

# Home Visitation Programs in Pinal County



September 2014

## Pinal County

## Home Visitation Coordinator

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### 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 newsletters please send them to Lindsey Wicks via email.



[Register for the Empower Program and receive reduced licensing fees.](#)  
[Register](#)

[Learn about the program components and how to implement the Empower Standards.](#)  
[Resources & Policies](#)

[Read about how other Empower Centers have implemented at their facilities.](#)  
[Success Stories](#)

[Sign up to receive the latest Empower info including trainings and other opportunities.](#)  
[Emails](#)

Early Care and Education (ECE) Providers are in a special position to empower young children to learn habits that can keep them healthy for life. ADHS developed the Empower Program in 2010 as a voluntary program to support licensed ECE facilities' efforts to empower young children to grow up healthy.

Today, the Empower Program reaches more than 200,000 children in licensed early care and education facilities throughout Arizona. Empower has won numerous awards for being a best practice; most recently, the program received the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP) National Best Practice Award.



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## 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](http://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

### The Third Annual Strong Families AZ Home Visiting Conference Home Visitors: Leaving a Legacy

Mark your calendars for **September 9 & 10 for the 2014** Strong Families AZ Home Visiting Conference. Registration will open the beginning of August.

Eighty workshops will feature topics in the areas of health, school readiness, child abuse prevention and domestic violence. A special preview of the upcoming PBS series [Raising America: Early Childhood and the Future of Our Nation](#) will also be featured.

At the conference this year will be presentations from national and state leaders on Adverse Childhood Experiences; a keynote by [Dr. Dipesh Navsaria](#) from the University of Wisconsin on the impact of toxic stress on young children; and a presentation by David Mandell, creator of the [Safe and Together](#) model which fo-



# Regional Arizona School Safety and Bullying Conference



## School Safety Advocacy Council's Regional Arizona School Safety and Bullying Conference

Co-Hosted by the Pinal County Sheriff's Office and Pinal  
County Attorney's Office

**October 16-17, 2014**  
**Harrah's AK-Chin Resort & Casino**  
**Maricopa, Arizona**

### Schedule of Events

#### Thursday - Oct. 16, 2014

7:00am Registration // Crystal Sand Ballroom  
8:30am Opening Ceremonies // Crystal Sand Ballroom  
Welcome Comments - Curtis Lavarello, Executive Director,  
SSAC  
Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu  
Pinal County Attorney Lando Voyles  
NLECTC Representative  
9:30am - 12:00pm - Local Programs (United Dance Crew & Pinal  
County Sheriff's Dept.)  
12:00pm - 1:00pm - Lunch (On your own)  
1:00pm - 4:00pm - Understanding National School  
Safety - New Trends  
& Strategies, Curt Lavarello & Sean Burke  
School Safety Advocacy Council

#### Friday - Oct 17, 2014

8:30am - 11:30am - Response to School Shootings, Les-  
sons Learned, Sgt. A.J. DeAndrea, Colorado  
Regional SWAT Team  
11:30a - 1:00pm - Lunch (On your own)  
1:00pm - 4:00pm - Bullying Legal 101, "How Not to get  
yourself Successfully Sued," Ms. Vanessa  
Snow, SSAC General Counsel  
*Topics and Presenters subject to change*

Law enforcement, SROs, prosecutors, civil attorneys, school administrators, teachers, guidance counselors, parents and the general public are highly encouraged to attend.

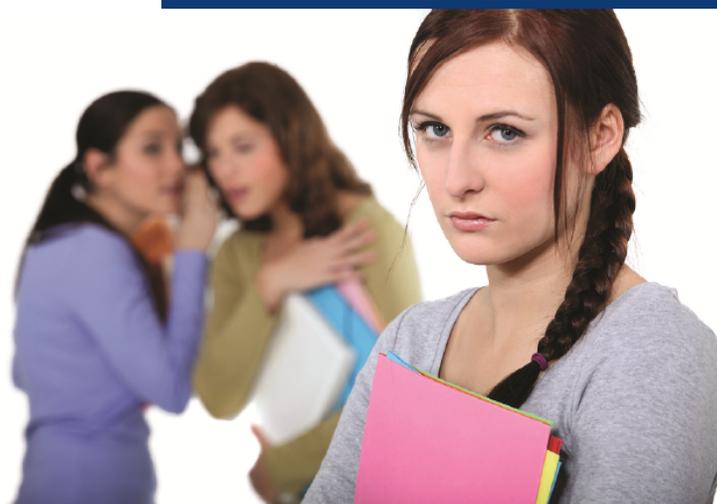
REGISTER ONLINE AT:

[www.SCHOOLSAFETY911.org](http://www.SCHOOLSAFETY911.org)

