



# CASA GRANDE ALLIANCE

## October 17, 2022 Meeting

### Agenda and Meeting Materials

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Greetings all,

The next meeting of the Casa Grande Alliance will be **Monday, October 17, 2022, at 1:00 pm**. To register for the meeting, please click on [REGISTER FOR THE MEETING](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

#### [Casa Grande Alliance Meeting Agenda for October 17, 2022](#)

#### **PLEASE JOIN US! Community Wellness Fair - October 22, 9 to Noon, CGMS Gym**

Last week, we met with CGESD leadership and decided to work together on hosting the Community Wellness Fair. In addition, Sun Life is exploring the possibility of conducting an immunization clinic (Covid and Flu). We have also connected with the Faith Alliance and are exploring the possibility of adding a blood drive as well. **Please sign up below if you are interested in participating as an exhibitor. THANKS!**

CASA GRANDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #4

# Community Wellness Fair

REGISTRATION FORM

OCTOBER 28, 2022 9AM - 12

CASA GRANDE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

CASA GRANDE ALLIANCE

[Community Wellness Fair Exhibitor Sign Up](#)

# Community WELLNESS FAIR

CGMS Gym & Parking Lot - 260 W. McMurray Blvd

## JOIN US FOR

- On Site Flu Shots and Vaccines
- Animal Adoptions
- Food Trucks
- Kids Crafts & Activities



**Date: October 22, 2022**

**Time: 9 AM - 12 PM**

### VENDORS INCLUDE:

Sun Life, Pinal County Health Dept,  
Rural Arizona Engagement,  
Casa Grande Alliance, & more!



Sun Life Health  
HEALTH STARTS HERE



PINAL COUNTY  
PUBLIC HEALTH



OCTOBER 29TH 2022

DEA NATIONAL <sup>Rx</sup>  
**TAKEBACK**

10AM - 2PM



Turn in unneeded  
medication for safe disposal.

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CASA GRANDE, AZ 85122



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# POSITIVELY IMPACT THE LIVES OF CASA GRANDE YOUTH? BECOME A THRIVE FACILITATOR!

This year, the THRIVE - A Resilience Program for Teens will be delivered to over 700 eighth grade students in Casa Grande. We seek community volunteers with a passion for service to , and we need your help facilitating! THRIVE is an evidence-informed resilience program designed to give students the encouragement, training & resources they need to *thrive*. The program helps students set goals, overcome adversity, and deal with stressors.

## **FACILITATOR REQUIREMENTS & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Must be 18 years or older
- Successfully complete 2-day Training of Trainers (TOT) certification class
- Commit 2 hours/week to help facilitate 9 engaging, weekly sessions
- Satisfy program background check requirements
- Create a safe, stable, and nurturing relationship with students

**MANDATORY TOT DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER** at the Casa Grande Alliance office. **IF INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE FACILITATION TEAM**, please contact Mike at [mike.wagner@cgesd.org](mailto:mike.wagner@cgesd.org)

Have  
you  
taken  
the  
2022



Community  
Health Needs  
Assessment?



Sun Life Health



PINAL COUNTY



Banner  
Health.

# ARE YOU READY TO SERVE?



- Be a Mentor?*
- Lead a play?*
- Help with homework?*
- Be a friend?*
- Create murals?*
- Provide a spark?*
- Start a movement?*
- Create poetry and spoken word?*
- Lead arts and crafts?*
- Tutor math?*
- Guide and empower youth?*
- Share a special skill/hobby?*
- Build relationships with youth?*
- Change your community?*

## APPLY TODAY TO BE A YOUTH ALLIANCE CORPS MEMBER

Please email resume to [cgadirector@gmail.com](mailto:cgadirector@gmail.com) or call (520) 836-5022 for more information.

**ACTIVITIES:** Engage middle school youth in training/mentoring related to college and career preparation. • Implement effective youth engagement and voice strategies. • Works with team to establish a school-based and community-wide Youth Alliance chapters. • Work directly with Coalition, youth and other community members. • Develop and implement youth-led engagement, voice, prevention and community activities. • Deliver high interest and engaging after school programming to middle school students. • Create meaningful experiences for volunteers. • Learn to write grants. • Learn valuable leadership and teaming skills.

**ELIGIBILITY:** US Citizen or legal resident. • 17 years and older. • Secure Level 1 Fingerprint Clearance Card

**BENEFITS:** Serve about 10 hours a week (afterschool, Fridays and Saturdays). • Earn about \$2,800 over 30 weeks. • Earn an educational scholarship of \$1,374.60. • Make a difference in your community!

