

NEXUS
COALITION

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AZ Juvenile Justice Commission



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Outside of work, Vicky enjoys ATV riding and spending time with her family.

THANK YOU TITLEII FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND CONTINUED FUNDING FOR RURAL NAVAJO COUNTY!

NEXUS COALITION

FOR DRUG PREVENTION

OUR GOALS

- 1 Reduce substance use and increase resiliency & connection among youth & parents/caregivers
- 2 Establish and strengthen collaboration & connection among community organizations

MISSION

Community collaboration striving to build a resilient, healthy, substance free, connected environment for youth

VISION

All youth are free from substance use and are resilient, healthy, happy & contributing citizens in connected communities.

TAGLINE

Serving Communities Through
Connection and Collaboration

#TalkToYouth



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NEXUS SERVICES

YOUTH DRUG PREVENTION AND LIFE SKILLS

- Mpowrd
- 2BMPowrd
- Botvin Life Skills
- Avoid Vaping
- Diversion
- Strengthen Resiliency
- Freshman University
- Keep a Clear Mind
- Killer Among Us
- Fentanyl
- Medicine Safety
- Stress & Coping Skills

ADULT TRAINING AND RESOURCES

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| Trauma Lens Care/ ACEs
..... | Community Workshops
..... |
| Parent Education
..... | Multi-Drug Education
..... |
| Free Naloxone/Narcan
..... | Brochures/Pass Along Cards
<i>(Stress, Trauma, Alcohol, Marijuana)</i>
..... |
| The Rise of Fentanyl
..... | Free Deterra Pouches
<i>(Rx disposal)</i>
..... |
| Keep Them Safe
..... | The New Meth 2.0
<i>(SnapChat The New Drug Dealer)</i>
..... |
| Book Clubs | PD Hours for Teachers |

13,272


Youth participated in
activities provided
by Nexus

13,769


Adults participated in
workshops on drug trends,
trauma, parenting, etc.

6,852


Activities have been
provided.

986


Naloxone
Distributed with
EDUCATION

69,560


Educational and
Resource Items
Distributed

**WE WILL PRESENT FOR
YOUR EVENT!**

OCT 2022-SEP 2023

Specific Title II Program Accomplishments:

- ✓ Since October 2024, 326 youth and 88 adults have participated in program activities funded through Title II
- ✓ A total of 59 diversion sessions have been provided at Blue Ridge Junior High, ShowLow School District and the Holbrook NCIS/HUB (Juvenile detention closed, so this Navajo County Instruction for success alt school is in place-HUB Hope Unity Belief)
- ✓ 2,285 media messages have been provided under the auspices of Title II funding. Media activities include: Digital signage, Facebook, Podcasts, and Radio PSAs. This range of media activities allows Nexus to message to most of Navajo County residents
- ✓ 6 resiliency presentations were provided with youth and 4 presentations with adults
- ✓ 2 cycles of Keep A Clear Mind have been provided
- ✓ 8 cycles of Lions Quest have been provided using all three aged focus curriculum (K-5, 6-8, 9-12)

Snowflake-Taylor Chamber
Nexus Non-Profit Organization of the
Year and Business Woman 2023



