



WIA YOUTH PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

The City of Phoenix covers more than 517 square miles and has a population of 1.5 million, ranking it the fifth largest city in the country. More than 50 percent of the population is between 18 and 54 years of age, which is younger than the national average. The state is becoming younger and younger each year, which will present more challenges in preparing the youth with transitioning from adolescence to young adulthood.

ARIZONA STATISTICS

Forty-three percent of Arizona high school students have had sex, and 37 teens become pregnant every day. Arizona is third in the nation for teen births, just behind Texas and Mississippi. Arizona has one of the highest high school dropout rates (11%), and ten percent of the teens are dropping out and not working. Twenty percent of our youth are living in poverty. There are approximately 2,000 youth living on the street each night in Arizona at any given time. Over 30,000 referrals are sent to Juvenile Court each year. On average, over 400 youth are in detention each day.

WIA YOUTH PROGRAM

The magnitude and complexity of the obstacles our youth face requires a comprehensive approach to overcome these challenges. The City of Phoenix WIA Youth Program provides a variety of programs and services to economically disadvantaged youth between the ages of 14-21.

Each youth must be economically disadvantaged and face one of the following barriers to participate in the program:

- High School Dropout
- Basic Skills Deficient
- Pregnant or Parenting
- Individuals with Disabilities
- Foster Care
- Homeless
- Runaway
- Juvenile Offenders
- Youth who face serious barriers to employment

The WIA Youth Program Design and Program Elements include the ten service elements mandated in WIA; plus one local performance element (job placement and retention). The PWC Youth Program 11 service elements are:

- Tutoring
- Alternative secondary school
- Paid and unpaid work experience
- Occupational skills training
- Summer employment
- Leadership development
- Supportive services
- Adult mentoring
- Comprehensive guidance and counseling
- Follow-up Services
- Job placement and Retention

The following services are also available to assist the youth in overcoming barriers: Job-Readiness Training, Work Experience (paid and unpaid), School Registration, GED Preparation, Job Placement, Stay-in-School Activities, Occupational Skills Training, Case Management, Support Services, and Follow-up services for 12 months.

RESOURCES (SERVICE PROVIDERS)

Arizona Call-A-Teen Youth Resources

649 North 6th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85003-1530
(602) 252-6721
(602) 252-2952 – Fax

YMCA

350 N. 1st Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85003
(602) 252-2963
(602) 252-4469 – Fax

**HomeBase Youth Services*

931 E. Devonshire Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85014
(602) 263-7773
(602) 263-5498-Fax

Valley of the Sun United Way (ASPIRE) Collaborative

***Arizona Women's Education and Employment (AWEE)*

640 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85003
(602) 223-4333

***Chicanos por la Causa (CPLC)*

3150 North 35th Avenue, Suite 5
Phoenix, AZ 85017-5264
(602) 269-6485

***Friendly House*

802 S. 1st Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85003
(602) 257-1870

***Jobs for Arizona's Graduates*

395 North Hayden, Suite 160
Scottsdale, AZ 85257
(480) 441-1807

Goodwill of Central Arizona Inc.

417 North 16th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85006-3710
(602) 254-2222

****Arizona Call-A-Teen Youth Resources*

649 North 6th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85003-1530
(602) 252-6721
(602) 252-2952 – Fax
(Youth Offender)

****Child & Family Resources*

700 West Campbell Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85013-2690
(602) 234-3941
(Pregnant / Parenting)

****Tumbleweed*

915 North 5th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004-3104
(602) 264-6035
(Homeless)

****Southwest Institute for Families and Children with Special Needs*

5111 North Scottsdale Road # 105
Scottsdale, Arizona 85250
(480) 222-8800

Jewish Family & Children's Service

4220 N. 20th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85015
(602) 279-0084
(602) 274-3452 - Fax
(Foster Care)

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