### **Child Crisis Arizona**

#### **MISSION**

To provide children and youth in Arizona a safe environment, free from abuse and neglect, by creating strong and successful families.

#### **VISION**

Safe Kids. Strong Families.







responding to community need to prevent and intervene in child abuse or neglect and strengthen families

#### PREVENTION PROGRAMS

- Head Start (age 0-3)
- Preschool (age 3-5)
- Family Education
- Safe Kids Maricopa
- FANS Distribution Center

#### INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

- Emergency Children's Shelter (age 2-10)
- Group Home (age 10-17)
- Independent Living for Foster Youth (age 16-21)
- Foster Care & Adoption (age birth-18)



# Intervention



#### **Emergency Shelter for Children and Youth**

- 24/7 care in a home-like setting, medical screenings, counseling, behavioral health support, educational support, and activities for foster children in Maricopa County
- Now serving children and youth
- FY2022 Arizona Department of Child Safety reports there are currently 12,604 children and youth are in out-of-home care.

## Intervention



#### **Programs for Homeless Youth**

- Long term foster care services for teenage boys ages 10 17
- Providing transitional housing, educational support, job placement, and life skills training for youth ages 16 -21, aging out of the foster care system
- Distribution warehouse in Chandler, supports domestic violence shelters, homeless, etc.
- Destination Diploma Chandler United School District

# Intervention



### Foster Care & Adoption

- License and certify parents for foster care and adoption for children from the state child welfare system
- Serve single and two-parent families of all religious beliefs, ethnicities and sexual orientations, Human Rights Campaign Seal of Recognition
- 3% disruption rate far below the national average of 12%



# Prevention



#### **Family Education**

- No-cost resources, now online, for families through different parenting classes, workshops, support groups and quarterly family events
- Partnering with over 20 nonprofits to meet families where the need is, remove transportation barriers and time constraints



Focuses on improving the security and well-being of families

### Prevention



#### Support Groups for Kinship Families, Safe Kids Maricopa

- Free programs for relatives & foster and adoptive family caregivers
- Arizona has more than 198,000 "kinship care" who are caring for one or more related children
- Free resources and training on car seat, fire and home safety, pool fence grants, and more



# **Early Education Services**

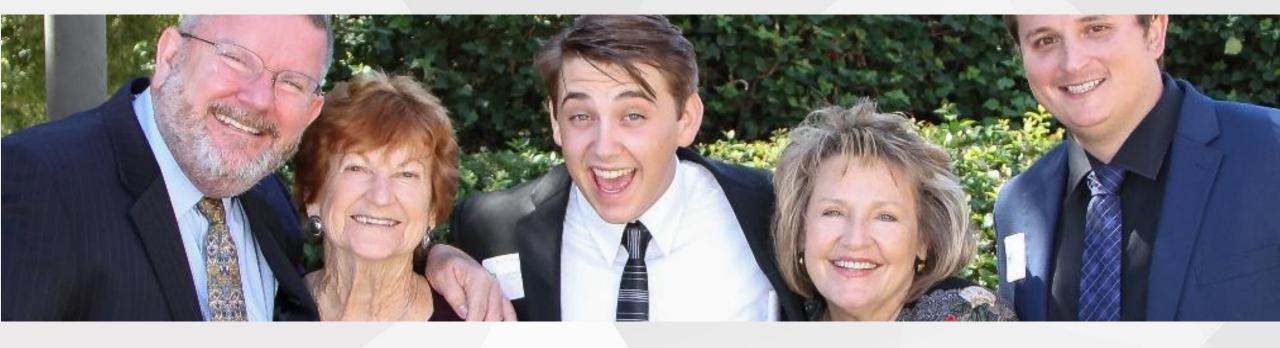


Early Head Start (Ages 1-3) Head Start (Ages 3-5) Child Crisis Arizona Preschool (Ages 4-5)

- Serving families 100%-200% below Federal poverty rate in Mesa & Phoenix
- First Things First 5-star award
- Early Head Start requires 25% philanthropic support, 611 individuals served
- Child Crisis Arizona Preschool relies on 100% philanthropic support, 108 individuals served
- 30 Preschool graduates in 2022



