



**Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission
December 5, 2024, 9:30 AM
Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family
Hybrid Meeting**

1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A general meeting of the **Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (AJJC)**
convened on **December 5, 2024**, notice duly given.

Members Present (16)	Members Absent (13)
Cindi Nannetti, Chair	Jane Kallal
Tracy Darmody	Erica Maxwell
Doug Sargent	Earl Newton
Joseph Kelroy (Proxy, Steve Selover)	Guadalupe Durazo
Vada Jo Phelps	Joseph Grossman
Jose Gonzales	Suzanne Nicholls
James Molina	David Lujan
Maria Dodge	Alice Bustillo
Shawn Cox (Proxy, Shawna Michie)	Donald Walker
Royce Hill	Veronica Guzman
Jennifer Jermaine	Helen Gandara
Karen Pugh	Shaun Rieve
Ed Gilligan	Dorothy Wodraska
Nicole Schuren	
Zion Givens	
Joshua Jaeger	
Staff and Presenters (4)	
Tarinda Craglow, Bloom365	Shayne Johnson, GOYFF
Donna Bartos, Bloom365	Chantel Hutchinson, GOYFF

Call to Order

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, called the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission (AJJC) to order at **9:32 AM** with **sixteen** members, **four** staff/guests present, and **thirteen** members absent. She reviewed the meeting procedures and thanked the attendees for their flexibility.

Welcome / Introductions / Roll Call

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, asked members to acknowledge their attendance during the roll call.

Approval of Minutes

- With the quorum met, **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, requested a review of the **September 05, 2024**, meeting minutes before requesting a motion to approve the meeting minutes as drafted.
 - **Vada Jo Phelps** moved to approve the meeting minutes as drafted.
 - **Maria Dodge** seconded the motion.
- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, asked for a discussion of the minutes, and no members requested amendments.
- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, called a vote, and at **9:36 AM**, the motion to approve the meeting minutes as drafted passed with no dissenting votes.

Commission Updates

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, mentioned that she would love to see commissioners make an effort to attend meetings in person. However, she knows people have a lot going on, and she mentioned that attending virtually is a great option for last-minute scheduling changes, which is better than not being absent. **Cindi Nannetti** asked for feedback on commissioners trying to attend one to two in-person meetings in the next year.
 - **Vada Jo Phelps** said that it would be great to have all commissioners in attendance during the meetings where they set the commission's goals and objectives because it is hard to set goals and objectives with some people being virtual.
 - **James Molina** agreed and mentioned that the commission used to do field trips and that was nice to do.
- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, mentioned that **James** brought up a good point, and she was about to propose the idea of visiting facilities or subgrantees. She stated the commission used to do that, and she thought it was good to see what is out there and who is doing the work in the community.
 - **Doug Sargent** offered that the commission could take a trip to [Adobe Mountain School](#) to tour the facility and learn about the services offered.
 - **Jennifer Jermaine** mentioned that it would be good to conduct visits as long as commissioners are given plenty of notice to make arrangements and plan their travel.
- **Doug Sargent** mentioned that there are commission members who have not attended or are not participating and wondered if there was anything they could do about those members.
 - **Cindi Nannetti** said that she is talking with GOYFF staff and that they are working on the next steps for updating the membership.

New Commissioner Introductions

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, shared that five new members started with the commission today, and they each briefly introduced themselves. The new members include **Zion Givens, Edward Gilligan, Jennifer Jermaine, Karen Pugh, and Joshua Jaeger**.

Title II Funding Update & Office Reminders

- **Shayne Johnson**, the Juvenile Justice Specialist at the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family (GOYFF), provided updates regarding completing the Commissioner's conflict of interest training. Additionally, she mentioned that she plans to have funding updates at AJJC's February meeting.
- She also mentioned that GOYFF received a letter from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) stating that Arizona is in compliance with all four core requirements and that the commission will hear from the compliance monitor report in February I.

OJJDP Conference Highlights

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, said that in November, some GOYFF staff and some of the AJJC Commissioners had the chance to go to Washington, DC for the [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention \(OJJDP\) National Conference](#), this is the first conference that OJJDP has hosted in over 10 years and was a 50th anniversary celebration of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP). **Cindi Nannetti, Royce Hill, and Zion Givens** attended the conference and shared their conference highlights.