Snowflake-Taylor Chamber
Business Woman 2024
Destiney Hall



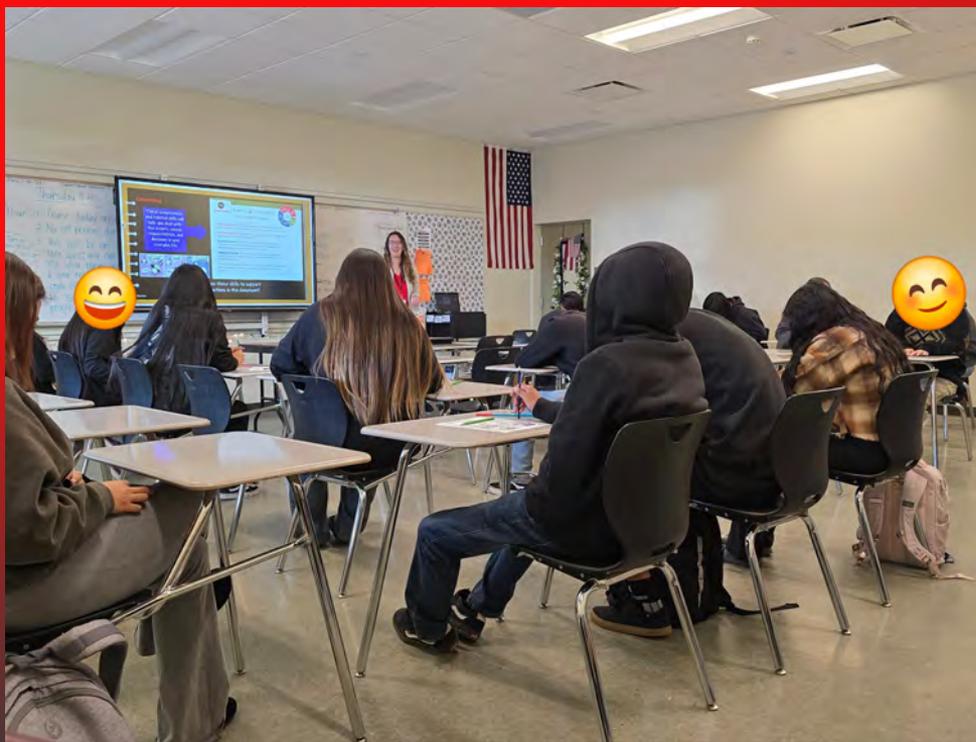






- ✓ Nexus is collaborating with the White Mountain Business Roundtable that includes business owners and government representatives. These relationships are critical for supporting community activities with access to location and receiving donations of items such as snacks and water that are not otherwise paid for through grant funds. Another example, through collaboration with businesses, SNAP Fitness donated equipment to the HUB to increase youth opportunity for alternative activities (exercise)
- ✓ Nexus is an active member of SACLAZ which provides staff with access to a variety of substance focused presentations outlines and PowerPoints that can be used for educational presentations
- ✓ Nexus is fortunate to be the recipient of grant funding from a variety of organizations. This allows Nexus to weave the funding to provide a continuum of services and leverage the activities specifically provided under the auspices of Title II
- ✓ Nexus continually keeps it toolbox full of new approaches. Examples include:
 - ✓ Addition of Keep A Clear Mind to interact with younger youth
 - ✓ Transition of presentations from trauma focused to resiliency focused
 - ✓ Addition of 5 Skills of Resiliency BTAPS (Belief, Trust, Adaptability, Perseverance, Strength)—a single or multi session approach related to resiliency

Whiteriver Freshman & Labeling Event



Safety Village – over 2400 kiddos



Established close working relationships with organizations that serve youth who may be a risk, are experiencing emotional disabilities, or have demonstrated behaviors that may result in them becoming involved in the juvenile just system. Examples include:

- ✓ Nexus staff provided Lions Quest with youth in the Rise Program through the Show Low School District. The program serves youth who are experiencing an emotional disability at all grade levels
- ✓ Nexus staff have expanded the collaboration with HUB Center for Success In Holbrook. The HUB is an alternative school focused specifically with serving youth who are experiencing a variety of different kind of risks
- ✓ Nexus has established a diversion program that is designed to serve youth to meet individual needs
- ✓ Nexus staff continues to work Blue Ridge Junior High through the delivery of individualized diversion activities and Lions Quest
- ✓ Nexus has established a collaboration with Explore AZ School, a private school in Pinetop AZ initiating services through the delivery of Keep A Clear Mind
- ✓ Nexus participates in Teen Court to facilitate youth being referred to Diversion. It is unique because a Navajo County Justice of Peace also participates

