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**VICTIM  
WITNESS  
SERVICES**  
coconino county

OF COMPASSION & SUPPORT

*Mission: Victim Witness Services offers compassionate support and resources to victims, witnesses and survivors of crime and crisis through effective response and community outreach.*

## Arizona Constitutionally Mandated Services



### **Criminal Justice Advocacy –** Legally mandated assistance navigating the system

- Crime Victim's Rights Act, 2004 – Rights of victims during federal proceedings
- Arizona Constitution (Article 9, section 2.1), mirrored and expanded on CVRA
- AZRS Title 13, Chapter 40 – details implementation of victim rights in AZ
- Victims are entitled to representation by advocate by law
- Services include: attending court, assistance in obtaining a protective order, notifying victim of case progress, speaking on victims behalf, working with prosecutors, provide court escort

## 24/7 On-Scene Crisis Response



### •Crime and Crisis Interventions –

- Domestic violence
- Assault
- Sexual Assault
- Death Notification
- We have 45 volunteers who provide after hours response

Jimmy was a young man living in Kinlani Dorms when his roommate brutally attacked him one night. At 2:00am, a VWS staff and volunteer sat with Jimmy and held his hand as he told his father that he had been raped.

## Additional Programs



- Administer the Victims Compensation Program
- Domestic Violence Support Group
- Children Who Witness Violence Support Group
- DUI Impact Panel
- DV Impact Panel
- Pets Too!
- Call-To-Protect
- Prevention Education
- Awareness Rising
- Systems Improvement
- Advocate housed part-time in City Attorneys Office
- Advocate housed part-time in Flagstaff Police Department

## The Numbers



- **Total Operating Budget FY 13-14: \$535,304.00**
  - City of Flagstaff Provided: **\$41,304**, down from **\$52,000**
  - City of Flagstaff provides **7.72%** of annual budget
  - County provides for **21.8%** of our budget
  - The remaining **\$378,995.23** is acquired through grant writing and fundraising
- **For their money, Flagstaff Citizens received last calendar year:**
  - We responded to 193 Crisis Calls
  - We spent a total of 40 hours with families after their loved passed
  - Nearly \$200,000.00 was given to Victims of Crime
  - We served 801 NEW Clients, in addition to the estimated 1,200 we maintain

**Victim/Witness Services for Coconino County is the only agency providing advocacy for cases within the jurisdiction of Flagstaff City Courts.**



- We are unique:
  - Non-Profit providing constitutionally mandated service
  - Allows us to draw from other funding sources
  - Allows us to implement new programs to approach crime holistically
  - Allows us to do Death Notifications/ Suicide Clean-up
  - Volunteer time represents in-kind match. \$2/hr for on call, \$16/hr for on-scene

**Our agency represents the ability of a non-profit group to provide a government mandated service to the public at a lower overhead cost; in addition to providing services to victims which are not required but are necessary to many. It has been an archetype throughout the country for non-profit victim service.**

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If you have any questions- Just Call!

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**OVERVIEW: NACASA = medical and forensic response program for adult and adolescent victims of sexual assault in northern Arizona**

- 24/7 specialized medical response for victims
- Two ways to connect to NACASA – via law enforcement, or via Northland’s crisis line for those undecided about reporting
- City contribution helps support ONE paid coordinator, who oversees team of specially trained sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs)
- Program model leverages volunteers, clinic space and in-kind contributions to be cost-effective and in line with best practices for victim care (trained SANEs!)



**HISTORY:**

**NACASA was in jeopardy of closing in 2007**

- The City of Flagstaff was one of four community partners who collaborated to save it, and the current program model was developed
- **Only the City** has decreased funding support in recent years; continued reductions not sustainable to maintain a coordinator
- Current model is cost effective, benefitting citizens and City of Flagstaff personnel, such as police
- Care of victims by NACASA SANEs results in better health outcomes for victims, and better case outcomes due to expert evidence collection and testimony
- No other organization provides similar services in this area



## STATISTICS:

2009: 54 exams done by NACASA SANEs  
 2010: 60 exams done by NACASA SANEs  
 2011: 90 exams done by NACASA SANEs  
 2012: 92 exams done by NACASA SANEs  
 2013: 97 exams done by NACASA SANEs  
 2014: 26 exams done by NACASA SANEs to date

- Demand continues to rise yearly
- Extensive outreach and community collaboration means more victims are seeking and getting help!
- Majority of victims are female; many are Native American
- We see rape victims from about age thirteen and up
- Continual recruiting and training of SANEs is crucial to program success; training is not inexpensive



## REQUEST FOR FUNDING:

NACASA is requesting *at least* **\$15,627** (no further reduction)

## IMPACT OF LOSING NACASA:

- Victims would have to receive care in ED, by untrained providers
- Victims would not benefit from the collaborative efforts of the Coordinated Community Response Team, of which NACASA is an active member
- Evidence would not be as expertly collected and medical care specific to sexual assault would be diminished for victims
- Victims would endure further trauma for lack of a dedicated program for their needs (long wait times, no coordination of care, untrained providers)
- SANEs would not be available for expert testimony in court
- Coconino County and City of Flagstaff would regress in terms of best practices in serving its citizens and criminal justice protocols
- Victims of crime in our community would suffer poorer criminal justice and health outcomes
- **BOTTOM LINE:** substandard care for rape victims, more trauma, less safe community



## OVERVIEW OF FUNDING/EXPENDITURES:

### 2013 Contributions:

Coconino County - \$18,821

FMC Foundation - \$18,835

City of Flagstaff – 15,627

North Country – \$18,000 in-kind (office space for coordinator, exam space, etc.)

Supports salary/benefits for Program Coordinator

Exam revenues: average of \$725 billed per exam x 97 = \$70,325

\$33,950 payment to SANEs for exams

\$8,000 medications for victims

\$1,375 support group supplies

\$2,000 office supplies

\$7,000 medical program supplies (catheters, saline, dye, gloves, etc.)

\$6,000 travel expenses (coordinator – to meetings and four NACASA sites)

\$12,000 ongoing medical forensic and other trainings to maintain team for coverage;

precepting expenses for new SANEs



Questions?

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## Alcohol Stabilization Unit

*The Alcohol Stabilization Unit (ASU) is a safe and humane environment for people who are alcohol-dependent and are seeking stabilization and transition to services.*

The goal of the ASU is to break the cycle of repeated usage of emergency services from homeless chronic alcoholics in Flagstaff and surrounding communities.

Arizona has among the highest rate of individuals 25 years or older who were in need of, but did not receive, treatment for alcohol abuse (8-9%)

Northern Arizona has higher rates of chronic alcohol dependence and binge drinking than the rest of the state.

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## Alcohol Stabilization Unit

### ASU FUNDING:

#### Projected FY 2014 Revenue & Expenses:

- Projected revenue from NARBHA/State of AZ: \$814,219.00
- **Requested Revenue from the City of Flagstaff: \$98,750.00**
- Revenue from Coconino County: \$36,000.00
- Projected revenue from Navajo Nation - AHCCCS: \$165,000.00

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**Total projected revenue from all sources for 2014: \$1,113,969.00**

**Total expenses projected for 2014: \$1,113,969.00**



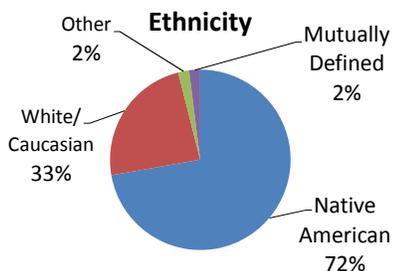
### Benefits to the Community

*Continuing to fund the ASU allows for less pressure on the Coconino County Jail, Flagstaff Medical Center, Guardian Medical Transport, Flagstaff Police Department, Flagstaff Fire Department, and consequently benefits the Flagstaff tourist industry.*

- The ASU is instrumental in clients receiving on-going care. The ASU has assisted clients in accessing services outside of Flagstaff for long term treatment that meets their cultural needs as well as behavioral health services available at The Guidance Center.
- TGC admitted 90 individuals, in 2013, who were brought to the ASU by law enforcement personnel. Had those individuals been incarcerated, the cost would have been approximately \$694,000. The cost for those individuals to receive treatment in the ASU was \$126,000, **resulting in a tax-dollar savings of \$568,000**



### ASU Demographics\*



- Total of 714 unique clients in 2013. In 2012 there were 622 unique clients.
- Total of 1,129 total admissions for calendar year 2013 up from calendar year 2012 of 858.
- 87% from Coconino; 3% from Navajo; 2% from Mohave; 5% from Apache; 3% from other\*
- 2,919 Total bed days in 2013 were utilized; 2.15 days average stay
- 75% Male; 25% Female\*

### Community Referrals/Partnerships\*:

- Flagstaff Medical Center - 34%
- Flagstaff Community at large – 46%
- Local Law Enforcement – 13%
- Flagstaff Shelters – 3%
- TGC Referrals – 4%
- Other social services – 2%

\* Numbers are from the ASU Utilization Management report for February 2014.