Youth Gun Violence Trends | Maricopa County Attorney's Office | [Presentation Materials](#)

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, introduced **Karen Pugh** from the [Maricopa County Attorney's Office](#) to provide an update on youth gun violence rates in Maricopa County.
 - **Karen Pugh** started her presentation by sharing trends that they are seeing in Maricopa County. She mentioned that there is an increase in youth violence, specifically with the use of guns used to commit crimes.
 - **Karen** stated there is also an increase in “drug and gun RIPs,” which means robbing a dealer. Youth are deciding that they don’t want to pay, and then it is becoming quickly violent because all parties involved have guns. She mentioned that another concerning factor is seeing switches and their availability. A switch is a small adapter that fits on the back of a Glock, and it is dangerous because it makes guns automatic. Once switches are on guns, they make them extremely hard to control because of their power. They are also extremely easy for youth to get or make with a 3D printer. This negative trend is impacting the community and increasing the victims they are seeing from these crimes.
 - **Karen** also mentioned that Maricopa County is seeing an increase in car thefts. She said that this is partially due to the TikTok videos showing others how to break into and steal cars. Youth are then finding guns in those stolen vehicles, which is creating a negative cycle of access and opportunity.
 - She said that while it’s not a specific gang involvement, in some sense, it is like a gang because it is fueled by social media which is like its own community.
 - **Karen** displayed the current statistics on the increase in minor firearm possessions from 2019 with 121 charges to 2024 with 333 charges and which shows there has been a large increase in you gun access. (See Slide 3)
 - **Karen** discussed the social media impact in Maricopa County on crime. She said prosecutors are obtaining a lot of social media evidence for cases because juveniles often videotape and share it with others or post it themselves.
 - She mentioned that Juveniles are also traveling more to commit crimes rather than staying in their neighborhood. This requires a lot more collaboration with different law enforcement agencies because they live in a jurisdiction but committ crimes in another jurisdiction. **Karen** shared that another impact of social media is that victims are finding it harder to heal because the evidence is being circulatedon the internet, so they have to relive those memories over and over.
 - **Karen** stated that in response to the increase of social media use, Maricopa County Attorney’s Office has created a response effort, [Report, Don’t Repost!](#) to support the community reporting the crimes they are seeing on social media or in the community rather than resharing. This effort is in collaboration with multiple agencies throughout Maricopa County.
 - Lastly, **Karen** shared about Project S.A.F.E. (Safety Awareness and Firearms Education). Profect S.A.F.E. is a collaborative effort between the courts, probation, defense, and prosecution, which started in July of 2024. The program is for youth who are on probation for a firearms offense. While in the program, they complete self-paced learning modules using [journey.do](#). Part of the program is the youth providing their feedback and experience on questions, which then gets fed back to the probation officer so that they can read through and learn about what the youth are doing and better understand how to reach each individual youth based on their own stories.
 - **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, asked if they are collecting data on Project S.A.F.E.
 - **Karen Pugh confirmed that they are collecting data and** have partnered with ASU to review and collect it.

- **Doug Sargent** said that the youth at Adobe Mountain School are very high risk and that their offense history doesn't tell their complete story. What he is seeing is that a majority of youth are carrying guns, and they feel like they have to for safety. He also said that they are going to California, buying marijuana, and putting it on social media for sale, along with pictures of the money that they are earning from the sales and then other youth see it, and decide they want to rob them in a RIP and it is snowballing. Youth can order a gun like anyone can order Uber Eats, and many offenses are going unreported because they are targeting people who they know won't report the crimes.
- **Maria Dodge**: mentioned that she has been in her job for 18 years, and the kids she is seeing with guns have changed over the years. It used to be gang-involved kids, but now it is all kids, even kids who are prosocially involved, and it is because it is so easy.
 - **Vada Jo Phelps** asked if it is for self-defense that so many youth have guns.
 - **Maria Dodge** said yes, and they have them to be cool because it is the cool thing to do now.
- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, thanked **Karen Pugh** for her presentation and mentioned that the commission would like to hear an update on the data from Project S.A.F.E. once they have some to share.

