

PINAL COUNTY NEWSLETTER

Featuring items of special interest to organizations and individuals working to improve the lives of people in our County. Published and emailed by Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA), with support provided by Arizona Department of Economic Security Division of Aging and Adult Services and Pinal Gila Council for Senior Citizens.

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RESOURCE ROUNDUP A SUCCESS!



The 6th Annual Resource Roundup was held Friday, June 4, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande. With well over 300 individuals in attendance, the event was a huge success. Evaluations were emailed to attendees and the results were tallied. According to the evaluations indicate participants felt that the event was educational and provided valuable information that could be useful in fulfilling daily work activities.

The presence of local politicians, agency administrative and line staff is testimony to the fact that the Resource Roundup is an annual event that is informative, energizes the human services community and provides a unique opportunity for meaningful discussions about issues facing our vulnerable populations.

Major Bob Jackson warmly welcomed the participants to the event. Charity Russell, United Way's Executive Director, touched on issues affecting Pinal County and agencies in the social services arena. This includes CAHRA who has seen a surge in the number of clients in need of services, most of whom now come from the working populations who had never utilized the services before.

Participants attended workshops on Answering on Aging, Behavioral Health, Children Services and Housing Opportunities. This year, 3 new workshops were introduced: Financial Management 101, Power Up with Utility Services and Maximizing Your Volunteer Workforce. Participants were able to get information directly from the experts in each field.



The Exhibitor Tables again were a popular feature this year. Over 45 agencies requested exhibitor's space. Although the location could only accommodate 40 exhibitor spaces, the Committee Members worked with late registrants to accommodate the additional requests for tables.

The Resource Roundup perfectly illustrates the continued support, the collaborations that have formed and the wonderful networking that takes place in Pinal County.

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INFORMATION ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER



The Pinal County Network News is a monthly publication. As a general rule, we email each issue about 1-2 weeks before the beginning of the month. We encourage you to submit articles, letters to the editor and calendar items for publication in the newsletter.

In an attempt to reach as many readers as possible and assure the information reported is given in a timely manner, an effort will be made to print the newsletter no later than the 20th of each month. If you wish to advertise meetings, events, items of interest, etc., please submit material by the 1st of the month to: Community Action Human Resources Agency, 311 North Main Street, Eloy AZ 85231, phone 520-466-1112, fax 520-466-0013, or by Email: lrush-ing@cahrapinal.org.



NEWS FROM THE NETWORKS

This section of the Pinal County Networks. Highlights information about network meetings. The agencies in our County have been collaborating and networking for so long and so effectively that these efforts are sometimes taken for granted. As Pinal County grows and new people come on board, it is important that the “networking” torch be passed on and newcomers be engaged in the process. If you are part of a Network and would like to see information about your Network’s activities appear here, you may put together a paragraph or two and forward to ageib@cahrapinal.org by the 15th of each month.



PINAL COUNTY NETWORK MEETING

Regular Meeting Date/Time: First Wednesday of each month @ 9:00am

Location: Coolidge Police Dept./Council Chambers, 911 South Arizona Blvd., Coolidge, AZ.

For More Information Contact: Reyna Villegas at Sun Life Family Health Center at 520-381-0319.

No Meeting in July

Last Meeting:

Title IV-d Child Support Enforcement
Theresa A. Nesser (Tess), Administrator

Who Are We?

We are the attorney’s case managers, intake specialist and legal support staff in the Child Support Division of the Pinal County Attorney’s Office. Our office came into being in 1985 when the Pinal County Board of Supervisors entered into an agreement with the State of Arizona, Department of Economic Security, and Division of Child Support Enforcement. The program we operate is called Title TV-D child support enforcement

Services Available To The Custodial Person

Many services are available to the custodial person such as:

- Establishment of legal parentage (paternity)
- Establishment of a medical support order
- Enforcement of existing child support orders *
- Modification of existing child support orders*
- Collection of arrearages (past due support)
- Locate absent parents and their assets
- Enforcement of spousal maintenance (alimony) when collected in conjunction with an existing child support order
- Include all Arizona orders and orders from other jurisdictions



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CARE NETWORK MEETING

Regular Meeting Date/Time: Second Wednesday of each month @ 9:00 a.m.