## FY 2015 Improvements & Request

In 2013 TGC enhanced a behavioral health specialist to include responsibilities to act as a liaison between veteran consumers and community resources.

**TGC is requesting an increase of \$24,500 to enhance case management services and to augment the services for veterans and other participants currently being provided in the ASU.**

TGC is requesting funding for a half-time, high-level case manager. This position will:

- Provide in-depth counseling and support services for veterans and non-veterans
- Provide intense case management services connecting ASU consumers to continuum of care and resources.
- Provide long-term follow-up to help reduce recidivism

**The current level of funding is \$74,250. This increase will bring the total amount requested for FY15 to \$98,750.**



## Thank You!

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## Alcohol Stabilization Unit Fact Sheet

***The Alcohol Stabilization Unit (ASU) provides a sober, safe, and secure environment for adults who are in need of immediate stabilization and transition services.***

***The ASU is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.***

### **ASU offers:**

- A safe place to rest and establish sobriety
- Case management services
- Nutrition
- Self-care assistance
- Educational groups

### **ASU Staffing:**

- EMT, who screens all consumers to establish medical care if needed and monitors all those admitted into the unit, on-site 24/7
- Behavioral Health Specialist, on-site 24/7
- ASU Manager
- Case management is provided to integrate and link services including:
  - ❖ Substance abuse and mental health treatment, including residential and/or outpatient services
  - ❖ Social support
  - ❖ Assist with AHCCCS and other funding applications
  - ❖ Specialized case management services for veterans (new)
  - ❖ Other mainstream services such as transportation, health care through the Primary Care Integration Clinic, and access to seasonally-appropriate clothing

### **Benefits of ASU:**

- *6% ASU consumers were transferred to the TGC Recovery Center in 2013*
- *2,919 overnights were spent at the ASU, off the streets, out of jail, and out of FMC*
- *714 unique clients and 1,129 total admissions in CY 2013*

### **What the ASU does for our Community:**

- Keeps chronic alcoholics safe, easing their suffering
- Provides a path out of the cycle of abuse
- Saves tax-payer dollars by reducing police, fire department, jail, and emergency room costs



## Science Foundation Arizona *in Partnership with the* City of Flagstaff

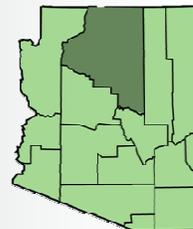
By  
William C. Harris, President & CEO  
Robert Millis, SFAz Board of Directors

April 8, 2014



### As of March 2014, SFAz invested \$7,541,653 in Flagstaff of which \$3.6M has been invested in Education

- **Investing in a variety of K-12 STEM Education Initiatives**
  - Robotics
  - Helios STEM School Pilot – W.F. Killip School
  - Star Parties (community engagement with astronomy)
  - Sponsors Flagstaff Festival of Science
  - STEM Mentoring Program through STEM City
    - Scientists in the Classroom
    - Student Spaceflight Experiment Program
    - Engineering is Elementary
- **27 Graduate Research Fellows** supported at NAU.
- **2 Bisgrove Scholars** selected at NAU



## SFAz's Impact on K-12 Education



- Star Parties: SFAz has supported 3 star parties impacting 750 students and their families and more than 20 teachers. *Flagstaff is one of 2 recipients for an additional Star Party Award.*
- In partnership with Helios Education Foundation, Killip Elementary School received a \$394K grant over 3 years to help integrate a greater STEM focus throughout the school. To date, there are 465 students enrolled.
- SFAz supports the CocoNuts Robotics Team through a grant to AZFIRST and funded them to mentor 2 new robotics teams in Northern Arizona.



## SFAz STEM Mentoring Program in FLAGSTAFF

### FUNDING & SUPPORT:

- ◆ Funded through Arizona Community Foundation (ACF) grant to SFAz & Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce
  - SFAz funds a part-time STEM Coordinator
  - Key Individuals:
    - ✧ Mindy Bell, STEM City
    - ✧ Julie Pastrick, Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce
    - ✧ David Engelthaler, TGen North



### GOALS:

- ◆ Businesses working with teachers to frame science & math curricula in engaging, relevant, inquiry-based experiences
- ◆ Helping Arizona Students:
  - ① Achieve greater STEM content knowledge and understanding
  - ① Build critical hands-on technical skills
  - ① Students graduate college and career ready – *in larger numbers*

## SFAz is a sponsor of the Flagstaff Festival of Science

- Highly successful grass-root event celebrating 25 years inspiring Northern Arizona's youth to the wonders of science
- Participation by world-renown scientists
- 'Outstanding Event' award by Flagstaff Cultural Partners



## Fellowship Programs

Supporting the growth of creativity and global competitiveness at Arizona's 3 state universities by attracting the very best young researchers.

**BISGROVE FELLOWSHIPS** are awarded on a competitive basis to attract & retain the best and brightest research talent to Arizona.

2 **Bisgrove Scholars** have been at NAU:



*Dr. Deborah Huntzinger*



*Dr. Ophelia Wang*

**2014 Bisgrove Scholars will be selected in Spring 2014**

**GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWS (GRFs):** Since 2007, NAU has been awarded 27 GRFs in the fields of bio-science, information technology and communications, clean energy and environmental sustainability, and aerospace and defense.

# United Way of Northern Arizona Contract with City of Flagstaff

Facing Community Challenges and Needs Together



## City of Flagstaff Mission

To protect and enhance the quality of life of its citizens.

## UWNA Mission

Improving lives by mobilizing communities to create lasting changes in community conditions.



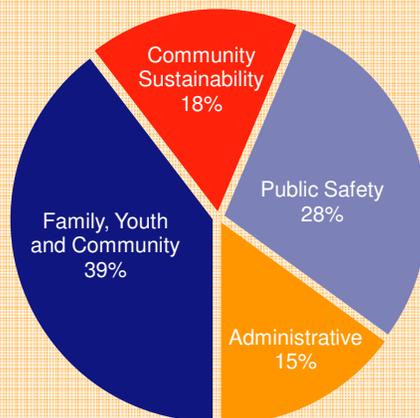
## Community Impact

Last year thousands of local individuals, businesses, foundations, municipalities, schools, and service providers partnered with us, and invested money, time and talent to:

- Mobilize nearly 13,000 volunteers who donated over 160,000 hours of time valued at \$3.24 million, and
- Generate over \$11 million to provide critical human services in our local community:
  - Public Safety
  - Community Sustainability
  - Family, Youth and Community



## Distribution of City of Flagstaff Funding by City priority (2013-2014)



Total Award = \$293,750

Public Safety = \$82,250

Community Sustainability = \$52,875

Family, Youth and Community = \$114,562.50

Admin. Fee = \$44,062.50



### City of Flagstaff Funding

**FY 2008-09 City of Flagstaff Contract Funding = \$349,585**

**FY 2013 -14 City of Flagstaff Contract Funding = \$293,750**

**Percentage Decrease = 16%**

United Way multiplies City funds through a number of other sources.

This includes:

- Individuals and Businesses - \$1,836,450
- Coconino County - \$130,500
- Working Poor - \$43,668
- NACOG - \$4,000
- Flagstaff Community Foundation - \$26,500
- Arizona Community Foundation - \$55,000
- Helios Foundation - \$300,000
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS) - \$20,808
- Wells Fargo - \$7,500
- First Things First - \$247,445
- Arizona Cardinals Foundation - \$2,500

**TOTAL DOLLARS FROM UNITED WAY = \$2,674,371**



### United Way of Northern Arizona Request

**Request City of Flagstaff continue level funding of Social Services.**

**Why?**

To achieve the Vision Statement of the City of Flagstaff in the most efficient, effective, and economically prudent manner possible

#### City of Flagstaff Vision:

**The City of Flagstaff is a safe, diverse, vibrant, and innovative community with a unique character and high quality of life. The City fosters and supports a balance of economic, environmental, educational and cultural opportunities.**



Coconino Humane Association  
Est. 1955

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## 2014-2015 City of Flagstaff Presentation

For the sake of public health and safety and the quality of life in a community, local governments must provide animal control services. It is up to city and county governments to provide mechanisms to resolve conflicts that will protect both people and animals.