Juvenile Detention Center Holbrook HUB Center for Success

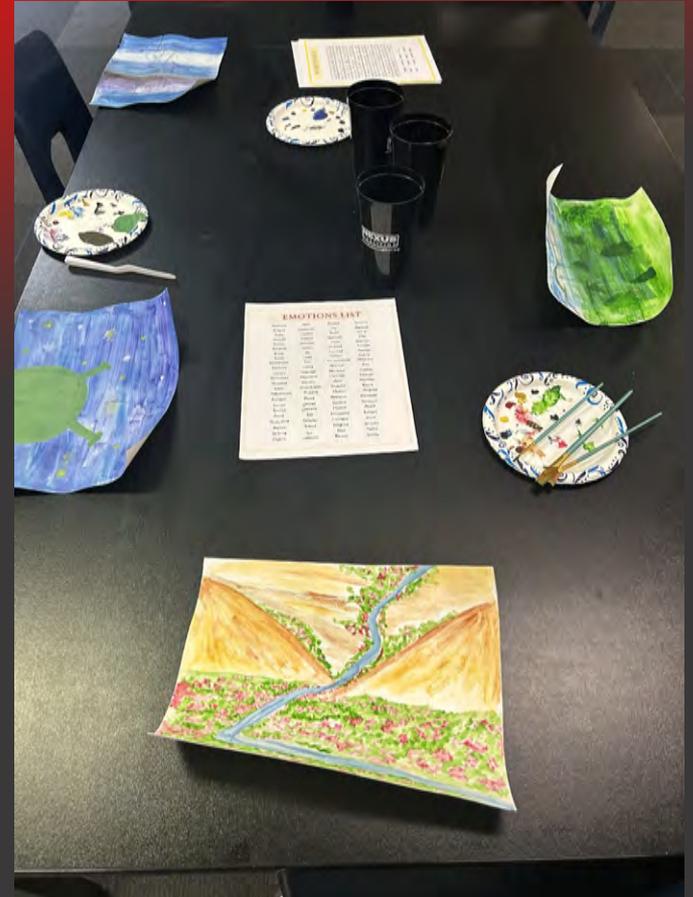


Exercise Instructor

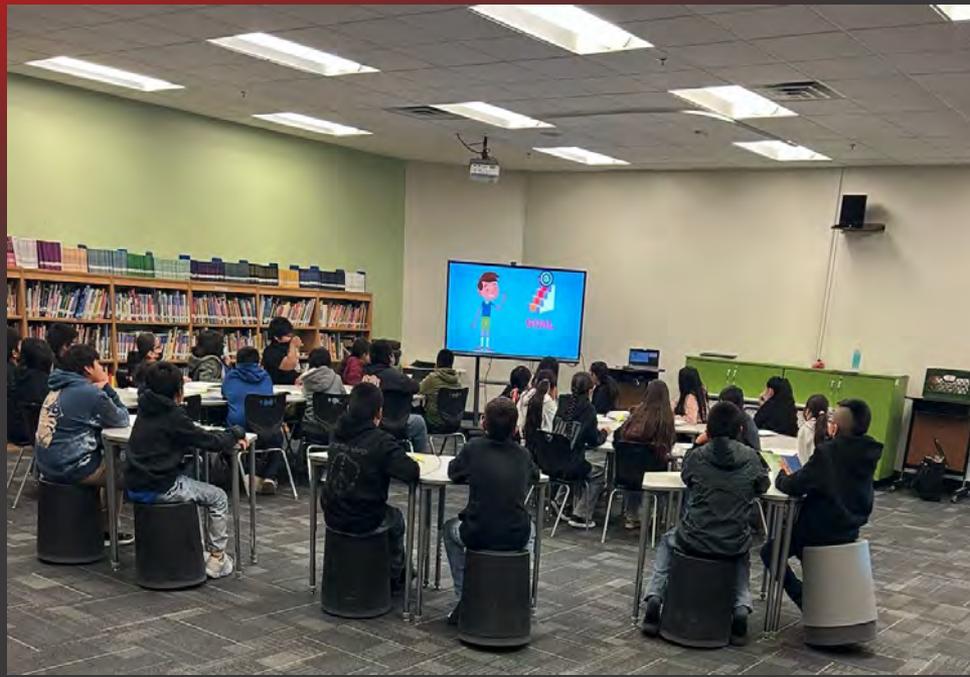


Hygiene Station

Blue Ridge Junior High Diversion



Indian Wells Red Ribbon Assembly and Education in Classroom



Taylor Intermediate-PTSO/Teacher Appreciation



**Thank
You For
Attending!**

**Any
Questions?**

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Media**



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24 Hour Crisis Line 1-844-534-4673 (HOPE)

**Need someone to talk to?
Problems with drugs? Alcohol?**

**Depression? Mental Health? Suicide thoughts?
CALL FOR HELP!**