

YUMA COUNTY SEX TRAFFICKING COALITION

YOUTH SEX TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND
INTERVENTION

COALITION MEMBERS

The Healing Journey Trauma Recovery Center

Yuma County Juvenile Probation

Yuma County Victim Services Division

Amberly's Place

MCAS Advocacy Center on base

Catholic Community Services

Probvers 31 home

Cocopah Indian Tribe Victim President Rosa Long

Cocopah Police Department

COALITION MEMBERS

Yuma Police Lieutenant Legros

San Luis Police Chief Jessup

Yuma County Justice of the Peace, Juan M. Guerrero

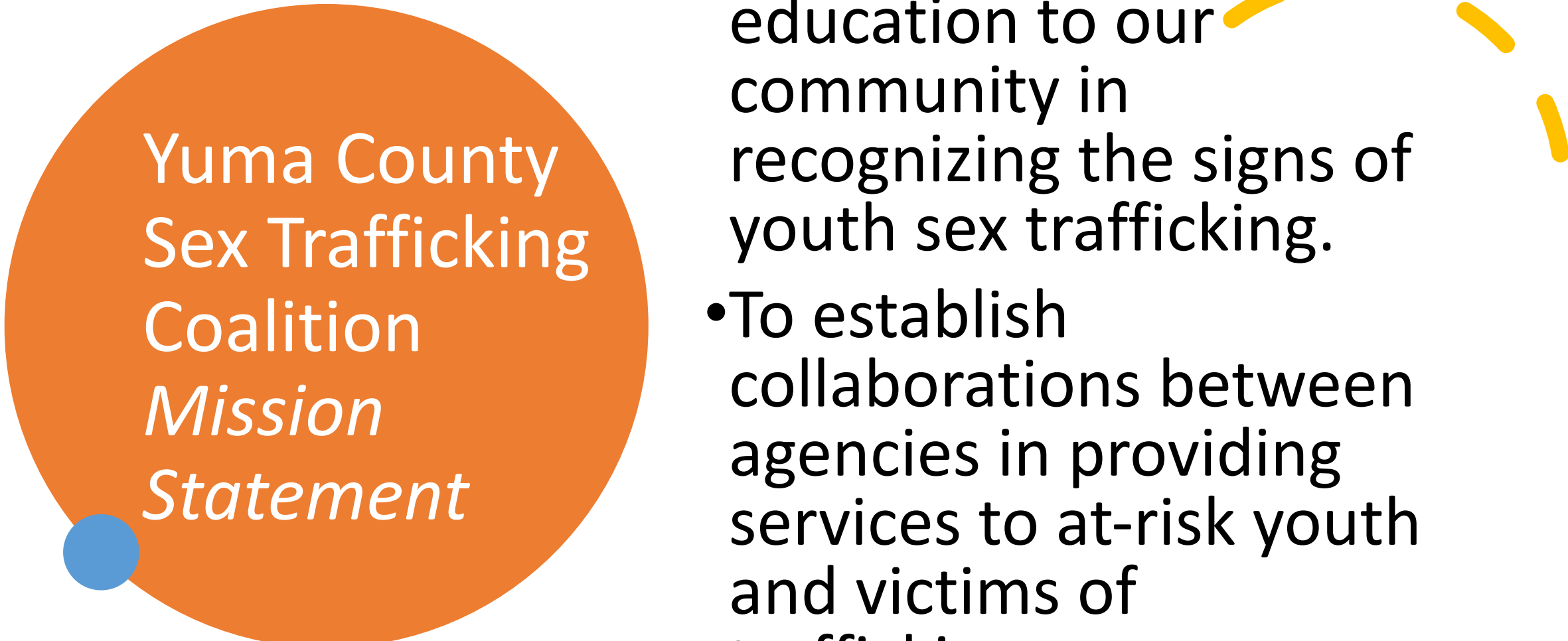
Department of Child Safety

Mercy Care

Banner Health

Arizona Complete Health

Arizona Western College Campus Police



Yuma County
Sex Trafficking
Coalition
*Mission
Statement*

- To provide training and education to our community in recognizing the signs of youth sex trafficking.
- To establish collaborations between agencies in providing services to at-risk youth and victims of trafficking.

Law Enforcement Training

Yuma Police
Department

San Luis Police
Department

Yuma County
Sheriff's
Department

Arizona Western
College Police
Department

Cocopah Police
Department

Quechan Police
Department

Somerton Police
Department

Collaborations Between Agencies

Juvenile Court refers to The Healing Journey for services when a victim of youth sex trafficking or a youth at risk of being trafficked is identified. Juvenile Court also provides Sex Trafficking 101 Training for THJ staff and coalition members.

Department of Child Safety refers when the youth is at risk for trafficking

School based counselors will refer if a youth is at risk for trafficking

Goals of the coalition meetings are to provide insight and additional support for on-going cases and staff potential new cases, i.e. using local resources from those who attend

Barriers and Challenges

COVID-19 affected our ability to promote awareness, unable to provide trainings and do community outreach

We are still faced with the challenge that our community does not accept that sex trafficking is an issue and that it does exist in Yuma County.

The Healing Journey Successes

Has worked with 20 victims of youth sex trafficking in the past six years.

35 girls and boys at risk for trafficking drugs and sex trafficking.

We provide Trauma focus therapy and life skills along with case management.

Each therapist and life skills counselors are certified through the Arizona Trauma Institute

On-Going Goal and Moving Forward...

To Continue educating our community, local law enforcement and behavioral health agencies on recognizing signs of sex trafficking, identifying victims and those that are at risk of being trafficked.

Yuma Sex Trafficking Symposium, with the assistance of The McCain Institute, which will take place on May 9th and May 10th, 2022, which will provide training to:

- Law Enforcement
- Department of Child Safety
- Behavioral Health Agencies
- Victim Advocacy
- Prosecutors

Develop and Provide Sex Trafficking 101 for high school students and parents/guardians

Questions? Comments?

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