



Arizona Town Hall

Annual Report 2018



OUR MISSION

Educate, Engage, Connect and Empower

Arizona Town Hall educates, engages, connects and empowers people to resolve important issues through consensus, not division, using a process based on respectful dialogue that values diverse perspectives, builds relationships and fosters leadership development.

IMPACT

In 2018, thousands of Arizonans actively engaged in discussions about topics relevant to their communities at Town Hall programs. These programs are designed to galvanize participants who go on to implement changes both in their communities and on a statewide basis.

- Community Outreach Programs were held on the topic of “Funding preK-12 Education” in six counties and were attended by nearly 300 community leaders.
- Future Leaders Town Halls throughout the state engaged over 300 students in four cities and three counties on the topic of “Criminal Justice in Arizona.”
- Sixteen Community Town Halls on “Criminal Justice in Arizona” were held throughout Arizona allowing over 1,100 Arizonans to engage in discussions and develop community-specific recommendations.
- The second binational and bilingual Community Town Hall was held in Hermosillo, Mexico on the topic of strengthening Arizona and Sonora’s economic ties. The event was widely covered by press in both countries.
- The 111th statewide Town Hall hosted over 170 people from around the state on “Criminal Justice in Arizona.” Participants built on actions already underway from Community Town Halls and made new connections for moving forward.

Town Hall gatherings are designed to empower participants to be constructive members of their communities and to engage with others to address community issues. The impact of gatherings is magnified by extensive media coverage and through the distribution of reports.



111th statewide Town Hall, “Criminal Justice in Arizona,” Phoenix

“[Town Hall programs provide an] opportunity to listen, expand awareness, build respect for others’ life experiences and learn about how to build bridges and create sustainable change.”

Mary Mitchell, Senior Associate,
Community Engagement, Girls
Scouts of Arizona

On the Cover: *Top Row* - Participants at the Flagstaff Community Town Hall on “Criminal Justice in Arizona;” *Second Row* – Paul Brierley and Evelyn Casuga; Student participant at the City of Phoenix Future Leaders Town Hall on “Criminal Justice in Arizona;” Richard Estrada at the South Phoenix Community Town Hall on “Criminal Justice in Arizona;” Celine-Marie Williams at the Prescott Community Town Hall on “Criminal Justice in Arizona;” *Third Row* – Todd Aakhus speaking to participants at the West Valley Community Town Hall on “Criminal Justice in Arizona;” *Fourth Row* – Marc Miller speaking to participants at the Tucson Future Leaders Town Hall on “Criminal Justice in Arizona;” Nikki Hicks at the South Phoenix Community Town Hall on “Criminal Justice in Arizona;” JC Navarro at the Criminal Justice Town Hall for Affected Populations in Tucson.

ENGAGING FUTURE LEADERS



"Criminal Justice in Arizona" Future Leaders Town Hall, Yavapai College, Prescott Campus

Future Leaders Town Halls foster development of civic leadership skills for Arizona's next generation of leaders and allow them to have a voice on important policy issues.

"This program has enlightened me. I feel like I can express my ideas and use my voice. I have gained a lot of new knowledge from the different perspectives I have heard."

Ana Gabriela Romero, Tucson Future Leaders Town Hall

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Community Town Halls capture input from Arizona's many diverse communities. Reports from Community Town Halls are acted on locally. They are also included with the participants' background materials to further enrich discussions at the statewide Town Hall.

After the statewide Town Hall, recommendations are communicated to a broader audience through traditional and social media, published reports and Community Outreach Programs held around the state.



"Criminal Justice in Arizona" Community Town Hall, Marana

Individuals who participated in the statewide Town Hall discussions serve as presenters for Community Outreach Programs and share their thoughts on the recommendations. Participants are invited to engage in a Town Hall-style discussion that sets priorities and action steps for their communities.

PUBLICATIONS

The Background Report provides fact-based research to inform the discussions and serve as a valuable resource for others interested in the topic.

Special thanks to Dan Hunting of the Morrison Institute for Public Policy for serving as Editor of the "Criminal Justice in Arizona" Background Report.

Arizona Town Hall reports and recommendations are printed and widely distributed throughout Arizona. These reports are used by community and elected leaders as valuable resource materials.

Visit our website to download published reports.