An animal control program should perform several functions. It should:

- Enforce laws
- Rescue mistreated animals
- Humanely euthanize animals received who are not reclaimed by their owners or adopted, or who are suffering and untreatable,
- Promote licensing of dogs
- Provide a low-cost spay/neuter program that enables all residents to sterilize their pets
- Deter future problems through public education

[http://www.hsi.org/issues/street\\_dog/factsheets/street\\_animal\\_welfare.html](http://www.hsi.org/issues/street_dog/factsheets/street_animal_welfare.html)

## Community Benefits from our Partnership

Open Intake Shelter that Accepts all Companion Animals at No Charge with No Waiting List	Emergency Animal Sheltering Services (eg. Hardy Fire, Schultz Fire, Woody Fire, Wallow Fire)
Animals Impounded by Animal Control (P.D.)	Quarantine Services (10, 14, 45, 180 days)
Animal Adoptions	Core Vaccines for Dogs and Cats Upon Intake
Return to Owner – Impounded Animals	Low Income Pet Food Assistance (Food Bank)
Transfer of Animals to Rescue Groups	Low Income Spay & Neuter Assistance
Animal Cruelty Investigations	Low Cost Public Euthanasia Assistance
24 Hr Animal Ambulance Service (ill/injured stray animals) (Public and P.D.)	Rabies Prevention (Vaccinations – adopted & impounded)
Animal Capture and Handling Assistance (P.D.)	Animal Safety Education Classes
Lost and Found Pet Reports	Customer Assistance and Referrals
Emergency Animal Rescue	

## 2012-2013 Statistics

Coconino Humane Assn Programs & Services	People Assisted	Animals Assisted
Animals Surrendered by the Public	3,428	3,428
Stray Animals Impounded by Animal Control	1,177	1,177
Animal Adoptions	2,048	2,048
Return to Owner – Impounded Animals	759	759
Animal Cruelty Investigations	19	19
24 Hr Animal Ambulance Service (stray)	57	57
Low Income Pet Food Assistance (Food Bank)	543	2,202
Low Income Spay & Neuter Assistance	479	479
Low Cost Public Euthanasia Assistance	143	143
Rabies Prevention (Vaccinations – adopted & impounded)	2,546	2,546
Animal Safety Education Classes	1,078	N/A
Customer Assistance in Person – annual avg	36,500	n/a
Customer Assistance & Referrals by Phone – annual avg	73,000	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>121,777</b>	<b>12,858</b>

## Agencies that Provide Similar Services

Programs & Services	Coconino Humane Assn	Second Chance	Rescue Groups that assist CHA	Coconino County Health District	City of Flagstaff Animal Control
Animal Shelter	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Accepts animals from the public	Yes	No	Very Limited	No	No
Accepts impounded animals from Animal Control	Yes	No	No	No	No
Rabies Specimen Prep Facility	Yes	No	No	No	No
Rabies Quarantine Facilities	Yes	Limited	No	No	No
Animal Adoptions	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Public (low-cost) Euthanasia	Yes	No	No	No	No
Animal Cruelty Investigations	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
24 hour Stray Animal Ambulance	Yes	No	No	No	No
Animal Safety Education	Yes	Yes	No	Very Limited	Very Limited
Low Income Pet Food Assistance (food bank)	Yes	No	No	No	No
Spay & Neuter Assistance	Yes	No	Very Limited	Limited	No
24 hour on-call for Police Department Assistance	Yes	No	No	No	No
Emergency Sheltering	Yes	No	No	No	No

## Overview of Funding and Expenditures

Agency	Income	% of Total Income	% of Animal Intake	Intake source
CCHD	\$185,000*	27%	40%	County
City of Flagstaff	\$161,985	24%	48%	City
City of Williams	\$15,000	2%	2%	Williams
Coconino Humane	\$273,273	47%	10%	All other sources
Total Income:	\$635,258	100%	100%	
<i>CHA Savings</i>	<i>\$45,220</i>			
Total Income + CHA Assets:	\$680,478	<u>2014-2015 Funding Request</u> <b>\$240,000.00</b>		
Total Expense:	\$680,478**			

\* 2013/14 CCHD contracted amount \$185,000  
 \*\* 2012/13 Expenses

## Funding Reductions & Community Impact

- Public Health & Safety Concerns:
  - Zoonosis – transmission of disease from animal to human. (eg. There are over a dozen diseases such as Rabies, Plague, Tularemia, etc.)
  - Without a proper animal control program more animals will be abandoned in the streets. Animal bites would become more common. Children would be placed at the highest risk for illness and/or injury from free roaming animals.
  - Without City funding there would be no impoundment of stray animals from animal control and the public would have no place to take their unwanted animals. The City would need to find a place to house between 3,000 – 4,000 animals each year.

**A city run animal shelter would cost \$2-4 Million per year**

Based on the average budget of city run shelters in the United States – similar population.



“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way in which its animals are treated.” - *Gandhi*





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## SEDI is about Economic Development



- We are a leading economic development organization in the region
- We enable, facilitate, and partner with businesses, educational institutions, and government
- We work to increase social equity, ecological health, and promote a resilient economy



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## SEDI Dollars for Dreams



### Micro Loans Have Macro Impact

- SEDI helps realize the dreams of start-up, existing and home-based businesses lacking established credit and access to small amounts of capital
- We provide up to \$5,000 in financing and help them establish and learn about credit and finance.
- *Dollars for Dreams* will create jobs and opportunities in the community recognizing that when given the opportunity, people can make a dramatic positive change in their own lives and in the lives of others.



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## Micro Business Support



- SEDI is playing a key role in developing a micro-entrepreneurship center and community-supported marketplace in the Sunnyside neighborhood of Flagstaff
- We are helping catalyze entrepreneurship, provide enterprise incubation, and grassroots community leadership. SEDI assisted in obtaining a \$30,000 grant from Morgan Chase.
- This project will help revitalize this culturally diverse neighborhood and developed from our successful Summit attended by more than 400 entrepreneurs and policymakers.



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## Flagstaff Is Losing Critical Small Business Services



- SEDI meets a critical need in supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs
- With the closing of Coconino Community College's Community & Corporate Learning and Small Business Development Center that need is growing.



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## **SEDI Local Food, Education & Targeted Attraction**



Creating new opportunities for the local food industry including co-ops, food hubs, and working with non-profits, growers, producers, buyers and the investment community.



Teacher Awards for Sustainability Curriculum now in its fifth year with \$10,000 in cash awards to encourage teachers to incorporate sustainability education into their curriculum



Business attraction and expansion focused in renewable energy (Soitec) and in support of 4FRI (VTT Technical Centre)



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## **SEDI Provides Economic Development Leadership**

SEDI's nearly 40-member Board of Directors actively works with the community bringing expertise year-long in areas such as:

• Business Management	• Government
• Economic Development	• Land Use
• Education	• Renewable Energy
• Entrepreneurialism	• Sustainable Communities

## **SEDI Leverages Flagstaff's Investment Through Grants**

- SEDI has submitted grant requests this year that could bring over \$125,000.00 directly to programs in the community
- SEDI has already received more than \$25,000 in program grants this year



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**SEDI leverages Flagstaff's \$20,000 investment:**

- **Dollars for Dreams Micro Lending**
- **Small Business & Entrepreneurial Support including the Sunnyside Market of Dreams**
- **Local Food Industry Development**
- **Educational Outreach & Teacher Awards**
- **Grants for micro business support, local food industry and other economic development**

**Thank You!**



## 13-Year Partnership with City of Flagstaff

Alliance for the  
Second Century

City Council Presentation  
April 8, 2014



## FACTS Partnership

### Community Benefits

- Children—Safety, Educational Support, Expanded Horizons
- Families—Peace of Mind, Focus on Work Responsibilities
- Employers/Workforce—Limits Distractions, Decreases Absenteeism, Late Arrivals & Early Departure

### Similar Services and/or Partners

- Flagstaff YMCA } Partner to provide
- County Parks & Rec } intramural sports, outdoor rec
- City of Flagstaff Recreation
- Boys & Girls Club

### Considerations

- Capacity
- Convenience (neighborhood schools/sites)
- Flexibility for Families
- Consistency/support between schools & FACTS
- Ability to serve special needs students

# FACTS

## Community Need & Benefits

### Attendance FY14 YTD

Total Enrolled (Up 16%)	2,150	43.8%	K-5 Students
Average Daily Attend (Up 13%)	678	13.8%	K-5 Students
Scholarship/Subsidy	220	32.4%	Regular Attendees