# Meet Evan Komar



- Evan and his brother were placed in our Emergency Shelter at the ages of 8 and 6 yrs old, after being in several foster homes
- The brothers and a sister were adopted by a loving family through Child Crisis Arizona
- https://youtu.be/qNKyYWnu\_xY

# 2021/2022 Accomplishments





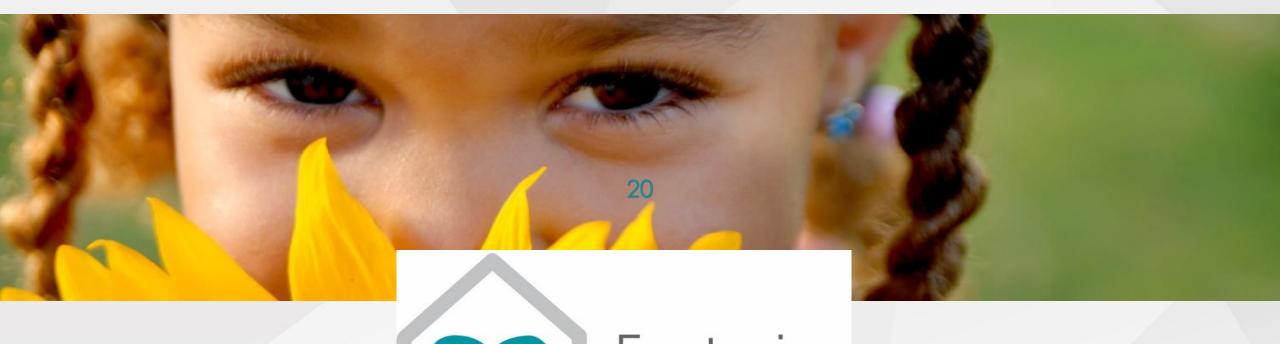




- Placement found for 315 foster children, 8,454 unduplicated individuals served
- Agency accreditation Council on Accreditation awarded February 2021
- Distinguished Service Award for Direct Service/Advocacy April 2021
- Highest possible 4-star rating by Charity Navigator 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year
- New programs and expansion campaign

### Coming Soon....

### **New Child & Wellness Center in Mesa**





A CAMPAIGN for Safe kids. Strong families.

### Need for new Child & Family Wellness Campus

#### Agency Growth since 2015

- o Early Education Slots 200% Growth (112 to 336)
- Bed Capacity 162% Growth (69 to 181)
- New Programs (complete continuum of care)
- In 2021, served 7,365 unduplicated individuals.
   With new Campus, estimate we can serve an additional 2,940 people annually!

#### Community Need

- Nearly 14,000 Arizona children in out of home care. More licensed/certified Foster & Adoptive families needed to provide safe, loving homes!
- AZ is worst in the nation for children facing Adverse Childhood Experiences. Expanded prevention programs needed to break generational cycle of abuse.
- Low-income families struggle to pay rent and feed their children. Access to nutritional food and basic items needed, so higher concerns can be addressed.

### Programs and Services at NEW Child & Family Wellness Campus



**Foster Care** & Adoption Services

**Family** Education Car Seat & Safety **Training** 

Medical **Screening & Basic Needs** 



Sustainability Features & Solar

**Volunteer Training** 





#### **Child Crisis Arizona Mesa Locations**



- 38,000 Square Feet
- Break Ground 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 (planned)
- Construction Complete 4<sup>th</sup>
   Quarter 2023 (planned)



- Early Education Services
- Residential Children's Shelter
- New Child & Family Wellness Campus



**Child & Family Wellness Campus Concept Renderings** 



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Concept Rendering - Corner of Rio Salado + Country Club
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# Things To Consider....



- Share our message, join our Social Media pages
- Come see our mission in action with a tour
- In-kind donations Wish List, Holidays, Food Boxes
- Financial support State Tax Credit, Qualifying Foster Care Organization
- Attend an Event or Host a Third Party Event





# Questions?



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