



OUR COURTS
ARIZONA

Juvenile Justice
Ingenuity

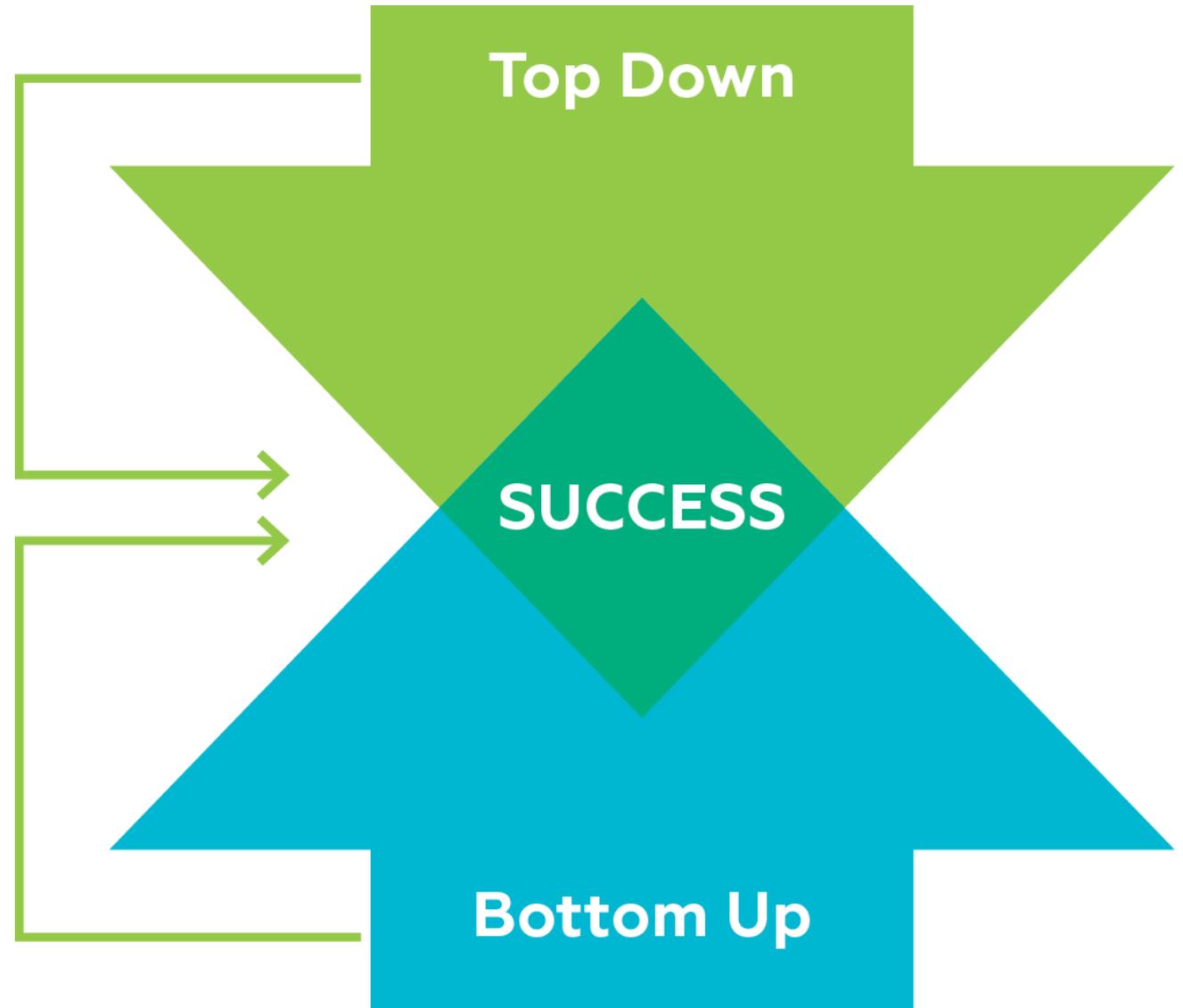
Past Present
Future

It only takes
an idea to
spark
change...