Location: Pinal Gila Council for Senior Citizens, 8969 W. McCartney Road, Casa Grande.

For more information contact: Anne Geib at CAHRA at 520-466-1112 or by email at ageib@cahrapinal.org.

Next Meeting—July 14:

Speaker:

Tom Kelly, member of the Arizona Stigma Reduction Committee. Mr. Kelly has ten years experience working in the Arizona public mental health system. His experience includes providing technical assistance to provider agencies and Regional Behavioral Health Authorities to help educate, coach and train staff in recovery principles and the use of strength-based and person-centered planning principles. Tom has presented at national, state and local conferences on mental health topics including homelessness, peer support, recovery and stigma.

Presentation:

The Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Behavioral Health Services has helped to develop the Arizona Stigma Reduction Committee. The Committee's goal is to help eliminate and reduce stigma associated with mental health and substance use disorders. The presentation is titled **"A Serious Mental Health Challenge: Stigma"**. One of the many challenges faced not only by people with mental illness, but by family members and professionals is stigma. This presentation will give a brief overview on the topic of mental health stigma. Discrimination and prejudice are some of the many challenges that come from stigma within the behavioral health community. This presentation will give you some ways that you may be able to help reduce stigma in your local community.

Presenter:

Yvette Tucker M.A.Ed., Cenpatico Behavioral Health of AZ, Program Development

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**RESOURCE CORNER
NEWSLETTERS, WEBSITES, ETC**

From time to time we are fortunate to receive newsletters from other organizations that contain very useful information. Following is a list of those sites and newsletters you may be interested in:

- Pinal County Resource Directory ~ www.pinalresources.org
- Pinal Gila Council for Senior Citizens ~ www.pgsc.org
- Against Abuse Inc. ~ www.against-abuse.org
- Arizona Consumers Council ~ <http://www.azconsumer.org/>
- National Low Income Housing Coalition ~ <http://nlhc.org>
- Arizona Department of Housing ~ www.housingaz.com
- American Cancer Society ~ www.cancer.org
- Casa de los Ninos ~ casadelosninos.org
- Florence Immigration and Refugee Rights Project ~ www.firrp.org
- Community Alliance Against Family Abuse ~ www.caafaaz.org/newsletters.shtml
- United Food Bank Newsletter ~ to subscribe email [newsletter@united foodbank.org](mailto:newsletter@unitedfoodbank.org) or drogers@unitedfoodbank.org
- CommunityConnect ENewsletter ~ to subscribe sign up at the website: <https://www.azdes.gov/nmanagerpro/subscribe.asp>
- Southwestern Fair Housing ~ <http://www.swfhc.com>
- Cenpatico Behavioral Health of Arizona free, anonymous mental health self-assessments online <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/screening/login.asp?keyword=Cenpatico>
- Arizona Housing Alliance ~ <http://www.azhousingalliance.org>/Requests can be sent to val@azhousingalliance.org.
- Housing Arizona ~ <http://www.housingaz.com/>
- Arizona Collaborative for Sustainable Communities ~ <http://www.azcollaborative.net/>
- Arizona Foreclosure Prevention Task Force ~ [Http://www.azforeclosureprevention.org](http://www.azforeclosureprevention.org)
- ArizonaSERVES ~ www.arizonaserves.com

**STATE OF ARIZONA MANDATES
WORK FURLOUGH DAYS
FOR SFY 2011**

On June 21, 2010, the State announced mandatory work furlough days for all contracted consultants and community partners who co-locate at the DES offices

All DES offices will be closed on the mandated State furlough days as listed below and deliveries will not be accepted. Access to the buildings will also be closed to the DES co-location community partners.

