## ARIZONA COUNTER DRUG TASK FORCE

Drug Demand Reduction and Outreach

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## DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION AND OUTREACH (DDRO)

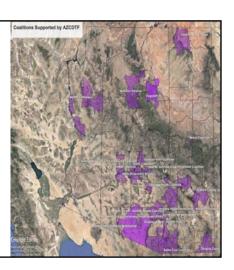
Mission

To enhance supported coalitions and community-based organizations, partnering with local, state, and tribal organizations in the delivery of prevention leadership, expertise, and evidence-based initiatives to minimize Arizona's demand for drugs, substance abuse, and misuse.

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### LINES OF EFFORT:

- Support increased prevention efforts in critical need areas
- Support facilitation of evidence-based/ evidence-informed programming in schools across Arizona
- Promote increased perception of harm associated with substance abuse and misuse



### DDRO DIRECT SUPPORT FY21 & FY22:

23,072

Youth educated through evidence-based/ evidence-informed curriculum. 2,833

Adults trained in emerging drug trends, prevention skills and resource knowledge.

\$5,690,000

Prevention funds awarded through grant writing support. 17,137 lbs.

Supported collection of prescription medication through drug take back events.

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## DDRO JUVENILE JUSTICE EFFORTS:

DDRO Strategic Team Members: 1Sgt Tommy Morga (HIDTA) SSG Deb Stoks (GOYFF)

Supported the AZ Supreme Court Juvenile Justice Division in partnership with the AZ HIDTA to provide training to Juvenile Probation Officers on the SACLAZ Fentany!
Toolkit and how to incorporate the education and materials into their probation programming to reach at-risk youth and their families. Education materials were provided to each county for dissemination in county probation programs.

Total officers trained: 234 Total materials provided: 32,550 Counties reached: All 15

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## DDRO JUVENILE JUSTICE EFFORTS:

DDRO Strategic Team Member: SSG Deb Stoks (GOYFF)

Partnered with GOYFF Compliance Monitor during Juvenile Justice Compliance site visits to provide emerging drug trend awareness and prevention education materials. Departments can then disseminate education materials as they see best fit.

Police Departments reached: 8 (Glendale, Peoria, Buckeye, Yuma County, San Luis, Somerton, Tempe)

Total materials provided: 3,200

## THANK YOU

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# Juvenile Justice Delinquency & Prevention Act (JJDPA)

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## **Background**

### JJDP Act passed in 1974, Reauthorized in 2018

• Address Juvenile Justice System Nationwide

#### **Title II Grant Funding Conditions:**

- Designated State Agency (DSA)
- State Advisory Group (SAG)
- Must maintain compliance with the JJDPA core requirements





## **Core Requirements**



**Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO)** 



Jail Removal



**Sight or Sound Separation** 

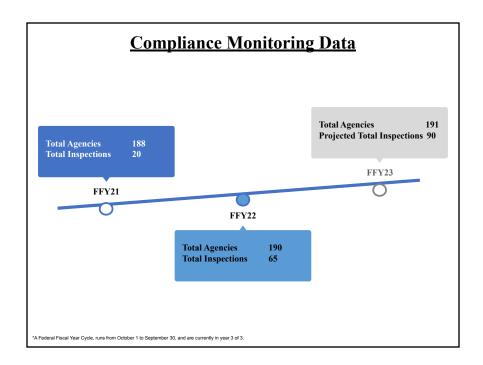


Racial & Ethnic Disparities (R/ED)

### **Training & Technical Assistance**

- Arizona Compliance Monitoring Policies & Procedures Manual.
- A Compliance Monitoring Quick-Guide poster was created and distributed across Arizona law enforcement agencies.
  - Placed within the secure facilities where juveniles may be detained or confined.
  - o Serves as a crosswalk of federal regulations and state statutes.
  - Provides best practices to avoid violations to the JJDPA core requirements.
- Law Enforcement Webinar will be created and shared across Arizona.