Administrative Office of the Courts

AOC Leadership:
a top down and
bottom up
approach



AOC – Juvenile Justice

- Codified Evidence Based Practices for Juvenile Probation
- Kids At Hope
- Juvenile Detention Standards
- Standardized Statewide RAI
- Simplified Conditions of Probation
- Sex Trafficking – Specialists
- Alternatives to Detention in 9 counties

AOC – Court Improvement Program

- Training for judges/probation/detention
- Juveniles with Sexually Abusive Behaviors Review
- Kicked off Juvenile Justice Training, March 2019

A photograph of a person's lower legs and feet. They are wearing light blue denim jeans with the hems rolled up, and bright pink sneakers with white laces and white soles. The person is standing on a light-colored wooden floor. The background is a blurred, warm-toned wall.

**Statewide
as of 2019**

**Cross-
Over
Youth**



Connecting Youth and Families to
Opportunities – Present and Future



Positive outcomes...



Average 30 youth a night



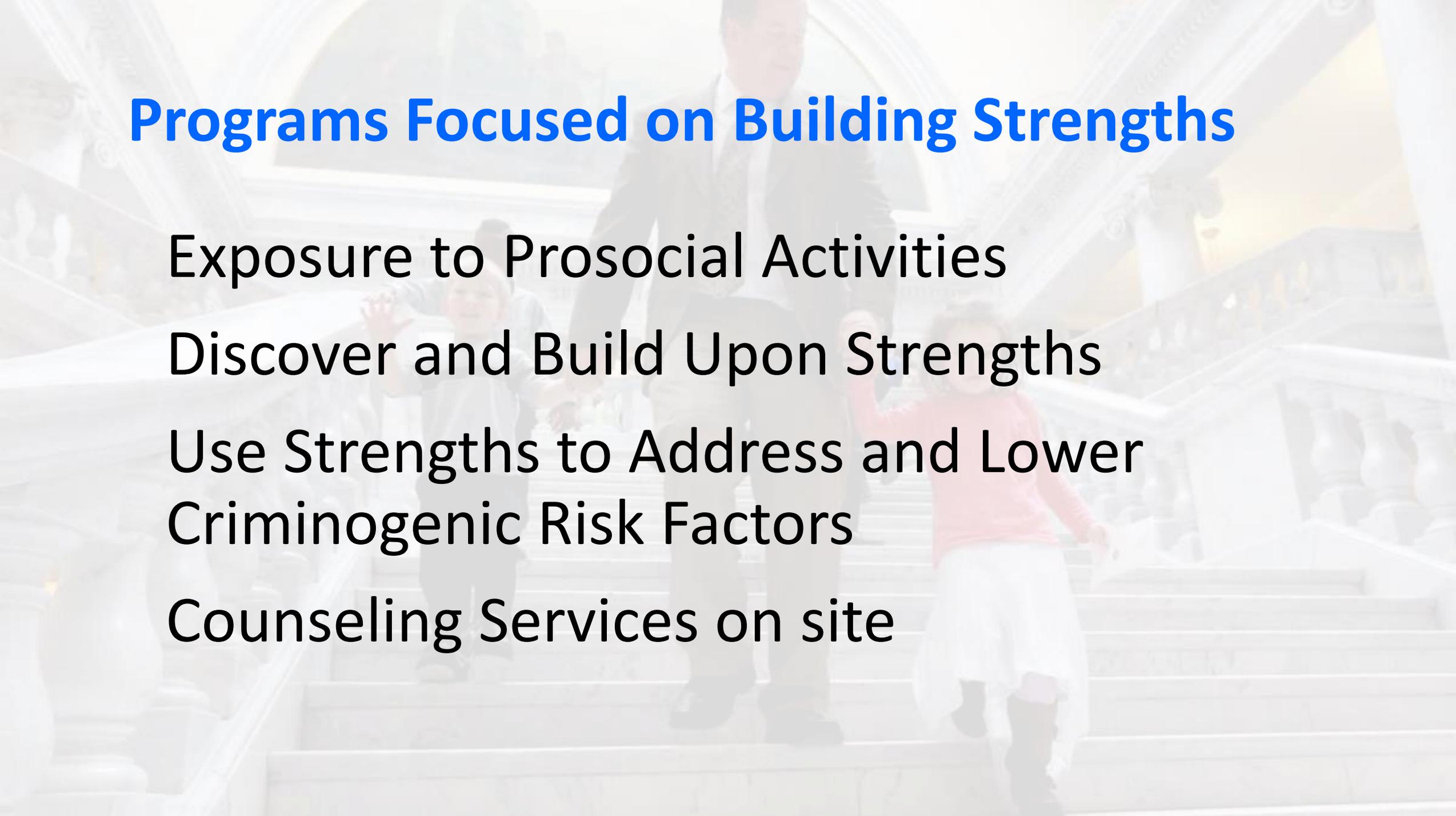
320 youth registered

- 95% of high school students registered
- 280 from high school



Reduced the number of juvenile referrals

- St. John's by 55%
- Concho by 40%

A man in a dark suit and tie is walking down a wide, ornate stone staircase. He is holding the hands of two children, a girl in a grey jacket and a boy in a red shirt and white shorts, who are also descending the stairs. The background shows the architectural details of the building, including columns and arches.

Programs Focused on Building Strengths

Exposure to Prosocial Activities

Discover and Build Upon Strengths

Use Strengths to Address and Lower
Criminogenic Risk Factors

Counseling Services on site



Deploying Step Up Juvenile Justice Model

Probation

Detention

Programming

Clinical Services



Integration

Goals:

