

ARIZONA TOWN HALL

2019 ANNUAL REPORT















IMPACT

In 2019, thousands of Arizonans actively engaged in discussions about topics relevant to their communities at Town Hall programs. These gatherings are designed to galvanize participants who go on to implement changes not only in their communities but also on a statewide basis.

- Community Outreach Programs were held on the topic of "Criminal Justice in Arizona" in six counties and were attended by nearly 600 community members.
- The third binational and bilingual Arizona & Mexico Town Hall was held in Hermosillo, Mexico
 to create resources for economic development. The event was widely covered by press in both
 countries.
- Future Leaders Town Halls throughout the state engaged over 350 students in six cities and five counties on the topic of "Strong Families Thriving Children."
- Seventeen Community Town Halls on "Strong Families Thriving Children" were held throughout Arizona allowing nearly 1,000 Arizonans to engage in discussions and develop communityspecific recommendations.
- The 112th Statewide Town Hall hosted over 120 people from around the state on "Strong Families Thriving Children." Participants built on actions already underway from Community and Future Leaders Town Halls.

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 programs are magnified by extensive media coverage and through the distribution of reports.



Roy Dawson, Dave Gass, April Jones, and Kim Winzer. 112th Statewide Town Hall, "Strong Families Thriving Children," Phoenix

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.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

In the months before the Statewide Town Hall, Arizonans discuss the topic at Community Town Halls. Community Town Halls capture input from Arizona's many diverse communities and empower participants to take action on their recommendations. Reports of recommendations from the programs are distributed to the media, stakeholders, and community leaders. They also inform participant discussions at the Statewide Town Hall.

After the Statewide Town Hall, recommendations are compiled into a published report and further distributed. The reports are also discussed at Community Outreach Programs held around the state.

Individuals who participate in the Statewide Town Hall serve as presenters for Community Outreach Programs and share their thoughts on the recommendations.



Above: "Criminal Justice in Arizona" Community Outreach Programs, Prescott Below: "Strong Families Thriving Children" Community Town Hall, Yuma



ENGAGING FUTURE LEADERS



"Strong Families Thriving Children" Future Leaders Town Halls Above: Community Recreation Center, Casa Grande Right: University of Arizona, Tucson



Future Leaders Town Halls foster development of civic leadership skills for Arizona's next generation of leaders and allows them to have a voice on important policy issues. A summary of the discussions from each Future Leaders Town Hall event is carried forward for consideration at the Statewide Town Hall.

EXPANDING OUR IMPACT

CONSULTING ENGAGEMENTS

During 2019, Arizona Town Hall provided consulting services to entities interested in solution-based discussions, including: Arizona State Health Improvement Plan (AzHIP), Maricopa County Community Colleges District, Verde Valley Land Preservation Institute, Arizona Department of Corrections, and the Agnese Nelms Haury Program. Arizona Town Hall also conducted training sessions for organizations interested in learning the Town Hall process.

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 Erica Quintana of the Morrison Institute for Public Policy for editing the "Strong Families Thriving Children" Background Report.

Arizona Town Hall reports and recommendations are not only widely distributed, but are also used by community and elected leaders as valuable resource materials.

MEDIA

In 2019, Arizona Town Hall expanded its impact through various media efforts. Town Hall convenings were featured in over 60 pieces from numerous media outlets, including TV, radio, and in print.











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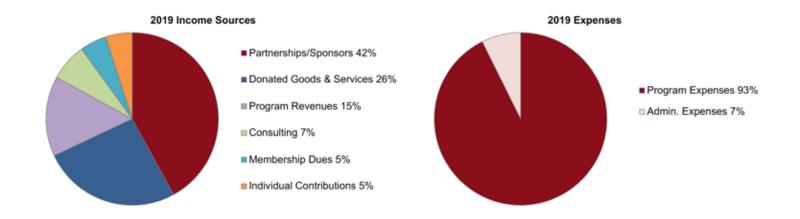
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On the back: Top Row – Sarah Pacheco and LaRae Swartz; Jeff Scudder and Jessica Fotinos; Participants at the Tempe Community Outreach Program on "Criminal Justice in Arizona." Second Row – Ray Newton, Marty Grossman, and Casey Rooney; Amanda Rojas; Pat Norris leading a training workshop for the "Verde Valley Land Use: Making Collaborative Decisions" program. Third Row – Violet Mitchell-Enos presents amendments to the report of recommendations at the 112th Statewide Town Hall on "Strong Families Thriving Children;" Ines Kirubusa holds up her "I Will..." statement, a personal commitment to action; Evelyn Casuga. Fourth Row – Karin Malbrough; Participants at the Lewis Facility Community Town Hall on "Strong Families Thriving Children;" Arlan Colton and Richard Gordon. Bottom Row – Tom Duranceau; Barbara Peck and Marisol Vindiola; Participants at the Maricopa County Community Colleges District Future of Work Town Hall.

































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