- \$195.00 Before September 15, 2014
- \$225.00 After September 15, 2014
- \$150.00 More than 5 Attendees from the same agency before Sept 15, 2014
- \$195.00 More than 5 Attendees from the same agency after Sept 15, 2014

CONTINUING EDUCATION POINTS AS  
FOLLOWS:

- **COEs** - LEOs will receive COE credit hours
- **CLEs** - this program may qualify for up to 9 hours of CLE
- **Professional Development** - this program may qualify for up to 9 hours for Educators



## Program Updates

### Easter Seals Blake Foundation– Parents as Teachers

Easter Seals Blake Foundation is now offering the Parents as Teachers program in Pinal County. Parents as Teachers is a home visitation program with the following values:

The early years of a child's life are critical for optimal development and provide the foundation for success in school and in life. Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers. Established and emerging research should be the foundation of parent education and family support curricula, training, materials and services. All young children and their families deserve the same opportunities to succeed, regardless of any demographic, geographic or economic considerations. An understanding and appreciation of the history and traditions of diverse cultures is essential in serving families.

The Pinal County Parents as Teachers program provided by Easter Seals Blake Foundation is a free program that will serve all families who reside in Pinal County who have a child birth to two years old or pregnant mothers to enroll in the program. Families in this program will receive support, encouragement and educational to help their child develop during the early years of life. The enrollment benefits include:

- Visits of 60-90 minutes in the convenience of the home
- Developmental health, vision, and hearing screenings
- Monthly Group Meeting with presentations on topics of interest
- Service coordination to other community resources



## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE PINAL COUNTY ATTORNEY

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Public Information Officer  
520.866.6573

[jim.knupp@pinalcountyaz.gov](mailto:jim.knupp@pinalcountyaz.gov)

### **Pinal County Attorney's Family Advocacy Center receives \$90k to help human trafficking victims**

FLORENCE, AZ (8/19/14) – Today, Congressman Paul Gosar (AZ-04) and Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick (AZ-01) announced the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded \$90,000 in a grant to the Pinal County Attorney's Family Advocacy Center to rescue and restore victims of human trafficking.

The purpose of the grant is to help authorities identify foreign victims of trafficking and match them with appropriate referral for service delivery systems, provide training and technical assistance to build local capacity in understanding and handling trafficking, create, lead and actively participate in a coalition building effort – such as a law enforcement task force, and implement a public awareness campaign to increase knowledge of resources to reduce trafficking in Arizona.

The Pinal County Attorney's Office was selected as one of only 18 organizations, nationwide, to receive this funding provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Grant No. 90ZV0XXX.

Noting few organizations were chosen, Pinal County Attorney Lando Voyles stated, "As the only organization in Arizona to receive this funding, we are humbled and honored as this truly reemphasizes the trust that our Pinal families maintain in this office. It is my hope that through education and public awareness, victims of trafficking will more readily be identified and otherwise feel safer coming forward to report their circumstances and perpetrator."

### **Family Support Coalition aka Pinal Early Childhood Coalition**

Thursday September 11, 2014

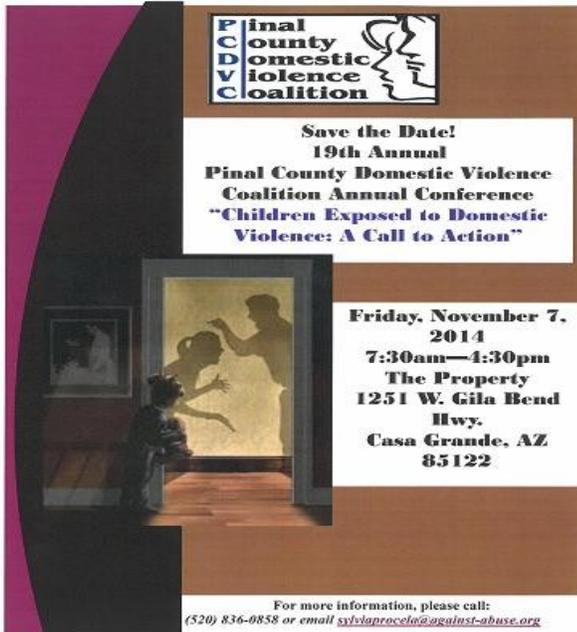
9:00 am—11:00 am

Mondo Anaya Community Center:

1487 N. Crane Street, Casa Grande, AZ 85122

## Pinal County Domestic Violence Coalition

<http://www.against-abuse.org/events/19th-annual-domestic-violence-conference>



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**C**ounty  
**D**omestic  
**V**iolence  
**C**oalition

**Save the Date!**  
**19th Annual**  
**Pinal County Domestic Violence**  
**Coalition Annual Conference**  
**"Children Exposed to Domestic**  
**Violence: A Call to Action"**

**Friday, November 7,**  
**2014**  
**7:30am—4:30pm**  
**The Property**  
**1251 W. Gila Bend**  
**Hwy.**  
**Casa Grande, AZ**  
**85122**