For consultants, no billable work shall be performed on these designated days and the time cannot be made up before or after the designated date unless authorized in writing and signed by the Assistant Director of the Division for whom the work is being performed.

The State of Arizona Mandated Furlough Days in SFY 2011 will be as follows:

- July 23, 2010 (Friday)
- August 20 (Friday)
- September 17 (Friday)
- November 26 (Friday after Thanksgiving)
- December 23 (Thursday before Christmas holiday)
- June 10, 2011 (Friday)

The DES operations that will continue to provide and receive services on the State Furlough dates are Adult Protective Services Hotline, Child Protective Services Hotline, DDD Residential Settings, Arizona Industries for the Blind, Blind Enterprise Program and DES Data Center. For more information regarding the furlough days please contact DES at (602) 542-7166 .



Participants of the Resource Roundup, held June 4, listen to presentations during the opening session (far left) and during a workshop (far right).



CAHRA'S JULY 2010 INTAKE SCHEDULE



Persons seeking an appointment should contact the CAHRA office on the "call-in date" indicated. Persons seeking an appointment must call promptly at 8:00 a.m. All appointments are made by telephone – no walk-in appointments are accepted. For more information call 520-466-1112.

Site:	Call in Date:	Intake Date:
Apache Junction	Wednesday, June 30	Wednesday, July 7
	Thursday, July 8	Wednesday, July 14
	Wednesday, July 14	Wednesday, July 21
Casa Grande	Monday, June 28	Monday, July 12
	Monday, July 12	Monday, July 19
Coolidge	Tuesday, June 29	Tuesday, July 6
	Tuesday, July 6	Tuesday, July 13
	Tuesday, July 13	Tuesday, July 20
Eloy	Tuesday, June 29	Tuesday, July 6
	Tuesday, July 6	Tuesday, July 13
	Tuesday, July 13	Tuesday, July 20
Florence	Thursday, June 24	Thursday, July 1
Queen Creek	Wednesday, June 30	Thursday, July 8
Florence/Queen Creek	Thursday, July 8	Thursday, July 15
Kearny	Thursday, July 1	Wednesday, July 7
Maricopa/Stanfield	Monday, June 28	Monday, July 12
	Monday, July 12	Monday, July 19
Oracle	Wednesday, July 7	Wednesday, July 14
	Thursday, July 15	Wednesday, July 21
Superior	Thursday, July 1	Thursday, July 8



COMMUNITY CALENDAR—JULY 2010

IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR EVENT LISTED HERE, PLEASE EMAIL US YOUR INFORMATION
 e-mail: lrushing@cahrapinal.org Office: 520-466-1112 Fax: 520-466-0013



Meeting:	Date/Time:	Location:
Pinal County Domestic Violence Coalition Meeting	Thursday, July 1 12 am	Florence Senior Resource Center, 94 W. Butte, Florence Contact: Jerry Smith & Felisha Celis
Battered Immigrant Women's Task Force	Thursday, July 1 11 am	Florence Senior Resource Center, 94 W. Butte, Florence Contact: Tammy McCarville
Casa Grande Alliance - Drug Alliance Coalition	Monday, July 5 1 pm - 3 pm	Glad Tidings Church 275 W. Viola St. Contact: Cindy Schaidler (520) 836-5022
Pinal County Network	Wednesday, July 7 9 am	Coolidge Police Department Council Chambers, 911 S. Arizona Blvd., Coolidge Contact: Reyna Villegas (520) 381-0319
CARE Network	Wednesday July 14 9:00am	Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens 8969 W. McCartney Rd, Casa Grande Contact: Anne Geib (520) 466-1112

Several Meetings were removed from our list as we were unable to verify that the groups were still meeting.