### Who Uses FACTS? FACTS parents are employed by...

- **280 different employers**
  - *Small Businesses/Agencies or Self-Employed* 60.4%
  - *NAU* 10.3%
  - *FMC* 8.2%
  - *FUSD* 8.2%
  - *W. L. Gore* 7.3%
  - *City & County* 5.6%



# FACTS

Annual Operating Budget \$1,107,889

### Funding (Income):

- *Family Fees* 57.6%
- *City of Flagstaff* 22.3%
- *DES Child-Care Subsidies* 7.7%
- *Child & Adult Care Food Program* 7.6%
- *Federal Homeless Assistance Grants* 1.5%
- *Coconino County* 1.9%
- *Navajo Nation, NAU & CCC Child-Care Subsidies* 1.4%

# FACTS



Annual Operating Budget \$1,107,889

Salaries & Benefits	\$	865,315
Contracted Enrichment Vendors	\$	47,600
Licensing, FPC, Fieldtrips, Phones	\$	45,650
Supplies, Snacks & Capital Equip	\$	<u>149,324</u>
		\$1,107,889

Direct administrative costs in operating budget: 12.9%

FUSD in-kind support outside operating budget: \$145,675

- *Estimated value of facilities, supervision, human resources, payroll, business/financial services, administrative costs.*

# FACTS

## Budget Request FY14



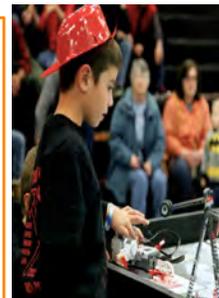
City Request—Level Funding \$247,319

*All City Monies Contribute to Direct Children's Services*

Program Staff	95.1%	\$ 235,318
Activity Supplies	4.9%	\$ <u>12,001</u>
Total FY14		\$ 247,319

### **Community Impact—Funding Cuts**

- Reduced availability—scholarships/waivers ↘
- Reduced services—low/middle-income ↘
- Fewer children served—safety issues ↘
- Potentially negative impact on workforce



# Thank you City of Flagstaff for your tremendous support!



Sylvia A. Johnson, M.Ed.  
Director of Educational Enrichment  
&  
Travis Drake  
District FACTS Coordinator



# Boys & Girls Club of Flagstaff



## How the Club impacts OUR members?

Research shows that Clubs play a key role in:

- Reducing delinquency
- Increasing academic achievement among youth
- Enhancing their access to technology and tech skills
- Increasing career goals and improving their attitude toward school

The club achieves this through:

- A safe supportive environment
  - Fun activities
  - Supportive relationships w/ peers and adults



## Members

- ▶ **300 Total Members**
- ▶ **37% Girls**
- ▶ **63% Boys**
- ▶ **74 Teenagers**
- ▶ **226 Children Ages 6-12**
- ▶ **400% Increase in Daily Attendance**



- **The Clubhouse is open after school into the early evening, summer time, and school break periods.**
- **Approximately 90% of our members are on club scholarships:**
  - **Foster kids, BBBS little's, Military Children and Brennan home Community kids.**

## Five Core Program Areas

- **Character and Leadership Development**
- **Education and Career Development**
- **Health and Life Skills**
- **The Arts**
- **Fitness and Recreation**



## Community Partners

- ▶ Big Brothers
- ▶ Big Sisters
- ▶ Arizona Children's Foundation Star Program
- ▶ Flagstaff PD
- ▶ Northern Arizona University Athletic Department
- ▶ Northern Arizona University Parks and Recreation Program
- ▶ Fit Moms
- ▶ United Way/Read On
- ▶ Flagstaff Community Foundation
- ▶ Flagstaff Housing Community
- ▶ Flagstaff Medical Center
- ▶ Fiesta Bowl Charities
- ▶ Coconino County Coalition Foundation
- ▶ Grand Canyon Foundation



## Funding and Expenditures

### Request for 2015

\$25,000

- **Changing demographic pattern in our immediate service area.**
  - More NAU students
  - Loss of families w/ Children
- **Limits the visionary impact that our organization seeks for the youth of Flagstaff.**
- **Funds go to what?**
  - Extension of our nationally recognized youth development programs
  - Outreach programs
  - Lunch-time activities at targeted schools
- **Estimated savings to city over 5 year term= \$750,000**

# Thank you for your support

To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.



## The Boys & Girls Club Of Flagstaff Fills a Critical Need

The new B&GC of Flagstaff (Cogdill Rec Center) sits in the center of the Brennan Home's Community. The Club provides quality programs to all school age youth who become members. The Club is open after school into the early evening during the school year. Summer time and school break periods the Club is open during the hours kids would normally be in school. Programs are offered in five core areas; Sports, Fitness & Recreation, The Arts, Health & Life Skills, Education & Career Development and Character & Leadership Development. The Club is ***The Positive Place for Kids and Teens!***



## Board of Directors

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# Investing in Flagstaff's Future



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF FLAGSTAFF

# What Makes a Boys & Girls Club Unique?

It is for boys and girls.

Being a member of a Boys & Girls Club satisfies the age-old desire of young people to have a “club” of their own.

It has an open door.

It is open when girls and boys need it. Most Clubs are open after school, evenings and weekends.

It has a Varied and diversified Program

that recognizes and responds to the collective and individual needs of girls and boys.

It has full time professional leadership supplemented by part-time workers and volunteers.

It requires no proof of good Character.

It helps and guides girls and boys who may be in danger of acquiring, or who already have acquired, unacceptable habits and attitudes, as well as boys and girls of good character.



It assures that all girls and boys can afford to belong.

Membership dues are kept low to ensure that ALL youth can join the Club.

It is for all boys and girls.

Young people of all races, religions and ethnic cultures are welcome.

It is guidance oriented.

A Boys & Girls Club emphasizes positive values in the relationships members have with each other and with adult leaders. It helps young people make appropriate choices in their physical, educational, personal, social, emotional, vocational and spiritual lives.

It is building centered.

Activities are conducted in the warm, friendly atmosphere of a facility especially designed for youth programs.



How do Clubs Impact Young People?

Research shows that Clubs play a key role in reducing delinquency, increasing academic achievement among youth, and enhancing their access to technology and tech skills, as well as increasing career goals and improving their attitude toward school. Clubs achieve this through:

- A safe, supportive environment
- Fun activities
- Supportive relationships with peers and adults
- Increased opportunities to learn and develop
- Recognition of achievements

How You Can Help

- Contribute funds
- Serve as a board leader
- Volunteer your time
- Enlist a new member



## FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Cogdill Center was “repurposed” and reshaped into a Boys & Girls Club in July 2012.
- Approximately \$70,000 in tenant improvements and received approximately \$50,000 on in-kind donations for the Clubhouse.
- Flagstaff was the largest city in the state WITHOUT a Boys & Girls Club.
- Unlike other organizations, Boys & Girls Clubs DO NOT provide any adult programs or services. Kids ALWAYS come first.
- The Club is a public/private partnership between the City of Flagstaff & Boys & Girls Clubs of Flagstaff.
- This action will help to save the City \$750,000.00 over the next five years.
- The City will lease the Cogdill facility for \$1.00 per month, pay for a majority of all utility expenses and provide three years of transitional funding.
- The Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club will provide oversight and raise the additional funds needed to operate the Club annually.
- The Boys & Girls Clubs of Flagstaff has over 300 members.
- Club kids ages range from 6 to 18, with 57% are ages 11 and up.
- The Club’s programs will focus on the five core service areas of education and career development, the arts, character & leadership development, health & life skills, and sports fitness and recreation.
- The Head Start Program will remain at the Boys & Girls Club.
- The starting annual operating budget is estimated to be approximately \$250,000.<sup>00</sup> per year.
- The Club will be governed by a board of up to 25 exceptional community leaders.
- The Club is a recognized member of Boys & Girls Clubs of America, a nationwide network of more than 2000 local B&G Club corporations.
- Membership and Program fees will be kept at a minimum and low income families will be provided scholarship assistance.
- Approximately 52% of our members annual household family income is less than \$25,000.
- Recent program highlights: Grand Canyon “Parks in Focus” week of camping in the Grand Canyon. Teamed up with Flagstaff PD on a week long Youth Police Academy.
- **OUR MISSION:**  
**To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.**



# Northern Arizona Council of Governments

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CHRIS FETZER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 18, 2014

Steve Conrad, Executive Director  
Boys and Girls Club of Flagstaff  
301 South Paseo Del Flag  
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Dear Mr. Conrad:

Thank you for providing me time during my recent visit to the Cogdill Center. I would also like to thank you and the Boys and Girls Clubs for the support you have provided our Head Start program as well as the professional environment that your organization has developed at this site. NACOG Head Start has been providing services at the Cogdill Community Center for over 36 years. During this time we partnered with the City of Flagstaff to coordinate services and to maintain this facility in the highest standards to provide a safe and healthy environment for our children and families.

