

Home Visitation Programs in Pinal County

December 2014

STRONG FAMILIES AZ Home Visitation Coordinator

Pinal County

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Help Your Child Handle Holiday Stress; Below are some helpful tips:

1. Stick with your normal routine as best as possible.
2. Try to avoid over scheduling.
3. Schedule some quiet time in your day.
4. Take time to teach your children about your holiday traditions and culture through story time, crafts, cooking, etc...
5. Limit comfort and sugary food intake as best as possible.
6. Take a deep breath and enjoy yourself!

Future Newsletters:

If you have any suggestions on stories, topics, news, trainings, employee spotlights, success stories, etc... that you would like to see in upcoming newsletter please send them to Lindsey Wicks via email.



PINAL COUNTY
wide open opportunity



Strong Families Home Visitation Website

The Strong Families AZ Home Visitor Portal serves as a communication resource specifically for Home Visitors. Here you will find Strong Families AZ news and updates, as well as tools for browsing program information, training events, contact information and more.

www.strongfamiliesaz.com

1. Click link that says “login to home visitor’s portal here”
2. Click on “register” in the bottom right hand corner
3. Click on “Professional Development”
4. You can view all the trainings in Arizona and then register from the link provided.

Upcoming Trainings/ Events



Communiversity
@ QUEEN CREEK

Early Childhood Parent Workshops



2 hour training certificates available for each workshop
Workshops held Once a month from 5pm – 7pm
Each class is only \$20 (including child care) Scholarships Available
Register online at www.sslcaz.com or call 480-888-9545

Workshops sponsored by Shining Stars Learning Center and Communiversity at Queen Creek

Aug 27 th	Session 1 – Making a Connection
Sept 24 rd	Session 2 – Making it Happen
Oct 21 st	Session 3 – Why Do Children Do What They Do?
Nov 18 th	Session 4 – Recognizing and dealing with Childhood trauma
Dec. 16 th	Session 5 – Teach Me What to Do!
Jan. 20 th	Session 6 – Facing the Challenge (Part 1)
Feb. 18 th	Session 7 – Facing the Challenge (Part 2)
March 24 th	Session 8 – Infant/Toddler development
Apr. 21 st	Session 9 – Kindergarten Readiness
May 19 th	Session 10 – Health and Safety
June 23 st	Session 11 – Community Resources and Services

**Child care provided at Shining Stars Learning Center – 21805 S. Ellsworth Road, Suite B101, Queen Creek
Workshops held across the street at the Communiversity at Queen Creek– 21740 S. Ellsworth Road. Queen Creek**



Center on the Social and Emotional
Foundations for Early Learning



CPR/ First Aid Training

Need to get your certification or maybe need a renewal?
Sign up now to reserve your spot! Limited space available.

Parents are welcome.

December 19, 2014

971 Jason Lopez Cir, Bldg D

Florence, AZ

9:00 am– 4:00 pm

Lunch will be on your own.

Please email to register:

Lindsey.Wicks@pinalcountyyaz.gov

Who am I?

An Intercultural Competency Workshop

January 30, 2015

971 Jason Lopez Cir Bldg D, Agave Room

Florence, AZ 85132

Register by emailing: Lindsey.Wicks@pinalcountyyaz.gov

What are my beliefs? How are my actions shaped? How do I engage with others in communities? How does what I believe impact how I work with others? This workshop serves as an introduction to the cultural forces at play in creating and maintaining the systems around us. In the workshop, we examine the role of Narratives, Social Location, and Values in creating our understandings of how the world works. We also examine how our understandings can be a crucial first step towards either justice or can lead to a sabotage of our efforts to build stronger communities. This is a great place to start for leaders, staff, case-workers, boards, and collectives who are interested in sustainable, community-based, and transformative strategies for building community.

Provided by: **Luke Black, Equal Voices Facilitator**
Arizona Community Action Association

Program Updates

Arizona Children's Association- Parents as Teachers

Support Your Child's Healthy Development



FREE

- Screenings
 - ☑ Vision
 - ☑ Hearing
 - ☑ Dental
- Books
- Crafts
- Fun

Friday December 19

10 am-11:30 am

Red Rock Park

For families with children from birth to age 5

Tuesday, December 16

2:30 pm-4:30 pm

Sun Life Health Center-San Manuel

Tuesday, December 16

10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Kearny Library

Thursday, December 4th

1:30 pm-3:30 pm

Eloy Library

Pinal Parents as Teachers
U of A Extension Screening Team
Sun Life Dental
Family, Friends and Neighbors

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For more information, call **480-288-4723**



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DECEMBER 10TH
10 AM — 11 AM

You are invited to attend
**TOUR THE AK-CHIN
FIRE STATION**

Transportation Provided

Child & Family Resources– Healthy Families

Healthy Families is currently looking for sponsors for their 0-3 year old children in their program for the Christmas Angel Tree. If you are interested in sponsoring a child please contact: (520) 518-5292

Pinal County Coalition/ Meeting Updates

Pinal Early Childhood Coalition

FTF Pinal Early Childhood Coalition Meeting

Thursday January 15th

Mondo Anaya Community Center: 1487 N. Crane Street, Casa Grande, AZ 85122

9:00 am– 11:00 am

Pinal County Domestic Violence Coalition



The Domestic Violence conference was held in Casa Grande this past month and was well attended with great learning opportunities and speakers. These are pictures of the display to end domestic violence provided by ZONTA. The shoes are those of victims of domestic violence in Pinal County.



Family Advocacy Center-

We are pleased to announce that all of our agency partners are invited to attend the **Grand Opening** of the long awaited San Tan Valley FAC.

Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014

ribbon cutting will be at approximately 10:00 a.m.

The new facility is located at:

San Tan Valley Advocacy Center

36375 N. Gantzel Road, Suite 101

Queen Creek, AZ 85140



Presence vs. Presents

*This year,
give the gift of time.*

**When we praise, encourage,
and give positive attention to children,
it helps prevent
substance use and problem behaviors.**

Spending quality time together really makes a difference!



Drug abuse prevention and treatment referrals

901 E. Cottonwood Lane — Suite C
Casa Grande, Arizona 85122
520-836-5022

www.CasaGrandeAlliance.org
Follow us on Twitter: @CG_Alliance



Scan the QR code to be
directed to our website, or
contact us for more
information on this and other
substance abuse topics

“Three Precious Miracles” Helps Families with Donations



The organization is called Three Precious Miracles and its mission is to help displaced children in the Gila River Indian Community by providing necessities to their newly appointed caretakers. When a child or children are removed from their parents' care, they are often times placed in a new home, where, due to the unexpected nature of transplanting children, the new Caretakers are unprepared and do not have adequate supplies such as clothes, diapers, baby food, comfort items or even a car seat. The organization is working on becoming a federally recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit and has established a board, which consists of Elisia, Tecumseh and their friends Tim Antone and Prosper Waukon. “We can't help Everybody but we're going to do what we can to get started,” Manuel said. Read the full story at:

[http://gilariver.org/GRIN/Nov_21 GRIN final.pdf](http://gilariver.org/GRIN/Nov_21_GRIN_final.pdf)