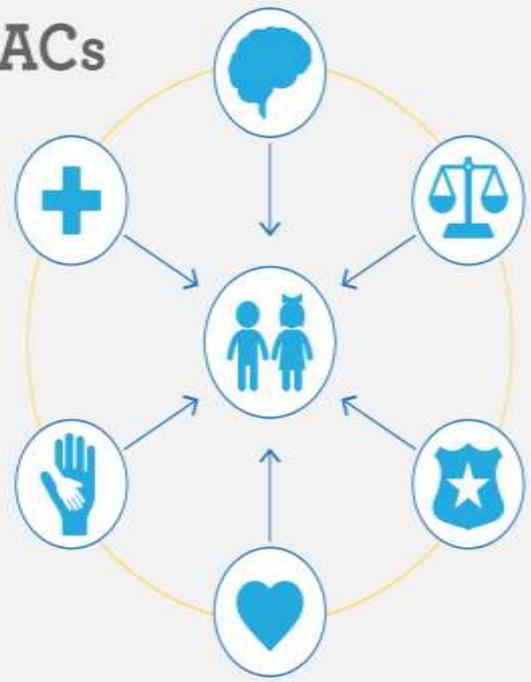
Agenda

- ▶ The CAC Model
- ▶ Community Partners of MDT
- ▶ Trends
- ▶ Our Programs

Without CACs



With CACs



*Our mission is to provide a **safe, compassionate,**
healing environment for children who have
been a victim or witnessed a crime.*



Our Partners



Law Enforcement



Child Welfare Agency



Banner
Health.

Medical Team



Prosecution



Victim Services
Division
Pima County Attorney's Office



Crisis Intervention

Non-Profit Community Partners



Donors

What are some of the causes of child abuse?

- ▶ Isolation and lack of support
- ▶ Stress- financial, job, medical
- ▶ Unrealistic expectations
- ▶ Low self-confidence
- ▶ Disability or mental illness
- ▶ Drug, alcohol or gambling problems
- ▶ Lack of parenting skills
- ▶ Past childhood experience

Recent Trends at our CAC

- ▶ Child on child abuse
- ▶ Authority figures
- ▶ Witness of violence
- ▶ Intense

THE EFFECTS OF CHILD ABUSE

- 1 Impaired brain development
- 2 Poor physical health
- 3 Psychological issues
- 4 Relationship issues
- 5 Substance abuse
- 6 Behavioral issues
- 7 Abusive to others





Our Programs

INVESTIGATION SERVICES:
FOR VICTIMS & OUR PARTNERS' INVESTIGATIONS

**FAMILY SUPPORT & PREVENTION
PROGRAM:**
PRIMARY & SECONDARY

SURVIVOR EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS:
YOUTH & FAMILY

ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAMS:
HUMAN RESOURCES, FINANCE, DEVELOPMENT

Our Programs

INVESTIGATION SERVICES: FOR VICTIMS & OUR PARTNERS' INVESTIGATIONS



Forensic Interviews



Medical Evaluations

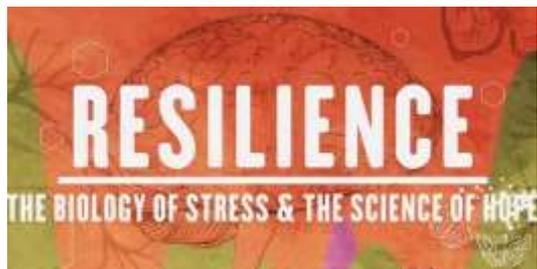


Family Advocacy

Our Programs

PRIMARY PREVENTION PROGRAMS

MANDATED REPORTER TRAININGS



5 PROTECTIVE FACTORS

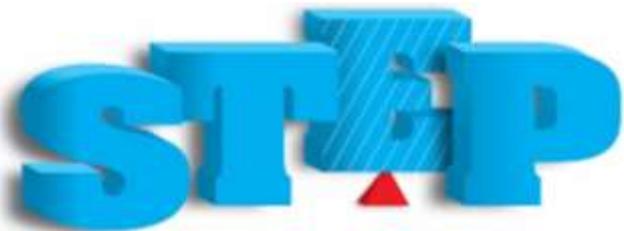
FOR PREVENTING RISK OF CHILD ABUSE.