Most recently, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Flagstaff has become our new partner and together we began a new era of collaboration required to continue building on established quality practices that will help to achieve the goals of both our programs. Most importantly, this partnership will serve as a base required to provide an environment that ensures that we meet the needs of children and families in this community.

Our program appreciates the efforts made by the Boys & Girls Clubs in working with Head Start to develop and maintain a facility that is conducive to learning, ensures a safe and healthy environment for young children, and is welcoming to our local families. More specifically we appreciate the vital program services you provide to our local youth, the upgrades made in this facility that improve service quality, and for demonstrating the core values expected by our local families and the City of Flagstaff.

Sincerely,

Jesse Rodriguez  
Head Start Director



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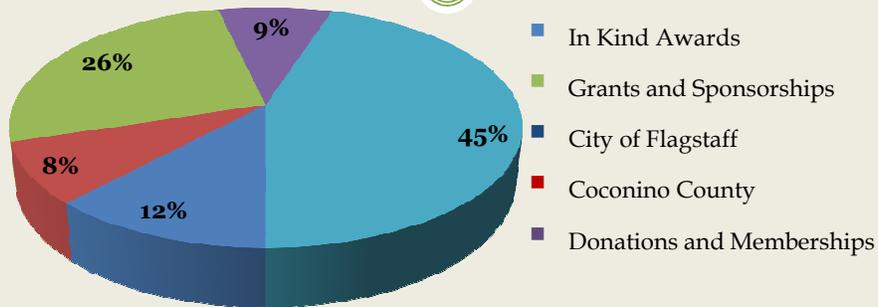


**RETURN ON INVESTMENT:**

- ❖ On-line Resource Directory of 200 Agencies & Services
- ❖ Listserv of over 650 Members
- ❖ Updated, interactive website and *Connections* news feed
- ❖ Addition of Alliance for Children’s Early Success (ACES) Work Team to internal committees
- ❖ Non-Partisan Election, Ballot, Policy and Candidate Info
- ❖ Local, State and National Advocacy Efforts
- ❖ Organization and Mobilization of over 80 Volunteers
- ❖ Timely and efficient response to current issues

"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children." Nelson Mandela

**LEVERAGE**



**1,680** Volunteer Service Hours for 2013: **\$37,195**

an increase of 262 hours since last year

**58** Individual and **15** Organizational Members



COCONINO COALITION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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## Why Your Investment Matters??

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### CCC&Y's collective voice for our children and youth is critical because:

- Arizona ranks **fifth worst overall** for conditions for children and families, that's 46<sup>th</sup> out of 50 states
- In 2013, Arizona Child Fatality Review Board reported **70 child fatalities** as a result of abuse or neglect
- The recent misreporting by Arizona's Child Protective Services has caused mistrust in existing services
- Flagstaff has a high number of homeless youth, 514 reported in 2012 and a 4% drop out rate of middle and high school students *(Coconino County Education Report, 2012)*
- 27% of Flagstaff third graders are NOT meeting reading standards, and 44% of Flagstaff 8<sup>th</sup> graders are NOT meeting math standards *(Coconino County Education Report, 2012)*
- Per pupil funding in Arizona is one of the lowest in the nation, only \$6,949 per student, well below the national average of \$10,938



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## IMPACT

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- Trained, skilled, qualified workforce using Best Practices
- Provide parents, foster parents, caregivers and non professionals with free, high quality trainings for in home practice
- Help communities, schools, parents and caregivers transition to AZ's College and Career Ready Standards (Common Core)
- Provide Child Abuse Prevention education and awareness
- Prepare, train, and support agencies to respond to critical community needs



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# PARTNERSHIPS



**STATE LEVEL:**

Arizona Community Action Association  
 Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence  
 Arizona Interfaith Network  
 Arizona Public Interest Research Group  
 Children's Action Alliance  
 Expect More Arizona  
 Department of Economic Security: Division of Children, Youth and Families  
 Protecting Arizona's Families Coalition

**LOCAL LEVEL:**

APS  
 Alliance for Children's Early Success (ACES)  
 Alliance for Second Century: City of Flagstaff, Coconino County, FUSD, NAU and CCC  
 City of Flagstaff Parks and Recreation  
 Coconino County Juvenile Court Services (CCJCS)  
 Coconino County Superintendent's Office  
 First Things First  
 Flagstaff Medical Center  
 Flagstaff Unified School District FACTS Program  
 Native Americans for Community Action, Suicide Prevention Program  
 Northland Family Help Center (NFHC)  
 North Country HealthCare (NCHC) and the Hermosa Vida Project  
 The Guidance Center



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**Coconino Coalition for Children and Youth  
Leverage**

	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Projected FY2014
<b>City Contribution</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$21,250.00</b>	<b>\$19,869.00</b>	<b>\$19,669.00</b>	<b>\$19,669.00</b>	<b>\$19,669.00</b>
<b>Total Leveraged to City Funds:</b>	<b>\$88,832</b>	<b>\$96,950</b>	<b>\$132,686</b>	<b>\$137,880</b>	<b>\$142,727</b>	<b>\$131,798</b>
<b><i>Grants and Sponsorships</i></b>						
Coconino County	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00
Child Abuse Prevention Grant (DES)	\$9,858.65	\$9,579.96	\$8,360.00	\$8,360.00	\$8,360.00	\$9,000.00
Coconino County Superintendent's Office	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Flagstaff Community Foundation Funding	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Title V Funding	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,251.00	\$23,399.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PAWS Project Sponsorships	\$13,895.00	\$16,202.25	\$22,500.00	\$5,475.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
North Country Health Care	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
America's Promise Alliance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Coconino County Discretionary Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$900.00
<b>TOTAL Grants and Sponsorships</b>	<b>\$39,753.65</b>	<b>\$40,782.21</b>	<b>\$71,611.00</b>	<b>\$71,234.00</b>	<b>\$64,720.00</b>	<b>\$43,400.00</b>
<b><i>Donations, Membership and Other Income</i></b>						
Donations	\$388.61	\$494.61	\$468.00	\$204.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
Interest Income	\$1,368.76	\$196.70	\$442.00	\$142.00	\$100.00	\$250.00
Membership Dues	\$1,496.00	\$1,864.13	\$1,300.00	\$1,223.00	\$3,022.00	\$2,600.00
Gift Cards	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Child Abuse Prevention Fundraisers and Sponsorships	\$2,565.00	\$9,252.00	\$6,805.00	\$7,740.00	\$7,263.00	\$7,500.00
Training Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL Donations, Membership and Other Income</b>	<b>\$5,818.37</b>	<b>\$12,307.44</b>	<b>\$9,615.00</b>	<b>\$9,609.00</b>	<b>\$11,435.00</b>	<b>\$14,150.00</b>
<b><i>Yearly In-Kind Awards</i></b>						
Workshop and Training Venues	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Office Space	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Telephone/Fax	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Meeting Space	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Copies, Paper, Ink and Office Supplies	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$3,600.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00
Member and Volunteer Hours	\$14,400.00	\$15,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$20,540.00	\$30,941.80	\$37,195.20
Publicity/Media	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Employee Benefits	\$9,660.00	\$9,660.00	\$7,360.00	\$14,597.00	\$14,230.00	\$15,653.00
Utilities	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
<b>TOTAL Yearly In-Kind Awards</b>	<b>\$43,260.00</b>	<b>\$43,860.00</b>	<b>\$51,460.00</b>	<b>\$57,037.00</b>	<b>\$66,571.80</b>	<b>\$74,248.20</b>

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**Barbara Wightman**, Healthy Families  
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**Debbie Winlock**, Page Public Library  
**Theresa Hatathlie**, Tuba City Dine Youth

## TESTIMONIALS 2013

Just taking a moment to thank you for continuing to put out this wonderful resource so consistently. I realized that, in the course of busy days, I often think about what an excellent resource you are but don't take the time to actually say so.

So...officially...thank you for your reliable, informative and outstanding work.

- **Maureen Schat, Coordinator, Coconino County Coordinated Community Response Team to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CCRT)**

Here's a great non-profit that promotes GREAT community events and programs....

- **Paul Giguere, Director, YMCA**

I just wanted to send an email to let you know what a great time our family had at the Best Communities Celebration on Saturday. We have four children ranging in ages 3-7 and they all had a wonderful time on Saturday. We were able to participate in a variety of activities throughout the day and every activity was a success. Thank you so much for taking the time to organize these fantastic events for our children. I am so grateful for your time and the time and effort of all of the volunteers and employees who spent their energy to make the day a special experience for our entire family.