For more information, please call:  
(520) 836-0858 or email [sylviaproceta@against-abuse.org](mailto:sylviaproceta@against-abuse.org)

## Casa Grande Alliance/ Substance Abuse Coalition

# What is this family doing?



# Preventing drug abuse!

**Eating together at least 5 nights a week can make a difference.**  
**Share a meal to celebrate National Family Day on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**  
**Go to [www.CasaGrandeAlliance.org](http://www.CasaGrandeAlliance.org)**  
**to see participating local restaurants and deals.**

Teens that have good relationships with their parents are 2 times less likely to use alcohol and 3 to 4 times less likely to use marijuana. One way to keep that good relationship with your child is by having frequent family dinners, 5 to 7 times per week, whether at home or at a restaurant. It is not about the food being eaten, but about the conversation and parental engagement that takes place at the dinner table.

*The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, The Importance of Family Dinners V111 Sept. 2012*



### Drug abuse prevention and treatment referrals

901 E. Cottonwood Lane—Suite C  
Casa Grande, Arizona 85122  
520-836-5022  
[www.CasaGrandeAlliance.org](http://www.CasaGrandeAlliance.org)  
Follow us on Twitter: @CG\_Alliance



# Got Diapers?

## GILA RIVER DIAPER DRIVE

Gila River Family Support Coalition invites you to become involved in our first annual Gila River Diaper Drive!

100% of donations will go towards providing free diapers and wipes to Gila River families in need.



### DONATION LEVELS

	EMERALD LEVEL	100-1000 DIAPERS
	RUBY LEVEL	1001-3000 DIAPERS
	GOLD LEVEL	3001-6000 DIAPERS
	PLATINUM LEVEL	6001-9999 DIAPERS
	DIAMOND LEVEL	10,000 DIAPERS

**We will be taking ALL sizes Newborn to Adult Diapers.**

**The Facts**  
To keep a baby healthy, it takes...  
90 Diapers per week  
\$40 per week for diapers and wipes  
for one child, or \$2,480 per year.

For additional information, contact:

Elisia Manuel (520) 562-3388 or [elisia.manuel@grio.nsn.us](mailto:elisia.manuel@grio.nsn.us)





## Surround Your Loved Ones With A Vaccinated Family

VACCINATE YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS AGAINST PERTUSSIS (WHOOPIING COUGH)

### What Is Pertussis?

- Pertussis is a serious disease. Symptoms can include: a runny nose, mild fever and a cough. The cough then turns into severe coughing fits and can last six or more weeks.
- Did you know that pertussis is especially dangerous in newborns because they are too young to receive the pertussis vaccine?
- The disease causes infants to cough so much, that some have trouble breathing leading to hospitalization and potentially death.

### Not Just Kids Are At Risk

- Family members can unknowingly spread pertussis to the most vulnerable, your own babies or people who can't be immunized.
- Pregnant women can protect their babies by getting a Tdap vaccine during every pregnancy.
- Anyone who has not been vaccinated against pertussis (Tdap vaccine) is at a higher risk of getting pertussis and passing it on to an infant or child.

### Protect Your Family

- Vaccinate family members with a Tdap vaccine to protect against pertussis.
- Don't forget that this includes your teens, grandparents and close family friends.
- Talk to your doctor or call your health plan for Tdap vaccine information.



**LOCATE** a Tdap vaccine

**CALL** (602) 263.8856

**VISIT** [WhyImmunize.org](http://WhyImmunize.org)



## Pinal County Public Health Services District

### Free Adult Immunizations (for qualifying adults)



Pinal County is pleased to announce our Vaccine for Adults Program. This program will provide vaccinations to qualifying adults, who are either uninsured or underinsured. These vaccinations may include, as available:

Tdap\*    Hepatitis A    Hepatitis B    HPV    MMR  
Varicella    Meningococcal    Influenza (seasonal)

These vaccines are provided on a walk-in basis at our Pinal County Public Health Clinics.

\*Due to recent outbreaks of Pertussis (Whooping cough) we are pleased to have Tdap available to our Communities.