CONSULTING ENGAGEMENTS INCREASING REVENUE WHILE FULFILLING OUR MISSION

During 2018, Arizona Town Hall provided consulting services to entities interested in solution-based discussions, including: the Maricopa Community Colleges District, the State Bar of Arizona, Mesa Public School District and the Agnese Nelms Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice. Arizona Town Hall also conducted training sessions for organizations interested in learning the Town Hall process.

“The training that Arizona Town Hall provided me has proven to be invaluable to the strategic planning process. I am now able to facilitate deeper discussions while at the same time capturing the essence and nuance of the investments made by our regional councils and strengthening the bonds with our early childhood ecosystem partners.”

- Travis Le Duc, Regional Director, Tohono O’odham Nation Regional Partnership Council, First Things First

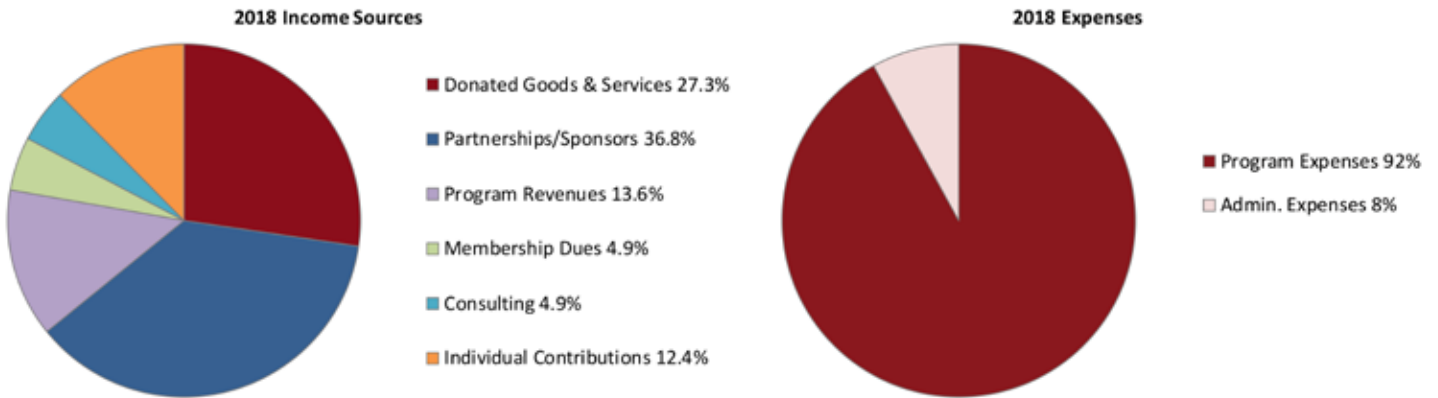
EXPANDING OUR IMPACT THROUGH MEDIA

In 2018, Arizona Town Hall expanded its impact through various media efforts. Town Hall convenings were featured in numerous media outlets, including TV, radio and nearly 70 print articles. Most media links can be accessed from our website www.aztownhall.org.

The collage displays various media outlets that have covered Arizona Town Hall events. Key articles include:

- The Daily Courier:** "Experts, public discuss state of Arizona's criminal justice system" (Town Hall: What can be done to improve the system?).
- uniradio informa:** "Relación Sonora-Arizona es más fuerte que políticas de Trump: Welch".
- azfamily.com:** "State prisons host town halls on drugs and crime".
- PHOENIX BUSINESS JOURNAL:** "My View: Education funding needs urgent action".
- DICCION.COM:** "Amid rising prison population, work underway to reform Arizona's criminal justice system".
- Local News:** "Youth town hall to discuss law and public safety in Yuma County".

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and reflective of profound
social, capital, and civic
responsibility.”*

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Mary Grier and Maxine Lakin, recipients of the 2018 Shirley Agnos Legacy Award presented during the 111th statewide Town Hall on “Criminal Justice in Arizona”



Participants of Panel Hedgehog, 111th statewide Town Hall, “Criminal Justice in Arizona”



Tara Diaz, Joe Grossman and Tony Riojas during panel discussions at the 111th statewide Town Hall “Criminal Justice in Arizona”

*“Town Hall programs are an
innovative way to engage diverse
perspectives on discussion
of extremely important topics
affecting our community.”*

Katie Williams, Crisis Specialist,
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