- **Amber and Steve Black, Parents, Community Members**

Impressive listing of events! Keep up the good work!

- **Mandy Metzger, Coconino County Supervisor**

Thanks for meeting with Franny and for your continuing support of AzCASE and Afterschool. You are much appreciated.

- **Melanie McClintock, Director, Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence**

I forgot to tell you this afternoon that we recently have a new student that came through the Community Award [100 Best Community Celebration] event at FHS.

Thanks again for that opportunity...[to have students perform].

- **Bonnie Dumdei, Owner Flagstaff School of Music**

Thanks for all your hard work getting this [2013 Summer Program Directory] together Ruth! It looks great, let's get some kids active!

- **Brandie Lamdin, Beta Bouldering Gym**

Good morning Ruth Ellen! The training that Rene Hobbs facilitated [Darkness to Light, Stewards of Children: Preventing Child Sexual Abuse With Courage] last Friday was wonderful! I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the conversation and solution to childhood abuse!

- **Crystal Warden-Gant, City of Flagstaff**

I was glad to see your Republic [Letter to the Editor] piece on Sunday. You and so many others are doing important work for children. Thank you.

- **Nancy Welch, Vice President, Arizona Center for Civic Leadership, Flinn Foundation**

The Caregiver Resource Guide is fantastic!

- **Bryon Matsuda, Director, Coconino County Juvenile Court Services**

I think your new website is great - easy to navigate and full of good resources. I love the Dr. Seuss quote on the opening page, too. I look forward to working with you.

- **Linda Jensen, Director, Arizona College Access Network (AzCAN)**



**ECONOMIC WELL-BEING**

DOMAIN RANK

47

Children in poverty

2011

27%

435,000 CHILDREN

WORSENERD

2005 20%

Children whose parents lack secure employment

2011

35%

560,000 CHILDREN

WORSENERD

2008 29%

Children living in households with a high housing cost burden

2011

41%

664,000 CHILDREN

WORSENERD

2005 37%

Teens not in school and not working

2011

11%

41,000 TEENS

UNCHANGED

2008 11%

**EDUCATION**

DOMAIN RANK

46

Children not attending preschool

2009-11

67%

124,000 CHILDREN

IMPROVED

2005-07 68%

Fourth graders not proficient in reading

2011

74%

N.A.

IMPROVED

2005 76%

Eighth graders not proficient in math

2011

69%

N.A.

IMPROVED

2005 74%

High school students not graduating on time

2009/10

25%

20,678 STUDENTS

IMPROVED

2005/06 30%

N.A. Not Available.

**HEALTH**

DOMAIN RANK

45

Low-birthweight babies

2010

7.1%

6,190 BABIES

WORSENERD

2005 6.9%

Children without health insurance

2011

13%

208,000 CHILDREN

IMPROVED

2008 16%

Child and teen deaths per 100,000

2010

28

477 DEATHS

IMPROVED

2005 40

Teens who abuse alcohol or drugs

2010-11

9%

46,000 TEENS

UNCHANGED

2005-06 9%

**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY**

DOMAIN RANK

46

Children in single-parent families

2011

40%

614,000 CHILDREN

WORSENERD

2005 33%

Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma

2011

18%

299,000 CHILDREN

IMPROVED

2005 21%

Children living in high-poverty areas

2007-11

19%

315,000 CHILDREN

WORSENERD

2000 14%

Teen births per 1,000

2010

42

9,389 BIRTHS

IMPROVED

2005 58



## ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Children in poverty

2011

**23%**

16,387,000 CHILDREN

**WORSENERD**

2005 **19%**

Children whose parents lack secure employment

2011

**32%**

23,777,000 CHILDREN

**WORSENERD**

2008 **27%**

Children living in households with a high housing cost burden

2011

**40%**

29,486,000 CHILDREN

**WORSENERD**

2005 **37%**

Teens not in school and not working

2011

**8%**

1,497,000 TEENS

**UNCHANGED**

2008 **8%**

## EDUCATION

Children not attending preschool

2009-11

**54%**

4,325,000 CHILDREN

**IMPROVED**

2005-07 **56%**

Fourth graders not proficient in reading

2011

**68%**

N.A.

**IMPROVED**

2005 **70%**

Eighth graders not proficient in math

2011

**66%**

N.A.

**IMPROVED**

2005 **72%**

High school students not graduating on time

2009/10

**22%**

870,542 STUDENTS

**IMPROVED**

2005/06 **27%**

N.A. Not Available.

## HEALTH

Low-birthweight babies

2010

**8.1%**

325,563 BABIES

**IMPROVED**

2005 **8.2%**

Children without health insurance

2011

**7%**

5,528,000 CHILDREN

**IMPROVED**

2008 **10%**

Child and teen deaths per 100,000

2010

**26**

20,482 DEATHS

**IMPROVED**

2005 **32**

Teens who abuse alcohol or drugs

2010-11

**7%**

1,752,000 TEENS

**IMPROVED**

2005-06 **8%**

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Children in single-parent families

2011

**35%**

24,718,000 CHILDREN

**WORSENERD**

2005 **32%**

Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma

2011

**15%**

11,131,000 CHILDREN

**IMPROVED**

2005 **16%**

Children living in high-poverty areas

2007-11

**12%**

8,591,000 CHILDREN

**WORSENERD**

2000 **9%**

Teen births per 1,000

2010

**34**

367,678 BIRTHS

**IMPROVED**

2005 **40**



**Child Protective Services Data Dashboard**

**Number of Children/Families in the CPS System**

<i>Indicator<sup>i</sup></i>	<i>Oct 07 - March 08</i>	<i>April 08 - Sept 08</i>	<i>Oct 08 - March 09</i>	<i>April 09 - Sept 09</i>	<i>Oct 09 - March 10</i>	<i>April 10 - Sept 10</i>	<i>Oct 10 - March 11</i>	<i>April 11 - Sept 11</i>	<i>Oct 11 - March 12</i>	<i>April 12 - Sept 12</i>	<i>Oct 12 - March 13</i>
Total Reports Needing Investigation	17,413	17,310	16,820	15,496	16,602	16,853	17,378	19,245	19,274	20,413	20,253
Substantiation Rate <sup>ii</sup>	8%	9%	9%	9%	13%	13%	13%	15%	14%	14%	N/A
Number of High Risk Reports <sup>iii</sup>	2,382	2,545	2,197	2,242	2,547	2,545	2,562	3,321	3,835	4,371	4,438
Number of Moderate Risk Reports	4,884	5,080	4,859	5,087	5,021	4,191	2,909	3,496	3,727	4,043	3,950
Number of Low Risk Reports	7,274	6,954	7,305	6,847	7,377	7,323	8,332	8,675	8,705	9,157	8,917
Number of Potential Risk Reports	2,873	2,731	2,459	1,320	1,657	2,794	3,575	3,753	3,007	2,842	2,894
Number of Abuse Reports	7,114	6,897	7,133	6,157	6,735	6,448	6,566	6,381	6,457	6,279	6,260
Number of Neglect Reports	10,299	10,413	9,687	9,339	9,867	10,405	10,812	12,927	12,817	14,134	13,993

- The number of reports requiring investigation has grown 16% in the five years between the reporting periods of October, 2007-March, 2008 and October, 2012-March, 2013.
- The number of high risk reports received has nearly doubled between the periods of October, 2007-March, 2008 and October, 2012-March, 2013.
- The number of neglect reports has increased 36% between the periods of October, 2007-March, 2008 and October, 2012-March, 2013.

