

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.





45 years
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 7th consecutive year
- New programs and expansion campaign



Coming Soon....

New Child & Wellness Center in Mesa



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Fostering
Bright
Futures

A CAMPAIGN for *Safe kids. Strong families.*



Need for new Child & Family Wellness Campus

Agency Growth since 2015

- 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

Counseling
Services

Art &
Music
Therapy
Classes

Foster Care
& Adoption
Services

Family
Education

Car Seat &
Safety
Training

Medical
Screening &
Basic Needs



Collaborative Partnerships

Sustainability Features & Solar

Volunteer Training





Child Crisis Arizona Mesa Locations



- 38,000 Square Feet
- Break Ground – 4th Quarter 2022 (planned)
- Construction Complete – 4th Quarter 2023 (planned)



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



Child & Family Wellness Campus Concept Renderings



Concept Rendering - Corner of Rio Salado + Country Club
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Concept Rendering - Entry
Child Crisis of Arizona



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
- Volunteer



Questions?



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