AmeriCorps bridges divides by bringing people together to help communities tackle their toughest challenges.



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CASA GRANDE  
ALLIANCE

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| (520) 836-5022

| [casagrandealliance.com](http://casagrandealliance.com)



WOMEN - MEN - CHILDREN



DESERVE TO LIVE IN A VIOLENCE FREE HOME

# STOP THE VIOLENCE - END THE SILENCE PAINT PINAL PURPLE

Show your support to victims of domestic violence by lighting up your business or organization purple during the month of October.

TOP 10 winners will be recognized on Social Media, and the TOP 3 will be recognized in front of the Board of Supervisors by County Attorney, Kent Volkmer.



## PAINT PINAL PURPLE THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

EMAIL THE NAME OF YOUR BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION & A PICTURE TO:  
[Latisha.joseph@pinal.gov](mailto:Latisha.joseph@pinal.gov)



### PRESENTATIONS

**Connecting the Dots to Trauma Informed Care**  
Gordon Freeman Brown, Arizona PBS

**(32:10)**  
**Casa Grande Union High School Override Continuation Election**  
Dr. Matt Strom, CGUHSD

**CASA GRANDE ALLIANCE  
MEETING NOTES  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**

### ONLINE

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#### **Meeting Notes**

##### **Presentation**

##### **Connecting the Dots Between Developmentally Appropriate and Trauma Informed Practices in Early Childhood (see video above)**

Gordon Freeman Brown, Senior Coordinator, Arizona PBS Education and Community Impact and Regional Coordinator, Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Registry

##### **Business**

##### **CGUHSD Override, Dr. Matthew Strom (see video above)**

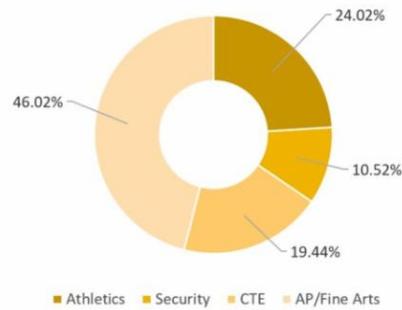
#### **CGUHSD OVERRIDE FAQ**

- **What is an override?** An override allows local support for a local school district to provide additional funding for operating costs.
- **Why is the district asking local voters to continue the override?** In order to continue local support for a local school district, state statute requires local voter approval every five years. Without renewal of the override the funding is decreased in years six and seven.
- **Has the district been operating under an override?** Casa Grande Union High School District has been operating under a locally supported override since SY 2005.
- **What is the effect of the continuation of the override on my taxes?** A home that has a limited property value of \$223,000 (market value of approximately \$530,000) is estimated to pay \$107 per year, or \$9 monthly, to provide this local support. Refer to the voter pamphlet.

SY 2022 Override Spending By Category

**Continuing Local Support through the M&O Override will:**

- Keep Local Support for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students in Place Since SY 2005
- Aide in Security Staffing for School Sites
- Attract and Retain High Quality Staff
- Continue Extracurricular Programming in Fine Arts, Performing Arts and Athletics
- Support Educational Programming in Advanced Placement and Career and Technical Education



**Community Wellness Resource Fair, Promenade Mall, Saturday October 22**

After the positive discussion at the August meeting, the Promenade Mall management company was contacted about using an area of their parking lot for a location. No word back yet. Also, Sun Life is on board with offering a immunization clinic (Covid and Flu) and will see if they can put together the personnel.

**September National Recovery Month Posts**

Everyone was encouraged to post the National Recovery Month posts that were shared earlier in the month.

**Thrive Call for Community Facilitators**

The Casa Grande Alliance VISTA project in partnership with the Arizona National Guard Counterdrug Taskforce will be coordinating the delivery of Thrive – A Resilience Program for Teens again in the eighth-grade classrooms at Cactus, CGMS, and Villago Middle Schools. We are seeking volunteer facilitators that will be participate in facilitation training and then schedule to deliver the trainings over the course of 8 weeks.

We also seek donors to help cover the cost of the student workbooks (about \$7,000).

**If you can help with either, please contact Bob**

**DEA Drug Take Back – October 29, 10 am to 2 pm – Arizona DPS Office – 410 W. Centennial Boulevard**

We will be providing goody bags for the Take Back scheduled for Saturday, October 29. If you are interested in putting anything in the goody bag, please bring 50 items to give away to the CGA Office by October 27.