Community Response Teams | Bloom365 | [Presentation Materials](#)

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, introduced **Donna Bartos** from [Bloom 365](#) to share about their Coordinated Community Response Teams (CCRT).
 - **Donna** introduced her teammate **Tarinda Craglow** who is a licensed social worker working at [Ombudsman Charter High Schools](#).
 - **Donna** began by sharing Bloom365's mission and vision, explaining that the organization focuses on five abuse areas and provides intervention services available for youth and training for adults. She stated that she feels those who perpetrate violent harm are not born, they are built, and they have societal factors that lead them to harm. Bloom 365's mission is to prevent abuse before it starts,
 - **Donna** explained the organization's goal is to remove the barriers between violence and peace, increase safety, healing, and well-being for this generation of youth and the next. Their Big Hairy Audacious Goal is to uproot abuse in a generation by showing up with grit, passion, focus, and lots of love. They work towards this by activating young people within schools and their communities.
 - **Donna** reviewed their Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT) logic model [please see slide 3 for the logic model] The CCRT's purpose is to have trained adults who can prevent and respond to youth interpersonal violence within schools to remove risk factors, increase protective factors, enhance student well-being, and promote each community's overall health. CCRT school-based teams include members of the staff, health and mental health professionals, local law enforcement members, and youth participants. The CCRTs meet quarterly or as needed to complete training and case reviews as part of their work.
 - Bloom365's school-based work includes a seven-dose prevention education. The students recognize their behavior through this prevention education, and the staff are open to discussing cases with the CCRTs. The seven-dose curriculum covers different aspects of the interpersonal violence pipeline.
 - **Donna** said participants completed a self-reported survey, and staff have seen an increase in youth who recognize they are perpetrating harm (20-30% anonymously self-identify) and those youth who

take the step to enroll in programming to change their behavior (only 5-10% are motivated to seek help). Additionally, for youth who have been identified with harmful behaviors, either self-identified or through CCRT case reviews, there is a risk assessment. This is a self-administered survey that youth complete. Based on the assessment results, the CCRTs know how best to support the youth moving forward.

- **Tarinda Craglow** shared how this model works in the schools and the components she sees since she is there daily. She said it is great having Bloom365 staff on the campuses. They interact with students all day, every day, so they are really building great relationships with them. These strong relationships give the students someone safe to go to and get help if they think they will commit harm.
- **Tarinda** shared that Bloom365's curriculum is really helpful. The seven one-hour conversations about real topics and create real conversations for students who respond really well to the format. Additionally, the CCRTs have continuous improvement conversations about how to respond better to different situations in the future and then implement those changes in the schools.
- **Maria Dodge** asked, how can community members refer individuals to programming and get access to CCRTs
 - **Donna Bartos** said that the Root-It-Out curriculum is only implemented in partner schools because of the program's costs, which are the biggest challenge to scaling. However, their tertiary programming is available to the community, and they get about \$1.4 million per year from state and federal grants to offer it.
- **Joshua Jaeger** said that he had heard about Bloom365 but didn't know they went this deep. He asked for suggestions on how to get youth to talk about these topics openly and how to build a place for people to talk about it without shying away.
 - **Tarinda Craglow** said that in her schools because she is very transparent, the youth know that they can be honest with her in return. She said that the school culture was created so youth knew they could have those conversations.
 - **Donna Bartos** also mentioned that Bloom365 has lead peer advocates who are paid and trained to have conversations in the schools that they attend, and that is part of how they break through the stigma and barriers.

Commissioner Updates

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, stated that something new has been added to the agenda and that Commissioners would be encouraged to share relevant updates on their work and the commission's work.
 - **James Molina** discussed the current trends of behavior he is seeing within the group home population and expressed concerns about the increase in problematic behavior. He stated that youth with a criminal record are being housed with youth who are in the Department of Child Safety custody. He wanted the commission to discuss what changes could be made to this system.
 - **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, stated this is a bigger discussion and could be discussed at a later meeting but hoped **Mr. Molina** could provide data to help this discussion.
 - **Maria Dodge** expressed concerns about classifying children; she wanted to ensure that it was clear that all children needed appropriate services.
 - **Director Sargent** stated that when youth are released from Adobe Mountain, they need a safe place to live if home is not an option.

Upcoming Meeting

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, reminded members that the next meeting will be on **February 6, 2025**, at **9:30 AM** in the Executive Tower. It will be in a hybrid format, and Commissioners are welcome to attend in person or virtually.

Adjournment

- **Cindi Nannetti, Chair**, thanked everyone for being part of the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn.
 - **James Molina** moved to adjourn.
 - **Zion Givens** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes. The meeting adjourned at **11:25 AM**.

Dated December 6, 2024,
Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission
Respectfully Submitted By:
Shayne Johnson
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