Develop Prosocial Success Skills

Facilitate Parents' Family Strengthening Actions

Connecting the Community

Palo Verde
Neighborhood
Collaborative

PVNC: African
American Student
Services Referral

School – Justice –
Behavioral Health
Partnership

YARDS

Goodwill
Metro-REC

Evening Reporting
Center

Mental Health
Diversion

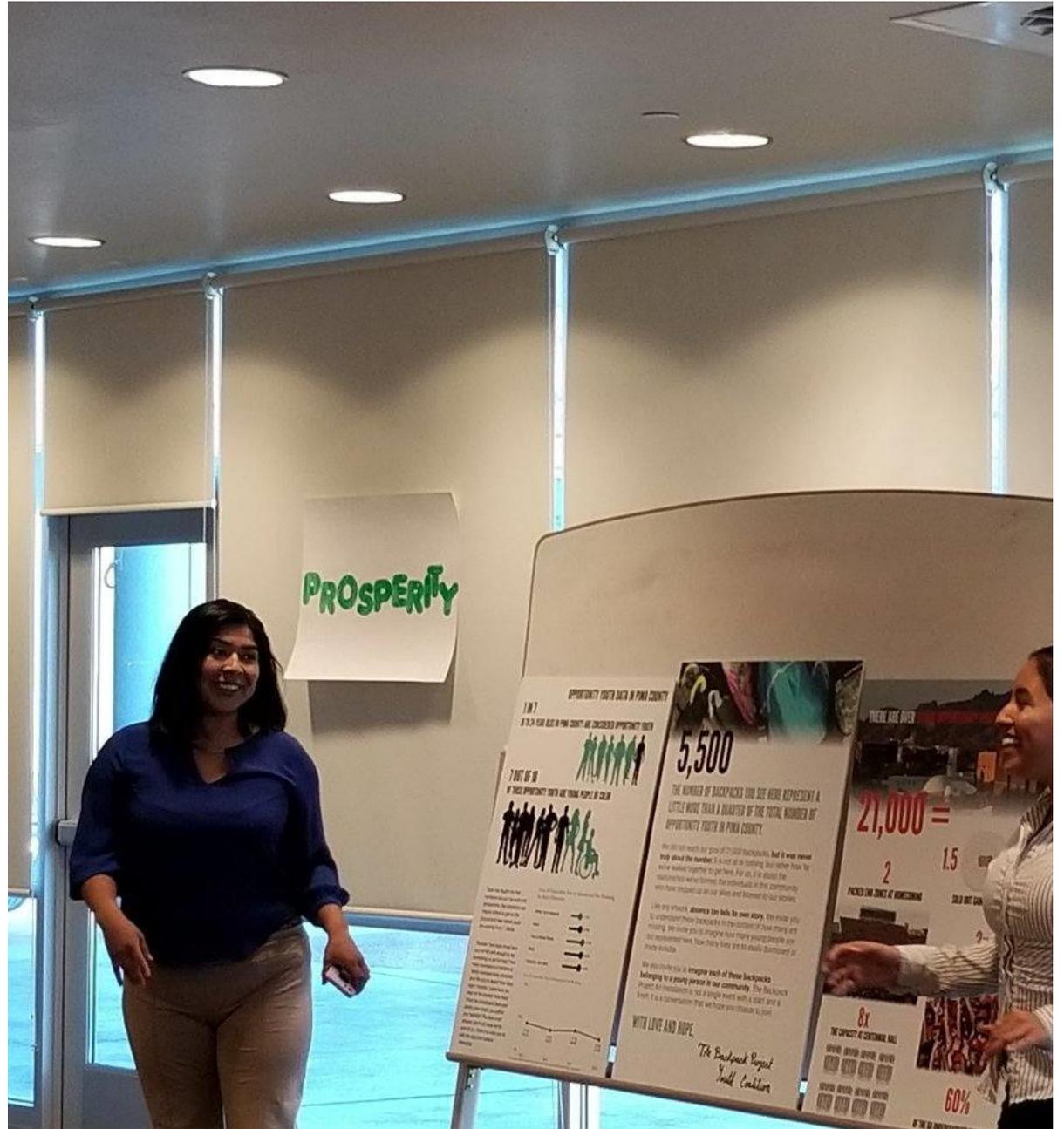
Juvenile Justice
Collaborative

Strength
Court

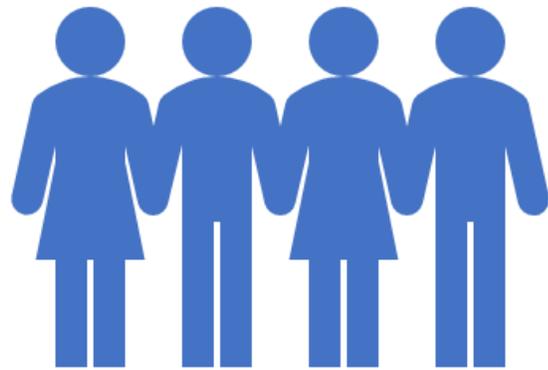
Night Court

Milestones

**YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
COUNCIL**



Community Outreach



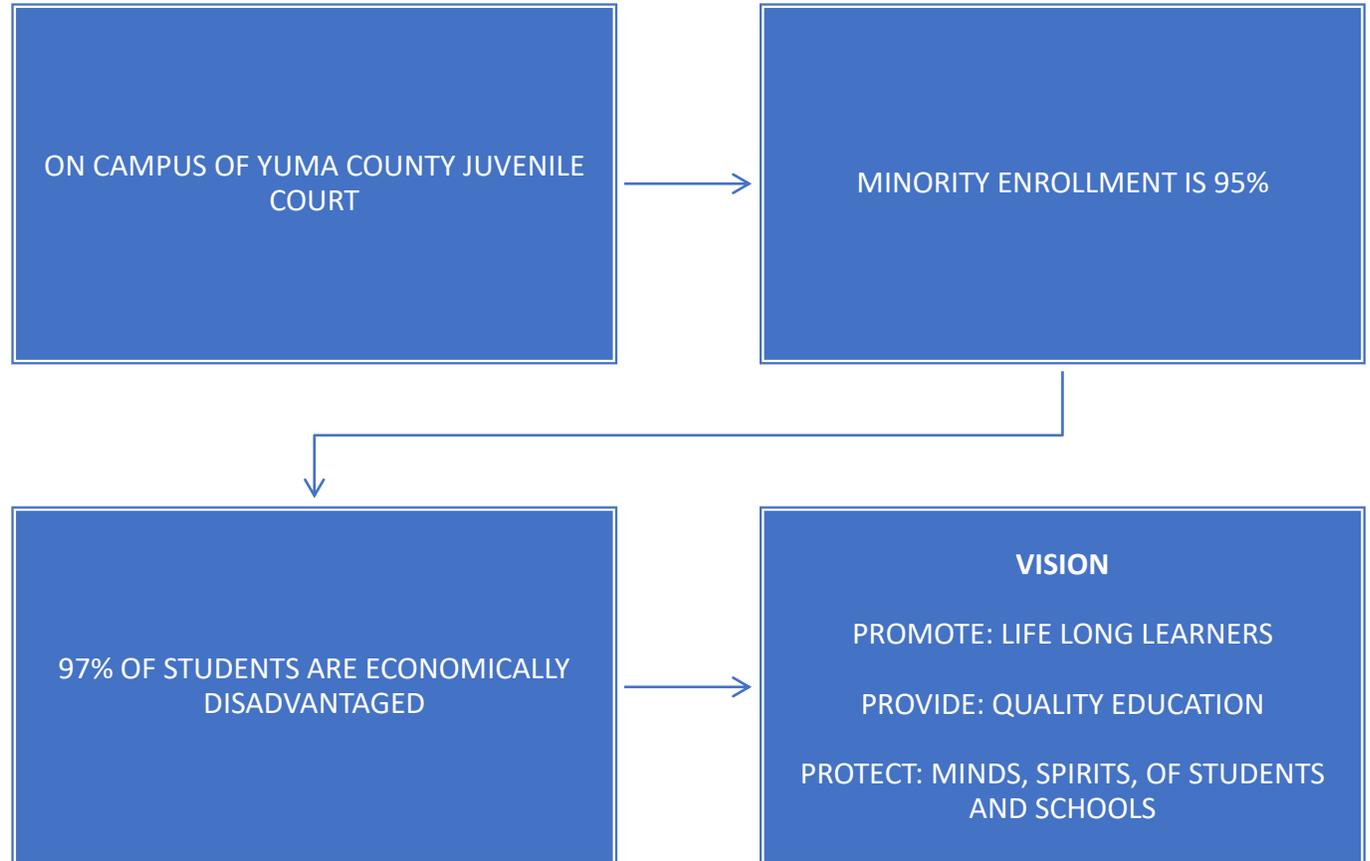
- Partnership with LE
- Research: largest racial disparity – point of arrest
- Multi-faceted plan developed
- Community Events
- Community Services



Specialized Case Loads

- Low Risk caseload
- High Risk caseload
 - ✓ Care Team
 - ✓ Family voice
 - ✓ Significant decrease in scores for high risk youth
 - ✓ Improved Family and Living Arrangement Pro-Social Skills