COMMON SENSE PARENTING

The Common Sense Parenting workshop is great for parents of children ages 6 to 16 years, especially those facing various family challenges such as a child who's defiant, siblings who constantly bicker, a child having trouble in school or parents and kids who occupy the same house but don't communicate or have fun together anymore.

Common Sense Parenting, using "The Boys Town" best practice material, provides parents with a menu of proven techniques that will aid them in building good family relationships, preventing and correcting misbehavior, using consequences to improve behavior, teaching self-control and staying calm.

When: July 30th, 2010 from 10 a.m.- 4p.m. (Lunch will be provided)

Where: John Calvin Presbyterian Church
1130 East Broadway Avenue
Apache Junction, AZ 85119-5315

This is a FREE training opportunity for all families open with Arizona's Children Association Outpatient services. \$25 Wal-Mart gift card raffle for those seated before 10 a.m.

Transportation available for those that need it and arrange prior to the workshop.

To reserve your seat, please call Juan Castellanos at 480-503-8530 x 103, email jcastellanos@arizonaschildren.org or contact your AZCA case manager. Seats are limited and fill up quickly, please call today.

CAHRA HOLDS SPECIAL INTAKES FOR ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

CAHRA Community Services staff and a team of volunteers will once again be travelling to communities throughout Pinal County to provide once a year energy assistance to eligible households. CAHRA's Executive Director Mary Lou Rosales announced the Intake Schedule this week.

We are **limiting our applications to LIHEAP utility assistance only**. Households needing rent and other services must call for a regular appointment. While we understand that the need is great, we are committed to providing LIHEAP assistance to the most households possible. Considering other requests take up valuable time that we could use to serve more households with utility assistance. It is also imperative that persons applying for LIHEAP services come prepared with required documentation so that a determination of eligibility can be made immediately. When we try to accommodate applicants who are unprepared, it cuts down on the numbers of applications we can complete.

Anyone coming to the intake without proper documents may not be seen.

Community	Location	Date	Time
Coolidge	Community Center Gymnasium 670 W Pima St	Saturday July 17, 2010	9:00-4:30
Superior & Kearny	Superior Senior Center 360 W Main St	Saturday July 24, 2010	9:00-4:30
Casa Grande	Dorothy Powell Senior Center 405 E 6th St	Saturday July 31, 2010	9:00-4:30
Eloy	Eloy Junior High 404 E Phoenix Blvd	Saturday August 14, 2010	9:00-4:30
Maricopa & Stanfield	To Be Announced		9:00-4:30
Mammoth, Oracle & San Manuel	Sun Life Family Health Center 23 Mc Nab Pkwy San Manuel	Saturday September 11, 2010	9:00-4:30
Florence	Florence Senior Center 330 N Pinal St	Saturday September 25, 2010	9:00-4:30
Johnson Ranch, San Tan Valley & Queen Creek	Walker Butte Elementary School 29897 N Desert Willow Blvd, Queen Creek	Saturday October 9, 2010	9:00-4:30
Apache Junction	Empowerment Systems-The Center 2066 Apache Trail #102	Saturday October 23, 2010	9:00-4:30



FREE PEDIATRIC CLINIC OF CASA GRANDE

Dr. Robert J. Kull
D.O., FAAP

St. Vincent De Paul Society Plaza
405 E. 2nd Street
Casa Grande, AZ 85222

Wednesday, July 7th & 21st
3 pm—6 pm

Infants through age 21 accepted

No insurance or income info necessary

**United Way
of Pinal County**



WATER FOR LIFE—WATER DRIVE 2010

It's time for the Water For Life water drive. With temperatures rising, individuals experiencing homelessness and families in need are vulnerable to heat related illnesses and potentially death. United Way is asking for assistance to help address this critical need by participating in the United Way of Pinal County Water Drive.

