

## **Debbie Moak, Director of the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family**

Debbie Moak was appointed by Governor Douglas Ducey as the Director of the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family.

"For more than three decades, Debbie has been doing exceptional work to educate, inspire and empower youth, families and communities throughout Arizona and across the nation," said Governor Ducey. "Her passion for serving others -- especially those most vulnerable in our society -- will be a tremendous asset to GOYFF, our administration and the state."

As Director of GOYFF, Debbie oversees state and federal funds, as well as 8 statewide councils and commissions including, substance abuse, domestic violence, human trafficking, juvenile justice, faith based initiatives, service and volunteerism and the Governor's Youth Commission. The Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family provides oversight, funding, technical assistance and resources to coalitions and non-profits throughout the state to support some of Arizona's most vulnerable populations.

Currently Ms. Moak is the Co-Chair of The Governor's Substance Abuse Task Force along with the Chief Medical Officer for AHCCS, working to provide recommendations back to Governor Ducey for his consideration in early October.

Debbie Moak is co-founder of the non-profit organization, notMYkid, where she has worked since 2000. In this role, Ms. Moak has created prevention-based programs for six common behavioral health issues facing children, including substance abuse, bullying, dating violence, internet safety, depression and eating disorders. Her notMYkid peer based education programming currently is being modeled in more than 300 Arizona schools.

Additionally, Ms. Moak has personally presented substance abuse education programs to thousands of parents and faculties in Arizona, as well as numerous other states and internationally in Scotland, Thailand and Guatemala. She also has spearheaded two national annual drug awareness campaigns focused on educating hundreds of thousands of adults in cities across the United States.

Previously, Ms. Moak worked for ten years as an elementary classroom teacher and a special education resource teacher in Arizona, Ohio and Kentucky (1986-1996). Debbie volunteered as a librarian and was a board member and donor for the Thomas J. Pappas School for the Homeless (1996-1999).

Debbie continues to serve Young Life in a variety of roles, served on the Joe Foss Institute Board, and in 2010 was awarded the Social Venture Partners Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Ms. Moak obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Northern Kentucky University (1985).

She cites raising her two adult sons as both the greatest joy and challenge of her life. She feels blessed to have Steve as her husband of 39 years and looks forward to the next 39 years together.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to continue serving the youth and families of Arizona through the office of GOYFF," said Debbie Moak. "I am grateful to Governor Ducey and his administration for their enthusiasm and vision to meet the needs of all of Arizona's families."