SOURCE: Prevent Child Abuse America



Our Programs

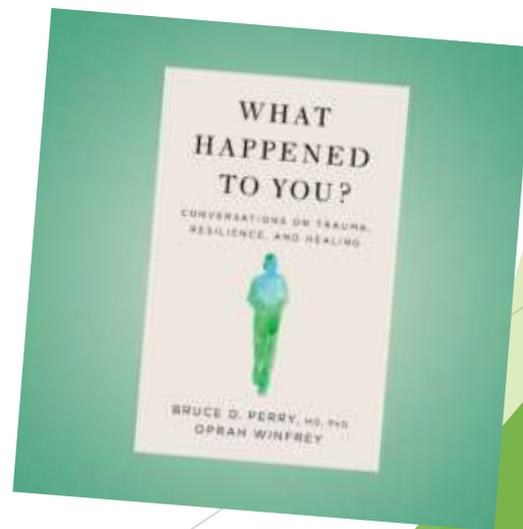
SECONDARY PREVENTION PROGRAMS



Support, Tools, &
Education for Parents
Program (STEP)



**GUIDING
GOOD CHOICES**



Our Programs

SURVIVOR EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS

FAMILY ADVISORY BOARD
(FAB)



VOICES Council

Our Programs

ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAMS

Finance



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Development



Human Resources

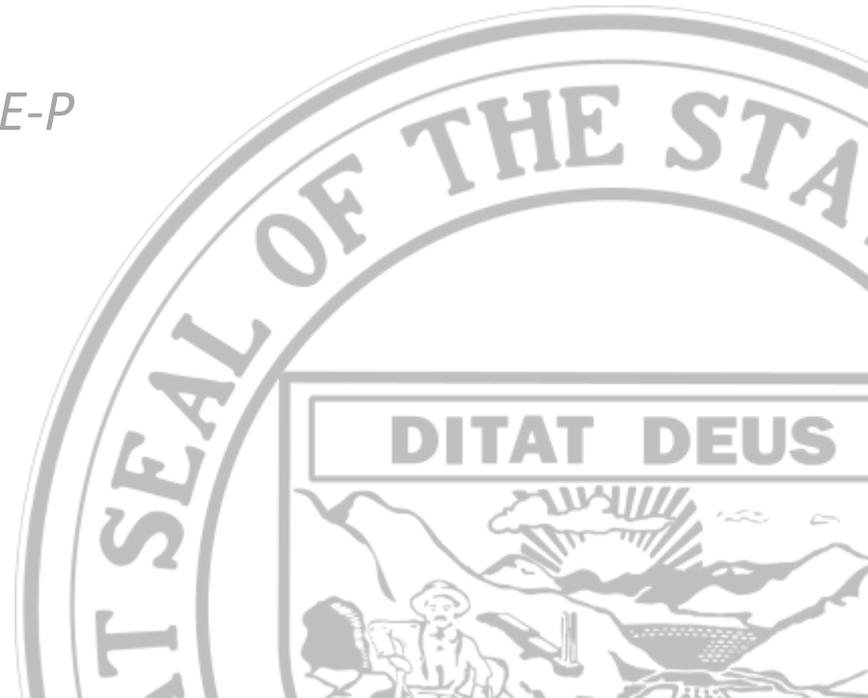
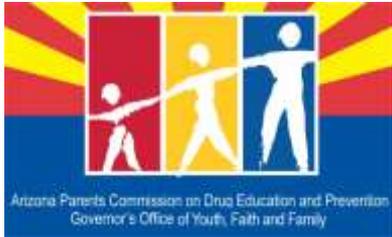
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Safe Child Center

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Safe Child Center

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**Northern Arizona
Healthcare**



Objectives

- Gain knowledge about Child Advocacy Centers
- Understand factors that put kids at risk for abuse



*All drawings in this presentation
were created by children seen at
SCC*

What is a CAC?