Donations of bottled water, gallons of water, cases of water, water bottles, etc. can be dropped off at participating Public Libraries or Town Halls

Public Libraries participating in this project include Apache Junction (1177 N. Idaho Rd.), Arizona City (13254 Sunland Gin Rd.), Casa Grande Vista Grande Library (1556 North Arizola Rd.), Coolidge (160 W. Central Ave.), Eloy (100 E. 7th St.), Mammoth (125 N. Clark St.), Superior (99 Kellner Ave).

The Town Halls in Florence (775 North Main St) and Kearny (912-C Tilbury Dr.) are also participating in the drive.

Donations can be dropped off in the United Way Water For Life barrels/boxes from July 15, 2010 to July 17, 2010 during Public Library and Town Hall hours of business. Superior Public Library will be accepting donations from July 13, 2010 to July 15, 2010. All of the donations collected will go to the homeless and families in need. You can help make this summer safe and enjoyable for all!

Thank you for supporting the Water For Life water drive. Please call the participating locations for the hours of business before donating. For any questions or more information, contact Joli Ramos at 520.836.0736 or joli.ramos@unitedwayofpc.org.

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NAMI is the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation's largest grassroots organization for people with mental illness and their families. Founded in 1979, NAMI has affiliates in every state and in more than 1100 local communities across the country.

NAMI'S MISSION: NAMI is dedicated to the eradication of mental illnesses and to the improvement of the quality of life for persons of all ages who are affected by mental illnesses.

WHAT WE DO: NAMI members and friends work to fulfill our mission by providing support, education, and advocacy.

Please join us

SUPPORT GROUP
For
Family and Friends
of persons with a mental illness
2nd and 4th Wednesdays each
month
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
PAVILIONS COMPLEX
950 Arizola Rd.
Casa Grande, AZ

The Pavilions building is north of Florence Blvd, on the east side of the road. Enter through the center doors under the large portico (not the door that says Behavioral Health). Please contact Robin for more information. 520-560-2545 or randgweber@yahoo.com



RICARDO BANUELOS RECIPIENT OF GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Ricardo Banuelos of United Way of Pinal County is the recipient of the 9th Annual Governor's Volunteer Service Award for National Service. The award was presented by Governor Jan Brewer on April 20th, 2010. The award was presented to Ricardo because as an AmeriCorps*VISTA member serving for the past two years at the United Way of Pinal County, he developed and implemented a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The program engages trained volunteers in preparing taxes and providing financial education for low income individuals, people with disabilities, and senior citizens of Pinal County.

"Without Ricardo's assistance as an AmeriCorps VISTA, Pinal County would not have the VITA program as it is today. He has done an outstanding job mobilizing volunteers and fostering community support. Thank you, Ricardo, for your outstanding service to our community!" United Way Executive Director, Charity Russell, remarked.

Ricardo was born and raised in Los Angeles. He lived there until he attended college at the University of California, Berkeley, where he studied Architecture and City Planning/Community Development. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree on December 2006.

Ricardo started as an AmeriCorps Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) with the United Way in February 2008. His charge was to create and expand a program that will help people in Pinal County have their taxes for free. He is now an employee of United Way and is serving as the Program Manager. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance began in 2008 with one site in Casa Grande, the Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center. That year, VITA helped 49 people e-file and another 85 with their Economic Stimulus Payment.

The program has expanded to include Apache Junction, Coolidge, Casa Grande, Eloy, and Maricopa helping 430 people in 2010. "As part of my role I recruited volunteers, developed partnerships, implemented tax law trainings, marketed the program, and helped secure over \$60,000 in program funding," according to Ricardo. The 2010 VITA season ended up saving taxpayers over \$80,000 and connected many of them with an additional \$333,000 in Earned Income Tax Credit, a federal tax credit for the working class. Ricardo also coordinated with Arizona Saves, Consumer Credit Counseling Services, and Central Arizona College Small Business Development Center to hold free monthly financial education seminars open to the public.



