

October 15, 2018 Arizona Youth Mental Health Alliance Meeting

Notes from Education & Training Taskforce

Who makes decisions on school presentations:

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Other venues:

- Girls & Boys Clubs
- Sports clubs
- Central Arizona College
- Churches
- City Council, County on Disabilities
- DEMA County Board
- Garen (?) Education, Kay Scheibner (?)
- Faith community
- Juvenile detention/probation
 - Pinal County Court
 - CASA program of Pinal County
- Contest
- Community Service

Services for young kids

Prevention for kids/parents

- List of services
- Clearinghouse
- Don't know what to ask
- Insurance issues—where provided

Prevention does work

- School counselors—vocabulary
- Into classrooms, but not MH facility
- Bring services into schools
- Change culture of school, nurse in school

Creative solutions to increase awareness

Youth Mental Health First Aid trainers in schools

Increase trainers to handle volume of need

Okay to Talk PSAs

Access to Services

Questions:

What are you seeing? What's working, what's not?

What ideas do you have to improve access?

What are next steps—how should the Alliance address?

Organizations are siloed—financial incentives to keep them separate

Need for more providers, availability, especially private, so few services for kids

Focus on providers
Consumer advocates—squeaky wheel
More crisis intervention centers—before crisis
Normalizing MH—use PSAs