## **Compliance Monitoring Universe (CMU)**

#### **Better**

• Data Collection & Verification

#### **Improved**

• Communication & Notifications

#### **User Friendly**

• Automated & Modern

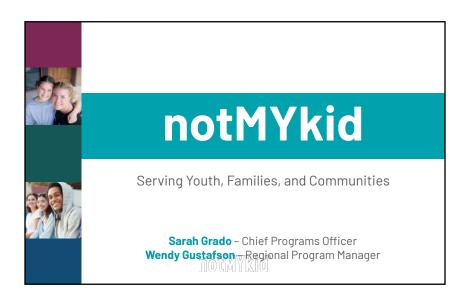


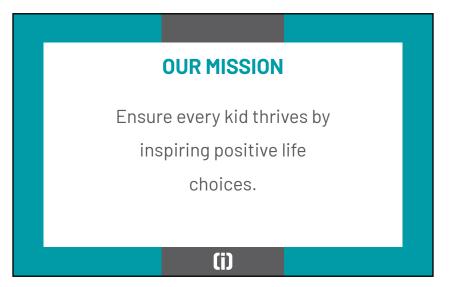
### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Information requests and questions related to JJDP Act compliance can be directed to:

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## Teen Mental Health

Teens are turning to substance use and suicide to deal with the mental pressure.

Only about **20%** of children with mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders receive care from a **specialized mental** health care provider.



## Teen Mental Health

**9** out of **10** teens in our early intervention program have already crossed the line into an **emerging SUD**.

The profile of a teen entering our program is around the age of **14** and using **high grade marijuana** to cope with stress, anxiety, and moderate to severe depression.



## Teen Mental Health

**18 percent** of high school students engaged in some type of non-suicidal self-injury in the past year.

Children seeking emergency mental health services who required immediate hospitalization rose **75%** in 2020 compared with 2019.



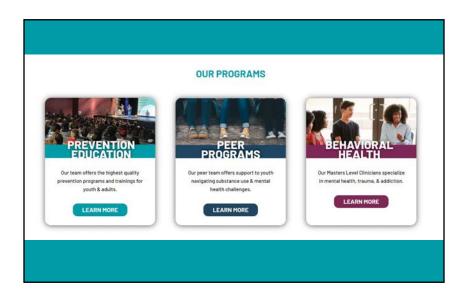
## Teen Mental Health

Suicide continues to be the **2nd** leading cause of death for young adults 10-24.

AZ ranks in the top 10 nationally for youth suicides.

In AZ, **1 out of 10** high school students have attempted suicide in the past 12 months.







#### **Early Intervention**

- Address problems arising from substance use
- Prevent early use from becoming a substance use disorder
- Co-facilitated with Arizona Youth Partnership
- Referrals: Lake Havasu and Kingman school districts
- Youth are offered a reduced suspension for completion

In-person & Online





## **Peer Support**

- Support for youth navigating daily pressures, drug use, & mental health challenges
- App-based support assists in goal setting and completion, recognizing mood and behavior changes
- Coaching workshop to break down barriers & create opportunities for new narratives, communication & trust
- Referrals: Mohave County Juvenile Probation Department

In-person & Online



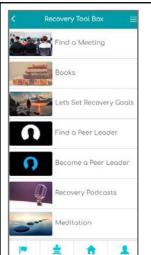


### [i]nspire Support Groups

- Skill-based groups to build resiliency
- Trauma-informed to create a safe environment
- Special focus on "what's next" for the youth
- Delivered through Mohave County Justice Department
- Ongoing weekly sessions for rotating youth
- Technology provided for in-person/virtual groups

In-person & Online





#### The [i]nspired App Features

- Gamification features
- Daily Check-ins
- Individualized Goal Plans
- Podcasts & Video Content
- Recovery Books
- Personal Budget Track
- Fitness Tracker
- Peer Leadership/Mentorship
- Sobriety Tracker
- Self Guided & Peer Guided Curriculum
- Events Calendar and Registration Access



## **Increase** in connection between youth and parent/guardian

**Increase** in perception of harm of drugs/alcohol

### **OBJECTIVES**

**Increase** involvement in prosocial activities

**Increase** confidence in maintaining sobriety/recovery

**Reduce** youth Substance Use Disorders







### **POSITIVE RESULTS**

#### **Year 1: Building Foundational Relationships**

- Mohave County Justice Department
- \*Expanded services to Kingman & Lake Havasu
- Mohave County Public Health Department
- MAPPED Coalition
- Arizona Youth Partnership
- School Districts





### **POSITIVE RESULTS**

#### Year 2 Goal: Serve 225 youth and families

- Q1: 63 youth served directly
- 53% increase in perception of harm of drugs/alcohol
- 33% increase in prosocial activities