When asked why he chose Pinal County to serve as a AmeriCorps volunteer, he responded "I chose Pinal County because I have some family here. The job description for the program also struck me as something that I would be able to do and enjoy. I never imagined the courtesy and friendliness of Pinal residents. I have felt welcome since the start," Ricardo responded.

"I am proud that VITA has helped as many people as it has, ". The program has partners from diverse backgrounds such as the City of Coolidge, Sun Life Family Health Center, the Eloy Library, Maricopa Lutheran Church, Seeds of Hope, Pinal Gila Community Child Services-Head Starts and Empowerment systems.

"Seeing this kind of collaboration is especially gratifying. It really goes to show how a little bit from many hands can result in something great, he added."

VITA is a special program because it provides financial assistance in the form of cash. Someone who is behind on medical bills, struggling to make the rent, or pinching pennies to afford a car repair can use the money saved to breathe a little and regain their footing. According to Ricardo, "There is a still lot of work to do to help our clients go beyond living paycheck to paycheck." VITA is the first piece of a journey to personal financial stability which involves healthy spending habits, access to quality employment, and an increased appreciation for personal savings goals. Ricardo said he believes VITA has been a crucial resource to the many people struggling in this exceptionally tough economic climate.

When asked what he thought about Pinal County, the residents, the relationships he has formed, he responded: Pinal County has very passionate and caring leaders. The residents have been friendly and welcoming from the day I arrived in 2008. It has been a pleasure to work together with our partners some of whom trust me to do a little house-sitting in the summer. There is a deep sense of satisfaction with Pinal from many of the people I have met. I look forward to growing the relationships so that more people can be served.

"I owe a lot to my colleagues and volunteers for their work with the VITA program as well as their encouragement. We would not have served anyone without them", Ricardo commented.

CAHRA ANNOUNCES LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR PINAL COUNTY RESIDENTS TO ACCESS HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE TO PURCHASE FORECLOSED HOMES

CAHRA has funding for Your Way Home AZ through August 1. The funding is to help families purchase foreclosed homes in various communities in Pinal County.

Last summer the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) announced the availability of financial assistance of up to 22 percent of a home's purchase price for eligible Arizonans purchasing foreclosed homes. Since that time the Your Way Home AZ program has assisted or committed assistance to nearly 700 homebuyers, with an average of just over \$29,000 in assistance per homebuyer.

The program was made possible through federal stimulus monies designed to help mitigate the number of vacant homes in some of Arizona's neighborhoods hardest hit by foreclosures. Currently Arizona remains number two in the nation for foreclosures. The majority of homeowners assisted through this program have been first-time homebuyers.

The federal stimulus funds that provide this assistance came to Arizona with tight timelines for commitment and use. A September 11, 2010 deadline for commitment means that prospective homebuyers interested in accessing the program need to be fully engaged in the process no later than August 1st in order to work toward a firm commitment for program assistance by the September cut off date. This includes working with a participating lender, locating and making offers on program-eligible properties, and completing the required Homebuyer Education Class.

Eligibility is based on a variety of factors including area median income, current debt-to-income ratio, using the home as a primary residence, location of home within a hardest hit area, and attending a Homebuyer Education Class. Homebuyers must purchase a foreclosed one-unit detached single family home, condo or townhome. The assistance is in the form of a deferred second mortgage loan with zero percent interest, no monthly payment, and the opportunity to be forgivable after a period of time. Additional information on the state's program can be found at www.yourwayhomeaz.com, including a list of participating lenders and zip codes for eligible areas of the state.

\$5.5 million of the \$26 million set aside for this assistance program remains available. \$397,502 is available in Pinal County. Potential homeowners can call Delia Rodriguez, Housing Counseling Manager; to inquire about the program. Her telephone number is 520-466-1112.

"Participation in this program," stated Department of Housing Director Michael Traylor, "provides a once in a lifetime opportunity to receive free expert homebuyer counseling, as well as significant financial assistance toward purchasing a home for

populations that are not always eligible for assistance through government programs." Typically, government-sponsored homebuyer programs are restricted to households with low to moderate incomes. This program allows assistance to homebuyers with incomes up to 120 percent of the area median income.