Yuma Aztec High School





Policy/Practice Gap Mental Health

One Judge's View from the Bench

Pima County

Crisis Response
Center

Youth can be
dropped off by
law enforcement

Mental Health
Evaluation

Reduces
pressures on ER,
juvenile detention

Intersection of Juvenile Justice and Mental Health

**Juvenile Justice System and Managed Care
Philosophies of Behavioral Health Care Systems
need Alignment**



Gaps in Need of Discussion



Gaps between courts, family, BH system, schools and LE's = need to collaborate, coordinate, and understand



The needs/complexities of youth/family

Often focus on a singular symptom
Where is MST?



Training for judges/probation/BH system

Questions ripe for discussion

Which system should address the youth and family: mental health or juvenile justice or both?

How should JJ respond when competing BH opinions?

How can we include BH doctors/decision makers into staffings?

Questions continued...

Are the intensity of services matched with level of risk?

Is the service the appropriate level – not just lowest level first?

Why is AHCCCS suspended when youth in detention? Associated costs are many...

Why are paraprofessionals performing assessments not formally trained professionals or psychologist's?

Anticipated Outcomes and Benefits

More effective use of BH \$\$, AOC Treatment \$\$

More effective use of AHCCCS \$ and reduced stress on families

more effective outcomes

Cross-system collaboration

Cross-system understanding

Targeted services



Policy and Practice Fines and Fees

One Judge's View from the Bench

New Approach is Necessary



Chief Justice Brutinel and Dave Byers' authorization for Taskforce



Focus shift to family and reasoned fines/fees



Liens/Judgements



Recent Statutory Changes

Jurisdiction to address fees and fines (not restitution)
More changes have been recommended

**LET'S KEEP
ARIZONA STRONG**