For more information and clinic locations, please call:  
1-866-960-0633

## Pinal Early Childhood Coalition Phone Directory

### Emergency Services

Apache Junction Fire	(480) 962-4440
Apache Junction Police	(480) 982-8260
Arizona City Fire District	(520) 466-5542
Banner Ironwood Hospital	(480) 394-4000
CAHRA	(520) 466-1112
Casa Grande Fire Department	(520) 421-8777
Casa Grande Police Department	(520) 421-8700
Casa Grande Regional Medical Center	(520) 381-6300
Cerritos Behavioral Health Crisis Line	(866) 495-6735
Coche Valley Regional Med Center - Kearny	(520) 363-6573
Coche Valley Regional Med Center - Superior	(520) 689-2423
Coolidge Fire and Police Department	(520) 723-5311
Eloy Fire District	(520) 466-3544
Eloy Police Department	(520) 466-7324
Empowerment Systems-The Center	(480) 367-6937
Florence Fire	(520) 868-7608
Florence Hospital at Anthem	(520) 868-3333
Florence Police	(520) 868-7681
Kearny Police/Fire	(520) 363-5566
Mammoth Fire Department	(520) 487-2050
Mammoth Police Department	(520) 487-2248
Maricopa Police Department	(520) 316-6800
Mountain Health & Wellness	(480) 963-0065
Oracle Fire Department	(520) 896-2980
Pinal County Sheriff's Office	(520) 866-6800
Sun Life - Apache Junction	(480) 351-2850
Sun Life - Casa Grande	(520) 836-3446
Sun Life - Coolidge	(520) 723-9131
Sun Life - Eloy	(520) 466-7883
Sun Life - Maricopa	(520) 568-2245
Sun Life - Oracle	(520) 896-2092
Sun Life - San Manuel	(520) 385-2234
Superior Fire Department	(520) 689-5671
Superior Police Department	(520) 689-5254
Winkelman Police Department	(520) 356-6205

### Home Visitation

AZCA—Parents as Teachers	(480) 288-4723
AZ Early Intervention Program	(602) 635-9799
CFR: Healthy Families	(520) 518-5292
Easter Seals Blake Fndtn.—Parents as Teachers	(480) 282-8796
PGCCS—Head Start	(520) 723-5321

### Pregnancy and Early Childhood

Early Intervention Infant-Toddler	(520) 836-7939
AZ Kinship Support Services	(520) 421-0500
Family First Pregnancy Center - all locations	(520) 896-9545
Lowworkis Pregnancy Center	(520) 709-8925
New Life Pregnancy Center	(520) 836-6614
New Mercies Pregnancy Center	(480) 452-4598
PGCCS - Early Head Start	(520) 723-5321

### Neglect and Abuse

Against Abuse	(520) 836-0858
Casa Grande Alliance	(520) 836-5022
CAAFPA	(480) 982-0205
Hope Women's Center	(480) 963-4673
Teen Challenge Home of Hope	(520) 836-5030

### Food and Nutrition

Apache Junction Food Bank	(480) 963-2995
Arizona City-Living Hope Helping Hands	(520) 466-7255
Casa Grande Food Bank	(520) 836-1347
Christ The Victor Lutheran Church	(520) 723-4220
Epic Christian Church Food Box Program	(480) 862-9530
First Baptist Church of Casa Grande	(520) 424-6558
First United Methodist Church of Eloy	(520) 466-3445
F.O.R. Maricopa	(520) 568-2272
Genesis Project	(480) 335-6944
Gold Canyon United Methodist Church	(480) 962-3776
J.O. Cornte Food Bank	(480) 967-5304
New Beginnings Church – MASH Unit	(520) 836-7510
St. George Catholic Church	(480) 962-2929
St. James Catholic Church - Mary's Parity	(520) 723-3063
St. Vincent De Paul	(520) 836-2009
Salvation Army - Apache Junction	(480) 962-4110
Salvation Army - Casa Grande	(520) 421-4480
Santa Cruz Valley Food Bank	(520) 466-1112
Seeds of Hope	(520) 836-6335
Solid Foundations Bible Church	(886) 814-7322
Superior Food Bank	(520) 827-9116
TH-Community Food Bank	(520) 487-2010
UofA Cooperative Extension	(520) 836-6221
WIC - All locations	(866) 960-0633

### Enrichment and Education

Apache Junction Multigenerational Center	(480) 474-5240
Apache Junction Public Library	(480) 474-8555
Arizona City Public Library	(520) 466-5565
Casa Grande Public Library	(520) 421-8710
Central Arizona College	(800) 237-9814
Child Care Resource and Referral	(800) 308-9000
Coolidge Public Library	(520) 723-6030
Eloy Santa Cruz Public Library	(520) 466-3814
Florence Community Library	(520) 868-8315
Hayden Public Library	(520) 356-7031
Kearny Public Library	(520) 363-5861
Mammoth Public Library	(520) 487-2026
Maricopa Community Center	(520) 316-6963
Maricopa Public Library	(520) 568-2926
Oracle Community Center	(520) 896-9326
Oracle Public Library	(520) 896-2121
San Manuel Public Library	(520) 385-4470
Superior Public Library	(520) 689-2327

# Pinal Early Childhood Coalition



A goal of the Pinal Early Childhood Coalition is to create a network in Pinal County of volunteer individuals and agencies to help connect families in need with local services.

For additional resources please visit:  
[www.azftf.gov/pinal](http://www.azftf.gov/pinal)