<i>Indicator<sup>iv</sup></i>	<i>Sept-12</i>	<i>Oct-12</i>	<i>Nov-12</i>	<i>Dec-12</i>	<i>Jan-13</i>	<i>Feb-13</i>	<i>Mar-13</i>	<i>Apr-13</i>	<i>May-13</i>	<i>Jun-13</i>	<i>July-13</i>	<i>Aug-13</i>	<i>Sept-13</i>
% of All Calls Responded to Within Timeframes <sup>v</sup>	54.5%	55.1%	53.6%	54.2%	55.9%	55.6%	56.6%	53.9%	53.9%	64.1%	68.9%	64.5%	62.4%



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<b>Indicator<sup>vii</sup></b>	<b>Jun-08</b>	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Jun-09</b>	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Jun-10</b>	<b>Dec-10</b>	<b>Jun-11</b>	<b>Dec-11</b>	<b>Jun-12</b>	<b>Dec-12</b>	<b>Jan-13</b>	<b>Feb-13</b>	<b>Mar-13</b>	<b>Apr-13</b>	<b>May-13</b>	<b>Jun-13</b>	<b>July-13</b>	<b>Aug-13</b>	<b>Sept-13</b>	<b>Oct-13</b>	<b>Nov-13</b>
Number of Children Entering Out-of-Home Care	939	939	817	770	813	803	900	962	1,268	1,030	1,250	1,373	2,042	1,495	1,237	1,294	1,329	1,449	1,352	1,372	1,281
Number of Children Leaving Out-of-Home Care	947	947	988	757	574	778	910	948	828	1,058	1,314	1,310	1,889	1,268	1,146	1,318	1,195	1,125	1,150	1,259	1,384
Total Number of Kids in Out-of-Home Care <sup>viii</sup>	9,148	9,545	9,177	9,274	9,370	9,655	10,276	10,546	12,669	14,159	14,095	14,158	14,314	14,541	14,632	14,608	14,742	14,929	15,037	15,150	15,047
Total Number of Cases Entering In-Home Services	1,760	1,760	1,366	1,667	1,665	1,723	1,805	1,671	1,851	1,794	2,031	2,050	2,054	2,396	2,074	2,104	1,794	2,094	1,928	2,068	2,974
Total Number of Cases Leaving In-Home Services	2,109	2,109	1,769	1,733	450	1,813	3,030	2,151	2,390	2,148	1,891	1,615	2,305	2,139	2,359	2,104	1,948	1,886	1,743	1,940	2,049
Total Number of Families Receiving In-Home Services <sup>ix</sup>	5,509	5,799	3,754	4,273	5,488	5,089	5,623	4,962	5,844	4,921	5,061	5,496	5,245	5,502	5,217	5,217	5,063	5,271	5,456	5,584	6,509

- The number of kids entering out-of-home care has increased 36% between June, 2008 and November, 2013.
- The total number of children in out-of-home care has increased 64% between June, 2008 and November, 2013. Between January, 2013 and November, 2013, the total number increased 7%.
- In November, 2013, 15,047 kids were in out-of-home care.



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- For the number of families receiving in-home services, prior to November, 2013 there had been no clear trend. The number of families receiving in-home services stayed virtually the same in June, 2008 as in October, 2013. However, in November, 2013, the number of families receiving services rose above 6,000 – 6,509 – for the first time since June, 2008. DES attributes this increase to the processing of cases previously noted as NI, or “not investigated.”

## System Capacity

Indicator <sup>xxi</sup>	Jun-08	Dec-08	Jun-09	Dec-09	Jun-10	Dec-10	Jun-11	Dec-11	Jun-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	July-13	Aug-13	Sept-13	Oct-13	Nov-13
CPS Specialist Positions Needed to Meet Caseload Standards	1,142	1,207	1,062	1,109	1,180	1,184	1,262	1,279	1,439	1,469	1,508	1,529	1,562	1,627	1,586	1,478	1,510	1,582	1,548	1,213	1,221
Positions Authorized <sup>xxii</sup>	1031	1031	970	970	970	970	970	970	970	970*	1,031	1,031	1,031	1,031	1,031	1,031	1,124	1,124	1,124	1,124	1,124
Number of Case-Carrying Positions	N/A	866	961	909	932	959															
Staff in Training	N/A	255	230	231	204	175															
Total Number of Staff (Case-Carrying and Training) <sup>xxiii</sup>	901	898	718	734	818	811	858	872	921	957	1,001	1,021	1,025	1,025	1,059	1,103	1,121	1,191	1,140	1,136	1,134
Number of New Hires	29	17	1	2	36	13	N/A	31	36	21	49	47	52	48	51	60	49	46	50	29	23
Number of Specialists Leaving	16	20	11	9	11	21	N/A	8	44	18	30	27	48	22	45	19	29	35	26	29	28
Total Non-Active Cases	9,583	9,583	7,054	5,125	8,098	9,223	9,488	8,419	9,882	12,918	13,292	12,419	11,951	11,512	11,284	11,231	10,735	10,351	9,998	9,748	10,159



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<b>For November-13<sup>xiv</sup></b>	<b>Avg. Caseload Monthly Standard</b>	<b>Avg. Caseload Per Authorized Staff</b>	<b>Avg. Caseload Per Current Staff</b>
Investigations	13	15	18
In-Home Cases	33	32	37
Out-of-Home Children	20	22	26

- The number of non-active cases has increased 25% between June, 2010 and November, 2013. However, since hitting a high of nearly 13,300 cases in January, 2013, the number has dropped nearly 24% between January, 2013 and November, 2013.
- Despite a decision by the Department of Economic Security unilaterally change caseload standards in the middle of the year, caseworker caseloads exceed the standard in all three case areas. Further, these new standards are based on staff perceptions of the need for certain procedures, not based on best practices.

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Percentage of Foster Homes Receiving Required Quarterly Visit from their Licensing Agency	59%	67%	76%	82%	82%	83%	89%	89%	80%	83%	93%
Percentage of Kids in Foster Care Receiving Required Monthly Visit from CPS	76%	74%	70%	81%	88%	85%	83%	81%	78%	74%	85%
Percentage of Parents with a Case Plan to Reunify with Their Children Receiving Required Monthly Visit from CPS	62%	60%	54%	60%	65%	56%	57%	55%	57%	51%	51%
Net Change in the Number of Foster Homes	349	23	308	31	-22	-185	-152	-99	-16	252	-18

- 15% of kids who require monthly visits were not receiving a visit during the reporting period of October, 2012-March, 2013. This is an improvement from the prior reporting period, where one in four children who required a visit did not receive one.



- During the reporting period of October, 2012-March, 2013, 7% of foster homes were not receiving the required monthly visit from Child Protective Services. This is the lowest percentage not receiving a visit in the past five years.
- Only half of parents who should be receiving required monthly visits actually received one during the reporting period of October, 2012-March, 2013.
- After a large jump in the net number of licensed foster homes in April, 2012-September, 2012, for the reporting period of October, 2012-March, 2013, there was a net loss of 18 homes.

**Outcomes**

<i>Indicator<sup>xvi</sup></i>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number of Children Who Died as a Result of Maltreatment	60	51	64	70	71	70
Children who Died as a Result of Maltreatment Where There was Previous Involvement with a Child Protective Agency*	26	30	23	18	34	33
Children who Died as a Result of Maltreatment Where There was Previous Involvement with a Child Protective Agency and There Was An Open Case with Child Protective Services at the Time of Death	6	8	5	5	15	11

\*Includes all protective agencies, including Tribal Nation agencies.

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Number of Kids Entering Out-of-Home Care with a Previous Removal in the Last 24 Months	541	621	503	502	514	448	538	506	564	573	593
Percentage of Kids Entering Out-of-Home Care with a Previous Removal in the Last 24 Months	14%	14%	13%	13%	13%	11%	14%	11%	11%	10%	12%

- The number of children who died from maltreatment where there was a current case open with Child Protective Services has nearly doubled between 2007 and 2012.
- The percentage of kids re-entering out-of-home care within two years of a prior removal showed a slight increase for the reporting period of October, 2012-March, 2013, after decreasing or remaining steady for the prior four reporting periods.



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<sup>i</sup> *1229 Child Welfare Semi-Annual Report*. Department of Economic Security.

<sup>ii</sup> With the exception of the reporting period for October 12 – March 13, all substantiation rates are adjusted in the following reporting period.

<sup>iii</sup> In the October, '12 – March, '13 report, risk levels are defined with more detail than in prior reports where risk levels corresponded with high, moderate, low and potential risk. Response times are not defined using these specific terms any longer, however expanded definitions provide that aligning response times with the same high, moderate, low and potential descriptions is accurate.

<sup>iv</sup> Arizona Department of Economic Security Dashboard

<sup>v</sup> This figure is the sum of Priority 1, 2, 3 and 4 calls received within the identified timeframe.

<sup>vi</sup> *Case Count Summary – DCYF Financial and Program Accountability Report*. Department of Economic Security.

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<sup>xiii</sup> DES has informed CAA that reported data prior to July 2013 overstated the number of filled positions by 73 staff. At this time a breakout between case carrying case managers and staff in training is not available; therefore, the total positions filled is reported.

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<sup>xvi</sup> Arizona Child Fatality Review Team.

