

FOSTER ARIZONA

Foster Arizona 2024 Annual Report



As we reflect on 2024, and look ahead to what 2025 has in store, we are left with one overwhelming response...gratitude. Gratitude for the impactful work that we have been able to do side-by-side with you, our community. Because of you, we were able to serve 1,395 children and youth, resource 309 supportive adults, provide the community with over 6,421 hours of education and awareness, and provide safe housing and supports for 55

young adults transitioning out of foster care.

Behind each number is a face, a life, a story, and when you choose to work alongside us, together, we begin to write new chapters that lead to brighter tomorrows for those affected by foster care. Thank you, allowing us to make a positive impact in 2024, we couldn't do it without you.

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Core Values:

- We value people first for who they are today and who they can become tomorrow.
- With integrity and intention, we pursue excellence in all things.
- Together, we create adaptable and innovative solutions.
- Compassion drives our engagement in community connections.
- We lead by example to cultivate healthy and dependable relationships.

mission.

Educate, Empower, and Engage foster and at-risk youth, families, and the community to offer hope through connections.

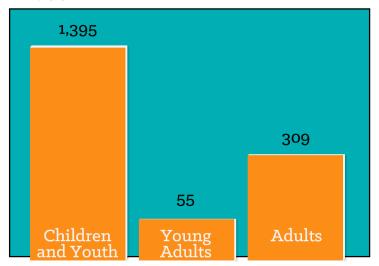
Vision:

Our vision is that every youth, family, and community member will be empowered, supported, and have the opportunity to enrich their lives through intentional community connections.

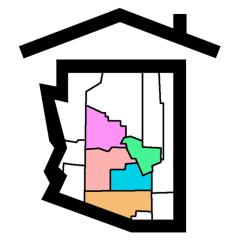
Impact

By The Numbers

1,759 Individuals Served in 2024



Counties Served in 2024



Maricopa · Yavapai · Pima · Pinal · Gila

Volunteer Engagement



- 344 Volunteers
- 198 First Time
- 97% Would Volunteer Again
- \$74,544 Value of Volunteer Time

First Night Essentials:

Providing essential items during their first week as a foster family (diapers, hygiene products, and more).

Housing Project:

Transitional housing for young adults, ages 18-to-24, who are at-risk and/or impacted by foster care.

Kid Initiative:

Special opportunities to connect with supportive adults to address specific needs or to just be a kid for a day.

Real connection = real impact.

Foster Cooperative Parent Training:

Bi-yearly one-day training where community experts deliver keynote speeches to individuals caring for children and youth.

Foster Cooperative Portal:

A unique digital community for those caring for children and youth facing adversity.

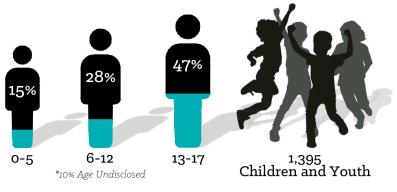
Education Initiatives:

Through Real Stories, Fostering Voices Podcast, Educational Videos, and more, we strive to connect the community in meaningful ways to foster care.





Children and Youth Served in 2024



Our Kid Initiatives
program creates
meaningful opportunities
for members of our
community to connect with
children and youth who are
a part of foster care. Unique
opportunities provide
children and youth the
ability to experience hope
and joy in meaningful ways
within a safe and
supportive environment.



2024 Kid Initiative Events













"I appreciate these opportunities more than you will ever know! Your organization always makes my girls feel seen. My daughters truly enjoyed themselves as always! Your volunteers made a lasting impression on them, and I thank you for that!"





Education Videos



Education videos have a dual purpose of bridging the gap of community awareness and offering practical training for caregivers to build understanding and resilience.

education videos created in 2024

76.5K impressions

2,615 unique views

69 hours watched

Fostering Voices Podcast

Top 5 foster care related podcast in the U.S. (#4 according to Feedspot)

25 new episodes released in 2024

8,088 unique downloads

Fostering Voices is a Foster
Arizona podcast that features
"Authentic Conversations
with Real People" talking all
things foster care, and
beyond. New episodes release
on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday
of each month.







Stories of Impact



"Can't thank you enough for doing these trainings. Especially with the childcare, it makes a world of difference for our family. Thank you so much for putting this on."

"These talks gave me a better understanding of how to deal with things with myself and others, like children, and how to understand feelings and actions."





Foster Arizona Housing Project (FAHP) is a transitional housing program offering a safe place to stay for youth, ages 18-to-24, who are considered at-risk and/or experienced foster care. The program provides youth with housing, food and hygiene products, life skills training, case management, resources for mental health services and trauma counseling, educational support, and career exploration. The program also offers intentional opportunities to connect with their peers, our staff, and the community in meaningful ways.





55

young adults have individualized plans to help them be successful within our program

86.8%

attendance rate in bi-monthly community meetings 465

hours of life skills training

100%

young adults reported having been vetted for mental health services 42%

of participants engaged in 1-on-1 monthly financial meetings

92%

successfully completed the program and moved into permanent housing



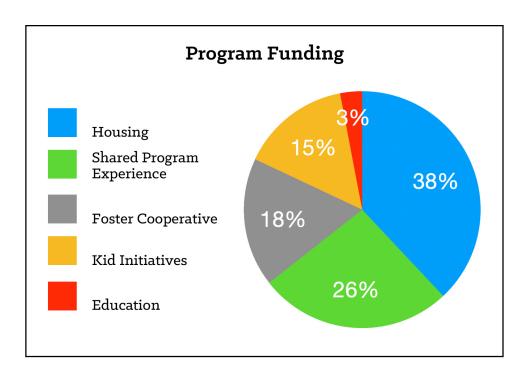
I have learned a lot about the difficulties in finding housing options, but when I was finally referred here, I had no idea what I was walking into. With the housing program I finally felt like I was able to grow and be able to step into my own independence. I was able to understand the complexities of ownership and budgeting, as well as establish rules and regulations among roommates and peers, and give effective communication amongst participants and volunteers.

- FAHP Participant





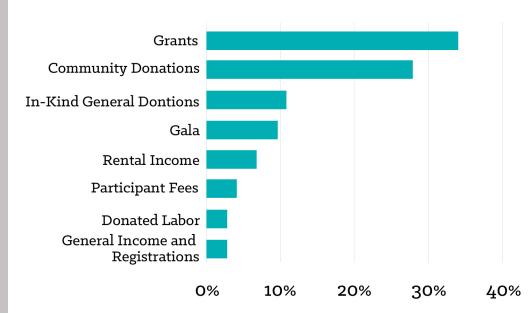
2024 Financials



Percentage of Funding



Percentage of Support Sources



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