

## We Welcome You To Become An Endorser

We invite your organization to become an endorser of the Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition, a program of David's Hope. Link your organization with us and strengthen mental health criminal justice collaboration by submitting the endorser form found on our home page [www.davidshopeaz.org](http://www.davidshopeaz.org). Coalition endorser organizations will be listed on our website. For more info, email us at [davidshopeaz@yahoo.com](mailto:davidshopeaz@yahoo.com) or call 602.774.4382.



## Consider Donating To David's Hope

David's Hope is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization and your donation is tax-deductible within the guidelines of U.S. law.

You can donate at our website [www.davidshopeaz.org](http://www.davidshopeaz.org), or by mailing a check to the address below.

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## Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition

*The mission of David's Hope is to reduce the numbers of those with mental disorders and addictions who are incarcerated through Prevention, Intervention and Treatment.*

[www.davidshopeaz.org](http://www.davidshopeaz.org)

# David's Hope

David's Hope is a 501c3 nonprofit organization created in 2009. Our vision is reducing incarceration and promoting treatment for people living with mental illness and addiction in Arizona and across the nation.

We invite you to become a partner of the Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition, a program of David's Hope. Our coalition participants are working to engage county leaders and mental health criminal justice stakeholders across Arizona, to promote the development of community-based solutions for justice involved people with mental and substance use disorders. This collaborative effort is improving outcomes at all junctures where mental health and criminal justice intersect.

The Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition meets monthly. Conference call in is available. Meetings are free and open to the public. Meeting dates and location vary. Call 602.774.4382 for more info.

David's Hope serves Arizona's 15 counties and Arizona tribal regions:

- Providing information, resources, and referrals
- Mentoring peers, family and community members on navigating our mental health criminal justice systems
- Connecting family and community members with behavioral and medical healthcare staff inside our jails and prisons
- Hosting Arizona Mental Health Criminal Justice Coalition meetings monthly
- Providing speakers for community education on mental health criminal justice related issues
- Engaging county leaders to develop criminal justice behavioral health partnerships
- Hosting an annual Step Up AZ Summit and Awards Banquet honoring law enforcement, judicial officers, and community advocates
- Advocating for counties to utilize the national Stepping Up Initiative

The high number of people with serious mental illnesses and substance use disorders in jails is a public health crisis. Across Arizona and our nation, jails serve as the largest provider of mental healthcare.

The percentage of people in jails who have mental illnesses is often as much as six times higher than that of the general public. On average, people with mental illnesses remain incarcerated longer than people without mental illnesses arrested for the exact same charge, at a cost 2-3 times higher. With little treatment available, many individuals cycle through our jails and prisons for the majority of their adult lives.

Join with David's Hope, as we advocate to make treatment more accessible than incarceration. Working together we will reach our goal, the decriminalization of mental illness.

**David's Hope supports the national Stepping Up Initiative.**

**We invite you to learn about the national Stepping Up Initiative, a nationwide effort to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. Go to:**

**<http://www.stepuptogether.org/>**