Child Advocacy Center= Child Friendly



Kids are sometimes scared when they come to SCC. Having a child friendly environment and welcoming staff helps the child feel at ease.

Interview Room



Child Friendly



MDT Interaction at SCC



Comfort Items



Safe Child Center is a CAC

- Medical forensic exams
- Family Advocate Services
- Behavioral Health Services
- Forensic Interviews

MDT Investigations



MDT Investigations

- Role of Law Enforcement
- Role of Prosecution
- Role of DCS
- Role of VWS
- Role of CACs

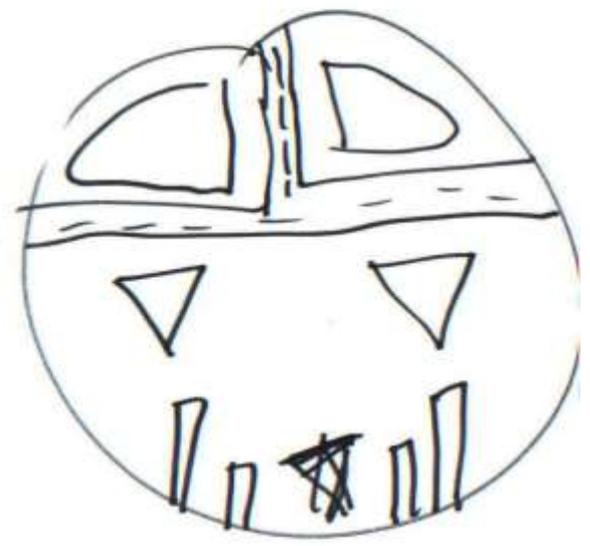
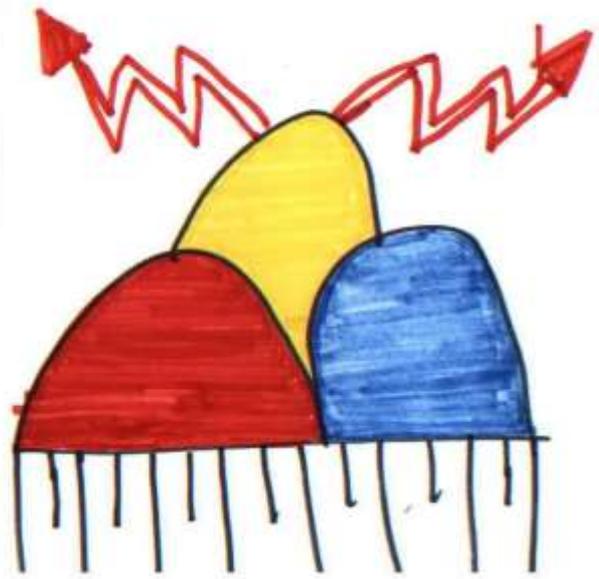


Efficacy of CACs

- Higher rate of patient satisfaction
- Dramatic increase in prosecutions
- Faster criminal charging decisions
- CAC investigations are 36% less expensive
- Higher rates of coordinated investigations
- Children served in CACs were more likely to get medical services

Long Term Impact of Abuse and Exposure to Violence

- General health care costs 36% higher due to multiple health problems
- Overall survivors have lower wages
- Suffer from difficulties with attachment, regressive behavior, anxiety and depression
- They are more prone to dating violence
- Higher incidence of delinquency and involvement in child welfare systems
- Tendency to perpetuate the cycle of violence



Safe Child Center Service Area

- We see children/families from Coconino and surrounding counties about 350 kids a year
- 60% of our cases come from reservation lands including Navajo, Hopi, Yavapai/Apache, and Havasupai
- Navajo Nation is the largest reservation in the US. It is 27,000 square miles in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. It is home to 250,000 people.
- Havasupai is located in Havasu Canyon which is part of the Grand Canyon. It is about 514 acres and home to approximately 730 people.

