

STRONG FAMILIES THRIVING CHILDREN

Discussion Questions for Future Leaders Town Hall

1. What should be the principal goals for Arizona's families and children? What are the characteristics of strong families and thriving children?
 - *Consider economic, social, physical, and mental well-being, family connections and relationships and other support systems.*
2. What are the principal challenges facing Arizona families and children? What could be done, and by whom, to support families and children so that they are better able to overcome these challenges?
 - *Consider adverse childhood experiences ("ACEs"), poverty, domestic violence, disability, behavioral health issues, the cyclical economy, parents absent due to divorce or incarceration, and similar issues.*
 - *Consider government programs (including schools, libraries, parks, health care and daycare as well as child safety and welfare), nonprofit organizations and faith-based organizations.*
3. If you could tell Arizona's elected leaders just one thing about what families and children need the most, what would you tell them? What action would you ask them to take?
4. What one action will you take as a result of your participation in this Future Leaders Town Hall?
 - *Consider how you might change the conversation about Arizona's children and families 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.*