The Trust works to improve the quality of care provided to mothers and babies through the Voluntary Certification Program, perinatal education and ongoing evaluation of the Arizona’s regionalized perinatal system. Thanks to the support of the hundreds of Volunteers, Certified Hospitals, as well as our partnering agencies and organizations, the Arizona Perinatal Trust has celebrated 37-years of working to improve the health of Arizona’s mothers and babies.

**VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

APT partners with hospitals in Arizona’s to provide a system of perinatal/neonatal regionalized levels of care, through the Voluntary Certification Program (VCP). The VCP process is a quality improvement effort that includes matching hospital capabilities and capacity to established guidelines. This is accomplished through a self-assessment process and a Site Visit by a team of peer professionals.

- 39 Perinatal Care Centers & 1 Neonatal Care Center certified
- 17 Site Visits completed
- 36 Volunteer Site Visit Reviewers
- 779 Volunteer hours (Total of 6,927 since 2008)

**2017 Perinatal Data showed the following**:  

- 94.3% of all in-hospital Arizona births occurred in APT Certified Hospitals
- 91.2% of all low birth weight babies were born in a Level II or higher Hospital
- 89.4% of all very low birth weight babies were born in a Level II-E or higher Hospital, much exceeding the Healthy People 2020 goal of 83.7%
- There were 498 maternal transports and 396 neonatal transports sent

*ADHS Vital Records Data*

As part of the VCP Site visit, a Site Visit Evaluation is conducted. Of the 17 Site Visits completed in 2017, 100% of the facilities felt that the Hospital objectives were met through the Site Visit Process. Site Visit Reviewers were also evaluated in three areas; Questions, Knowledge and Behavior.

**2017 Site Visit Evaluation Results**

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*Scores are based on a scale of 1 - 5, with 5 being the highest*

**PERINATAL EDUCATION**

The 27th Annual APT Perinatal Conference was held August 10th and 11th at High Country Conference Center, NAU in Flagstaff, Arizona. The highlights included:

- 195+ healthcare professionals in attendance
- 41 Event Sponsors/Exhibitors/Contributors
- The Chris Blackert Rural Nurse of the Year Award was awarded to Teresa Kattke, MSN, RN, NNP-BC of Canyon Vista Medical Center in Sierra Vista, Arizona.
- Staff and Volunteers also provided technical assistance and consultation to hospital systems in Arizona, and throughout the country.

**PROJECTS/PRESENTATIONS**

- Revising the 2012 Recommendations & Guidelines for Perinatal and Freestanding Care Centers to align with National Levels of Care, and to include Levels of Care for Freestanding Birth Centers.
- Continued collaboration with and conducted training regarding the Certification process for Perinatal/Neonatal Levels of Care for the American College of Obstetrics & Gynecology (ACOG) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
- Continued working with uncertified rural Hospitals towards becoming certified.
- Continued participation on the March of Dimes Advocacy & Government Affairs Committee.
- Continued collaboration with ADHS Bureau of Women’s & Children’s Health & Licensure, Newborn Screening, Maternal Mortality Review Committee, and AHCCCS.
2017 FINANCIAL INFORMATION
The backbone of APT's financial support comes from the member hospitals through their annual Membership and Site Visits. Additional revenue was received through private donations, dues and perinatal education.

Income:
- Program Services: $299,661
- Contributions: $1,417

Expense:
- Program Services: $191,769
- Management & General: $103,260

Arizona Perinatal Trust
Certified Hospitals

Level IHBC
Whiteriver USPHS Indian Hospital – Whiteriver, Arizona

Level I
Abrazo Central Campus – Phoenix, Arizona
Banner Payson Medical Center – Payson, Arizona
Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital – Nogales, Arizona
Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center – Globe, Arizona
Havasu Regional Medical Center – Lake Havasu, Arizona
Kingman Regional Medical Center – Kingman, Arizona
Phoenix Indian Medical Center – Phoenix, Arizona
Verde Valley Medical Center – Cottonwood, Arizona
Western Arizona Regional Medical Center – Bullhead City, Arizona

Level II
Abrazo Scottsdale Campus – Phoenix, Arizona
Abrazo West Campus – Goodyear, Arizona
Banner Casa Grande Medical Center – Casa Grande, Arizona
Banner Del E. Webb Medical Center – Sun City West, Arizona
Banner Gateway Medical Center – Gilbert, Arizona
Banner Ironwood Medical Center – San Tan Valley, Arizona
Canyon Vista Medical Center – Sierra Vista, Arizona
HonorHealth – Scottsdale Osborn Medical Center – Scottsdale, Arizona
Mercy Gilbert Medical Center – Gilbert, Arizona
Mountain Vista Medical Center – Mesa, Arizona
Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center – Show Low, Arizona
Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation – Tuba City, Arizona
Yavapai Regional Medical Center – East Campus – Prescott Valley, Arizona

Level IIE
Abrazo Arrowhead Campus – Glendale, Arizona
Banner Estrella Medical Center – Phoenix, Arizona
Carondelet St. Joseph’s Hospital – Tucson, Arizona
Chandler Regional Medical Center – Chandler, Arizona
Flagstaff Medical Center – Flagstaff, Arizona
Northwest Medical Center – Tucson, Arizona
Yuma Regional Medical Center – Yuma, Arizona

Level III
Banner Desert/Cardon Children’s Medical Center – Mesa, Arizona
Banner Thunderbird Medical Center – Glendale, Arizona
Banner University Medical Center – Phoenix, Arizona
Banner University Medical Center – Tucson, Arizona
Honor Health—Scottsdale Shea Medical Center – Scottsdale, Arizona
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