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# Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership

**2013 Annual Report  
FY15 Contribution Request  
April 8, 2014**

## GFFP Board of Directors

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## Current Issues & Activities

### Private land cost-share treatments: Continued funding -

To-date - 1,500+ acres , \$600,000+ , 150+ different landowners,  
Pending - \$100,000 , 250 acres,  
New application due April 18<sup>th</sup> - \$200,000 for 350 acres

### Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI): Continued active participation & leadership -

Co-Chair of the Stakeholder Group, and  
Member, Landscape Assessment & Monitoring Working Group  
Assisting establishment of Multi-Party Monitoring Board

### Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project:

Community Outreach  
DEIS Review  
Monitoring Framework Development  
Funding Leverage (Treatments Targeting Areas in Rio De Flag Watershed)  
Tribal Engagement

*All funds directed toward protecting our communities, restoring forest ecosystems, educating the public, and facilitating small-diameter wood utilization*

# Current Issues & Activities

**Fire Adapted Communities:**

Accepted as Network Hub to facilitate knowledge exchange

**Student Internship Program:**

Student stipend assigned to assist with forest restoration and treatment projects

**Festival of Science:** Participated in public event at Wheeler Park

**Monthly Partnership Meetings:** On-going

**Treatment Map:** 2012 edition under development

**2013 Annual Report:** Handout provided

**FY 2015 Annual Work Plan:** Handout provided

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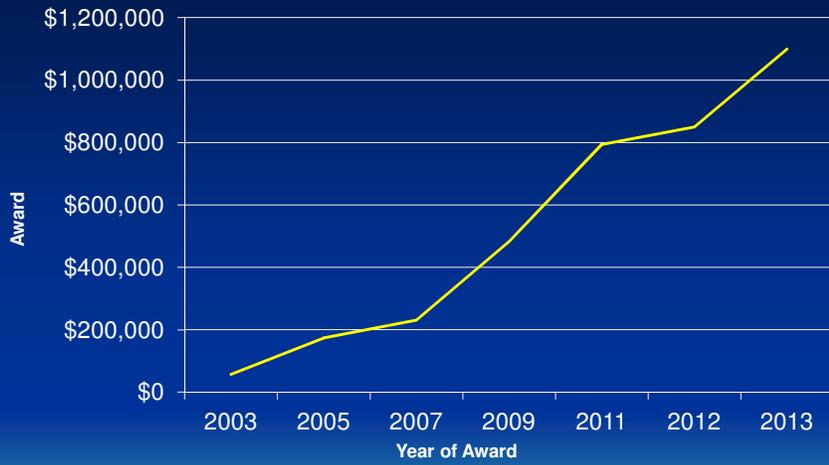
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## Funding Leverage - Cumulative



**FY2015 Request \$19,925 - Same as FY2014**

## Thank You! Questions?



# GREATER FLAGSTAFF FORESTS PARTNERSHIP

## Restoring Forest Ecosystems and Protecting Our Community

### Annual Report – 2013

The Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership (GFFP) is an 18-year old community-based collaborative that has been working to restore the health of area forest ecosystems and protect our communities from the threat of high-severity wildfire. Specifically, the Partnership seeks to accomplish the following:

- Restore natural ecosystem composition, structure and function in ponderosa pine forests.
- Manage forest fuels to reduce the probability of high-severity fire and to protect our communities.
- Research, test, develop, and demonstrate key ecological, economic, and social dimensions of forest restoration and community protection.



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Our efforts in calendar year 2013 continued work in five major areas: 1) project design and implementation; 2) development of economic alternatives for use of the small diameter trees and woody biomass removed from our forests; 3) evaluating the effectiveness of our actions through monitoring and adaptive management; 4) educating the public and engaging them in what we do; and 5) managing and refining the organizational structure to accomplish our work.

The major focus of our efforts were tied to the work associated with the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI), the Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project (FWPP), and on the ground forest restoration treatments on private properties in and around Flagstaff.

**Project Design and Implementation.** GFFP efforts have been primarily focused on strategic involvement in the planning efforts of the 4FRI and FWPP projects. GFFP has taken a leadership role in the 4FRI steering committee and the Landscape Assessment and Monitoring Working Group and has also contributed monetarily towards the professional facilitation. We also assisted in the 4FRI's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) review and provided comments directly to the Forest Service (USFS). In addition, GFFP has contracted with the City of Flagstaff to work on the FWPP in outreach, implementation, monitoring, tribal engagement and external grant funding. We have implemented treatments along Route 66 testing a Forester Informed Cutting Select Harvest and Monitoring (FISCHM) system. The Partnership continues to receive various grants from AZ State Forestry Division to provide cost-share assistance to cover a portion of the cost of treating private lands within the Flagstaff Wildland/Urban Interface (WUI). We are working collaboratively with the State Forestry Division and Northern Arizona University to develop "Standards of Treatments" to communicate to private landowners that receive cost-share assistance the appropriate on the ground results we expect from fire risk reduction treatments. Since 2004, more than \$600,000 has been distributed to property owners to treat 1,500+ acres of land.



**Utilization and Economic Development.** The Partnership continues to seek new ways of reducing treatment costs to reduce forest density and fuel loads. Our efforts include working with various partners to attract businesses that use woody biomass by-products from local forest restoration projects. GFFP continues to provide support and solutions to utilization efforts associated with the 4FRI stewardship contract, the largest in history. This effort plans to mechanically treat 30,000 acres per year for 10 years on the Coconino and Kaibab National Forests and was recently awarded to Good Earth Power AZ. GFFP has begun to engage with the new contractor and looks forward to working closely with them in the future. We continue to explore various bio-energy options, such as the proposed NAU biomass plant, for utilization of woody forest biomass as a renewable and sustainable feedstock.

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**Monitoring and Adaptive Management.** We continue to monitor our activities in order to understand how our actions affect ecosystems and communities. Implementation of adaptive management based on monitoring results allows adjustments that ultimately promote enhanced economic, social and ecological sustainability. GFFP was a leader in completing the *Adaptive Management Biophysical and Socioeconomic Monitoring Plan* for the 4FRI and we are leading the completion of the FWPP Capacity Monitoring Frameworks for Fire Behavior, Hydrologic Response, and in Socioeconomic. These products will assist in conducting monitoring projects to better determine FWPP and 4FRI effectiveness. The Partnership also supported the 4FRI focus groups with cash incentives for the participants.

**Public Information and Involvement.** Our major outreach effort this year was completing performances of the “Yellow Belly Ponderosa” (YBP) education program for K-5 grades that were funded by two grants awarded in 2012 (USFS More Kids In The Woods and SRP, totaling approx. \$30k). Ten traveling performances were delivered to Native American schools across northern Arizona in the Coconino and Kaibab National Forests (see: [yellowbellyponderosa.org](http://yellowbellyponderosa.org)). In addition, SRP funding was used to enhance the YBP program by developing and administering teacher-led pre- post-lesson plans and evaluations for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, as well completing a professional filming of the production that can be distributed as an educational package to schools across the State (see: <http://www.srpnet.com/education/yellowbelly.aspx>).



GFFP participated in the SRP conference, “Restoration Investment Strategies” and displayed informational booths for both the YBP program and for the FWPP. We also presented at the USFS Region 2 and 3 Collaborative Forest Restoration Program’s (CFLRP) Conference in Colorado. Lastly, we are redesigning and updating our website.

**Management and Administration.** The Partnership targets limited funding to specific project areas through contract work. Partners help to develop and guide activities and specific programs, and then organizations or individuals with expertise specific to each task are contracted to accomplish the work. In addition, the Partnership seeks external grant funding to supplement our work. Board members complete organizational tasks as required and coordinate and oversee project contractors. The model we initiated in early 2008 is working well and, as a result, our administrative expenses have been limited to general liability and Directors’ & Officers’ insurance, accounting and bookkeeping services, copying, printing and mailing, meeting registration and expenses, travel, web maintenance, and miscellaneous minor charges.

**Looking Forward:** In 1996, the Partnership began efforts to determine how the community should address the forest health crisis and protect Flagstaff from threats presented by wildfires burning in the area. We’ve come a long way.

In 2014, GFFP plans to focus on:

- assisting the 4FRI with review and support of the Final EIS for the first 988,000 acre analysis area and to support Good Earth Power AZ for the long-term and large scale stewardship contract, which will facilitate the establishment of new community-based, sustainable wood products industries;
- financially support and provide standards of treatments for targeted private lands;
- continue outreach and education efforts throughout the community;
- support efforts to implement forest treatments in the Rio de Flag/Dry Lake Hills and Upper Lake Mary watersheds through the FWPP;
- support internships for NAU students to provide services that achieve our goals;
- participate in regional workshops and conferences that support our goals; and
- continue to develop and implement monitoring and adaptive management to assure effectiveness of our programs.



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