Funding was made available through the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) to help stabilize the state's hardest hit neighborhoods.

For more information about the Arizona Department of Housing, please visit www.azhousing.gov.

Continued from Resource Roundup

The committee is already meeting and planning for a more ambitious 7th Annual Resource Roundup due mainly in part to the popularity of the event. This year, registrations continued to pour in even after the posted deadlines. Individuals were turned away simply because the Holiday Inn could not accommodate more than 300 individuals in the ballroom. The committee plans to post the deadline much earlier next and will ask that individuals register as early a possible.

Participants listen intently at the Resource Roundup on June 4.



Documents Needed To Process Your Case

- Your Photo Identification
- Your social security card
- Child’s birth certificate
- Child’s social security card
- Marriage license, as applicable
- Child Support orders, as applicable
- Divorce decree or legal separation agreement , if applicable
- Medical insurance cards
- Tribal I.D. card
- Photo of the absent parent, if one is available
- Financial information,
- A list of your absent parent (if one is available)
- A list of the absent parent’s income/assets
- Other documents, i.e. card or letters, pictures of the absent parent with the child,
- proof of money given to you or the child by the absent parent, etc

Note: If you do not have these documents please advise us.

How To Start A Case

Simply contact by method most convenient to you:

Call: 1-800-208-68-97 x 6615 or (520) 866-6615
 Fax: (520) 866-6482 or (520) 866-6678
 Write: Office of the Pinal County Attorney
 Child Support Division
 P.O. Box 608 Florence, AZ 85132
 Email: childsupport@pinalcountyyaz.gov
 Internet: www.pinalcountyyaz.gov/departments/countyattorney/pages/downloads

CAC

Jim Rhodes, Director Small Business Development Center; Beverly Perry, Coordinator Community Outreach

The CAC Small Business Development Center (SBDC) provides management and marketing counseling to Pinal County firms with less than 200 employees. All counseling assistance is provided at no cost to the client. Central Arizona College and the US Small Business Administration (SBA) jointly fund your Center. Our mission is to help the businesses of Pinal County to succeed. One-on-one confidential counseling is our primary method of assisting clients.

One-on-one confidential counseling is at the heart of SBDC work. Counselors use their real-life business ownership and management experience to give clients advice that is relevant and practical. The counseling program at Central Arizona College SBDC is a confidential, no-cost service. As a client of the SBDC we

guarantee that anything we discuss will be held in the strictest confidence.

SBDC services include, but are not limited to, assisting businesses with wellness evaluations, financial, marketing, production, organization, engineering and technical problems, feasibility studies, including:

Accounting	Financial/Loan Packaging
Advertising	Government Procurement
Business Plan Development	Market Research & Analysis
Business Startup	Management Issues
Cash Flow Management	Marketing
Commercialization of Technology	Personnel
Computer Applications	Positioning
Customer Analysis	Pricing Strategies
Environmental Management	Promotion
Exporting	Strategic Planning

The SBDC also conducts periodic seminars that offer clients and the public training in a variety of areas, such as starting or buying a business, use of specific software applications, marketing, and developing an effective advertising program. For additional information please contact Jim Rhodes at jim.rhodes@centralaz.edu or Beverly Perry at Beverly.perry@centralaz.edu.



Care Network Meeting,

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Presentation:

Meet Me Where I Am (MMWIA) symbolizes the positive changes and improved outcomes occurring in Arizona's System of Care for children and adolescents since its official launch in July 2007.

MMWIA is a multi-year effort to expand the amount and quality of support and rehabilitation services for the express purpose of helping children live successfully in their own communities. The MMWIA initiative has addressed the challenges once faced in the behavioral health system, and by Child and Family Teams in locating and arranging for needed community-based direct support services. Numerous children, adolescents and their families have benefited from MMWIA. Countless success stories have been shared, and positive feedback has been received from families receiving support and rehabilitation services.

