1. What constitutes a family? Why is supporting and strengthening families important?

SESSION II - FRIDAY MORNING – NOVEMBER 15

1. What are the characteristics of strong families and thriving children?
   Consider physical, spiritual and mental well-being, economic, social, environmental and other factors.

2. What are the challenges and opportunities for supporting and strengthening families and children? To what extent are they different for urban, suburban, rural, and tribal communities?

3. Where are the challenges and opportunities for reducing adverse childhood experiences (“ACEs”)?
   ACEs include: physical, emotional and sexual abuse; substance abuse or mental illness in the household; incarcerated household members; neglect; absent parents; and, domestic violence.

4. Where are the challenges and opportunities for increasing protective factors that reduce the negative impact of ACEs on those who have or may experience them?
   Protective factors include: parental resilience; social connections; knowledge of parenting and child development; support in times of need; and, social and emotional competence.
1. How well do available resources currently support Arizona’s families and children? Where are the greatest opportunities to improve availability of and access to those resources?

   Consider allocation between prevention and intervention, as well as any additional resources that might be needed.

2. To what extent do economic and educational opportunities impact the strength of Arizona’s families and children? Where, if at all, could there be improvement?

3. What roles do the family, the community, and other entities play in supporting families and children? Where, if at all, could there be improvement?

   Consider government and non-governmental organizations, businesses, educational institutions, faith-based organizations, and others.

4. What actions should receive priority and who should be responsible for taking them? To the extent funding is required, be sure to address how funding would be obtained?

5. What one action will you take as a result of your participation in this Town Hall?

   Consider how you might change the conversation about Arizona’s families and children in a manner that focuses on constructive solutions, becoming politically engaged to advocate for needed policy change and any other action you consider helpful or appropriate.