Risk Factors for child abuse

- Poverty
- Care givers with drug and alcohol abuse issue
- Communities with high rates of violence

Prevalence of Risk Factors on Reservations

- Poverty level in the US 11.6% (2021 Census)
- Poverty level on reservations can be as high as 35-63%
- Poverty level on the Navajo Reservation is 35.8% (2020)
- On the Navajo Nation, unemployment for 2021 was 10.4%, compared to the rate for Arizona at 7.0% and the national unemployment rate at 6.8%.
- Native Americans represent 1.7% of our total population but have much higher rates of substance abuse compared to other ethnic and racial groups (Kaliszewski, 2022)
- Compared to other racial/ethnic groups in the U.S., American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) have the highest rates of alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, and hallucinogen use disorders¹ and the second highest methamphetamine abuse rates.

Prevalence of Risk Factors on Reservations

- Violent crime on the rise on the Navajo Nation. From 2010-2016, over 44.1 percent of calls to the Navajo Department of Public Safety (NDPS) involved violence, and alcohol underlies almost all of this violent crime.
- The violent-crime rate on the Navajo Nation is six times the national average, and in some towns, like Tuba City, Kayenta and Chinle, the per capita violent-crime rate is much higher than that.

Parental Protective Factors to Prevent Child Abuse

- Caregivers who create safe, positive relationships with children
- Caregivers who practice nurturing parenting skills and provide emotional support
- Caregivers who can meet basic needs of food, shelter, education, and health services
- Caregivers who have a college degree or higher and have steady employment (CDC)

Parental Protective Factors to Prevent Child Abuse

- Drug and alcohol abuse impairs parents and guardians from developing the protective factors to help prevent child abuse.
- Poverty is a deterrent to helping parents employ protective factors.
- High rates of violent crimes makes the community dangerous requiring more oversight from parents.
- These documented risk factors are embedded in the communities and make it difficult for parents to build protective and stable homes and relationships for their children.



Mandated and Discretionary Reporters

- Who: Any person who reasonably believes that a minor is or has been a victim of abuse
- Mandated Reporters: Required by statute to report
- Ethical decision
- When: Mandated reports immediately and discretionary reporters_ no time limits
- Minimal information needed:
 - name, age, and gender of child and other family members
 - address, phone numbers, and/or directions to child's home
 - parents' place of employment
 - description of suspected abuse or neglect
 - current condition of the child
- How to report: Call Law Enforcement or DCS if the person abusing the child has care and custody of the child
- DCS Hotline_ Arizona Child Abuse Hotline
- [1-888-SOS-CHILD \(1-888-767-2445\)](tel:1-888-SOS-CHILD)
- Local LE Office for an immediate response and they will notify DCS

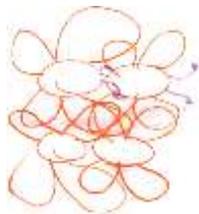
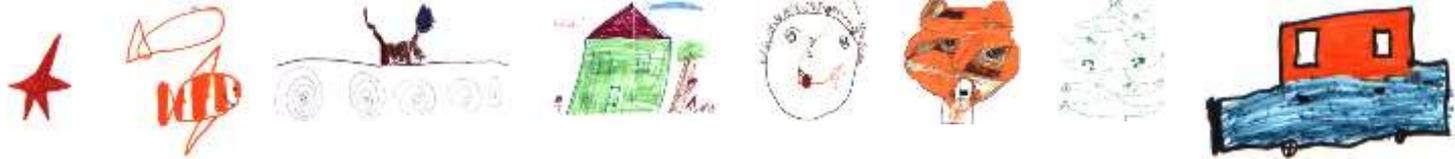
When in doubt, call Law
Enforcement



Safe Child Center

- Where the voice of a child gets the attention it deserves.





Questions?