The MMWIA initiative is overseen by Yvette Tucker, Centipico Behavioral Health of Arizona- Program Development. She has directed the implementation and ongoing maintenance of MMWIA, and has been instrumental in ensuring the quality of the services provided and outcomes achieved remain the heart of the program. Yvette leads the MMWIA Design Teams, conducts fidelity audits, offers training sessions, and promotes MMWIA to families, system partners, and the community.

Last Meeting:

Against Abuse Inc services/ Relief for Battered Immigrant Women - Tammy McCarville and Sylvia Procena

Speakers: Tammy McCarville, Project Coordinator, Pinal Hispanic Council's Battered Immigrant Women Program & Sylvia Procena, Domestic Violence Community Outreach Supervisor from Against Abuse spoke on the Southern Arizona Battered Immigrant Women Project. The Project was developed out of the concern of passionate Arizonans for the safety and future of battered immigrant women. The Project is gathering information regarding battered immigrant women's rights and resources, and strategizing effective methods to share this information with Arizona through public awareness and education.

Extent of the Problem:

- * Every 34 minutes a child witnesses a domestic violence incident in Arizona
- * 1 in 3 women will be a victim of Domestic violence in their lifetime
 - 1 in 5 women will experience an attempted or completed sexual assault

Barriers faced by Survivors of DV:

- * Societal taboos
- * Economic barriers
- * Lack of available services
- * Fear of retaliation
- * Fewer resources in rural areas
- * Transportation
 - crimes and appear in court)

*Approximately 17,500 men, women and children are trafficked into the US each year.

*Does not necessarily involve the crossing of a border

*US citizens can be trafficked

*Trafficker's actions never culturally appropriate

*Victim and trafficker may be married or related

*Victim didn't know what getting into, not paid for service, no freedom, no opportunity to escape

The number to report a suspected trafficking case is 1 888 60 ALERT and the office number is 602 433 2441.

Common Misconceptions about Non-Citizens:

*Non-citizens have no rights (Same rights - to be protected)

*Non-citizens have the same barriers and options as citizens (Have limited options and unique barriers)

*Non-citizens have no reason to fear calling the police or appearing in court (are very afraid and usually hesitate to report)

There are two visa's available for these women to file if they have been sexually assaulted or in a domestic violence situation. One is the self-petition for victims that are married to a US citizen or a legal permanent resident. The other, the U Visa, is for victims of crimes, such as domestic violence, rape and sexual assault where no formal relationship has to exist. The victim has to possess information about the qualifying criminal activity as well as has been, is being or is likely to be helpful to the investigation and/or prosecution of that qualifying criminal activity. If you know of a battered immigrant women please refer them to Against Abuse at 836-0858.

Speaker: Katie Resendiz, Acting Program Manager for Arizona League to End Regional Trafficking (ALERT).

*The Statewide project is based out of the International Rescue Committee's Phoenix Resettlement Office.

*The project provides services for trafficking victims, raise awareness of trafficking issue in the community and supports local anti-trafficking efforts.

In February 2003, the US Department of Justice / Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) awarded a grant for the creation of the Arizona League to End Regional Trafficking (ALERT). ALERT is a coalition representing partnerships with law enforcement, faith-based communities, non-profit organizations, social service agencies, attorneys and concerned citizens. ALERT helps victims of trafficking by providing: food and shelter; medical care; mental health counseling; immigration assistance; legal assistance; language interpretation; case management; and other culturally appropriate services throughout the state of Arizona. Through education, outreach and a variety of programs and services, ALERT strives to end the suffering and dehumanization of victims of human trafficking.

Katie emphasized that trafficking is not the same as smuggling. Trafficking is not voluntary; entails forced exploitation of person for labor or sex, movement can be international or local and is a crime against human rights. Traffick-