**Announcements**

Elfida Telles from JO Combs shared the Footsteps2Brilliance program (see flyer above)

Holly Valdez-Bizon from Against Abuse shared the Paint Pinal Purple concept and flyer (above)

Matthew Herst from the County Attorney’s Office shared:

- Sextortion Film – Saturday, September 17
- DV Kick Off – October 3 @ 5 pm at the County Attorney’s Office
- DV Walk – October 15 @ 7 am at Prospector Park in AJ

**Next Meeting**

**Monday, October 10, 2022 at 1:00 PM**



**Watch the film trailer!**

**PBS three-part look at the production and devastating effects of fentanyl**  
Illicit use of the synthetic opioid painkiller has ravaged the United States, with Mexican drug cartels now seeing huge profits.

[A secret look at a Mexican cartel's low-tech, multimillion-dollar fentanyl operation](#)

[How smugglers move fentanyl over the southern border](#)

[Ordinary people take law into their own hands near the border](#)



The Rise in Fentanyl

## Phelicia's Story - Revised



The Rise In Fentanyl

## Rita Ann's Story



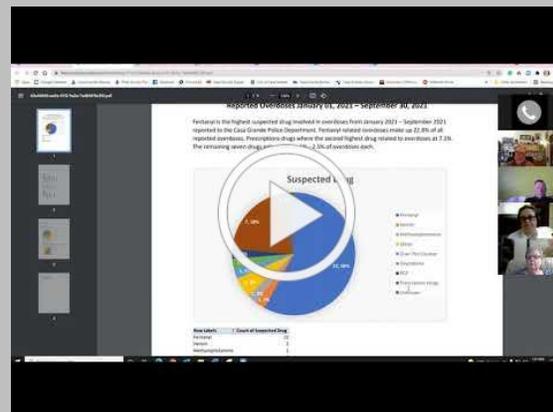
The Rise in Fentanyl

## Micah Powell's Story

**NOVEMBER PRESENTATION  
CASA GRANDE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

**Deputy Chief Leos**

[Casa Grande Police  
Department - 2021 Overdose  
Data through September 30](#)



**October 18 Presentation  
KIDS AT HOPE**

**Pinal County Juvenile Court Services  
Adrianna Carrasco**

Debra Aguero  
Malinda LeGrand



Handouts:  
[The Science Behind Kids At Hope](#)

[Thoughts About Kids At Hope](#)  
-- Rick Miller, Founder  
[Kids at Hope: Three Truths and Five Practices](#)

# One Pill Can Kill!

Get facts on fentanyl



Substance Abuse  
Coalition Leaders  
of Arizona

[OpioidOD.com](#)

## SACLaz Fentanyl Toolkit

Substance use prevention coalitions from across Arizona are working together in a first-of-its-kind effort to save lives in Arizona. With the alarming rise of fentanyl and counterfeit pill deaths, coalition leaders created a toolkit to aid communities in preventing and reversing overdoses. The toolkit contains educational materials and resources that can be customized for each community the coalition serves.

[TOOLKIT RESOURCES](#)

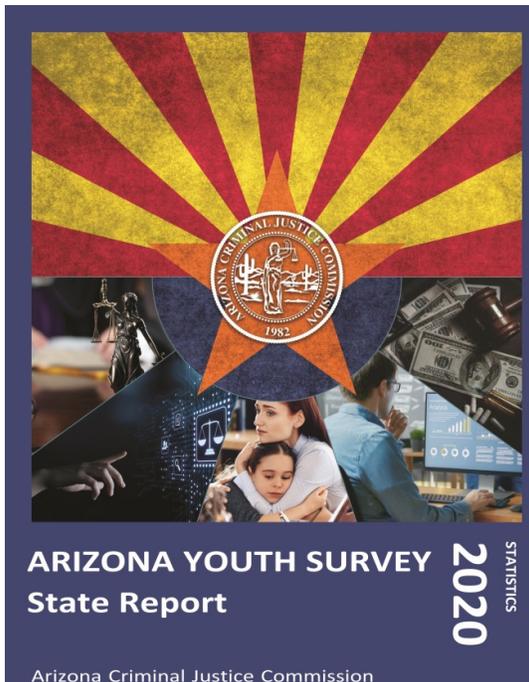
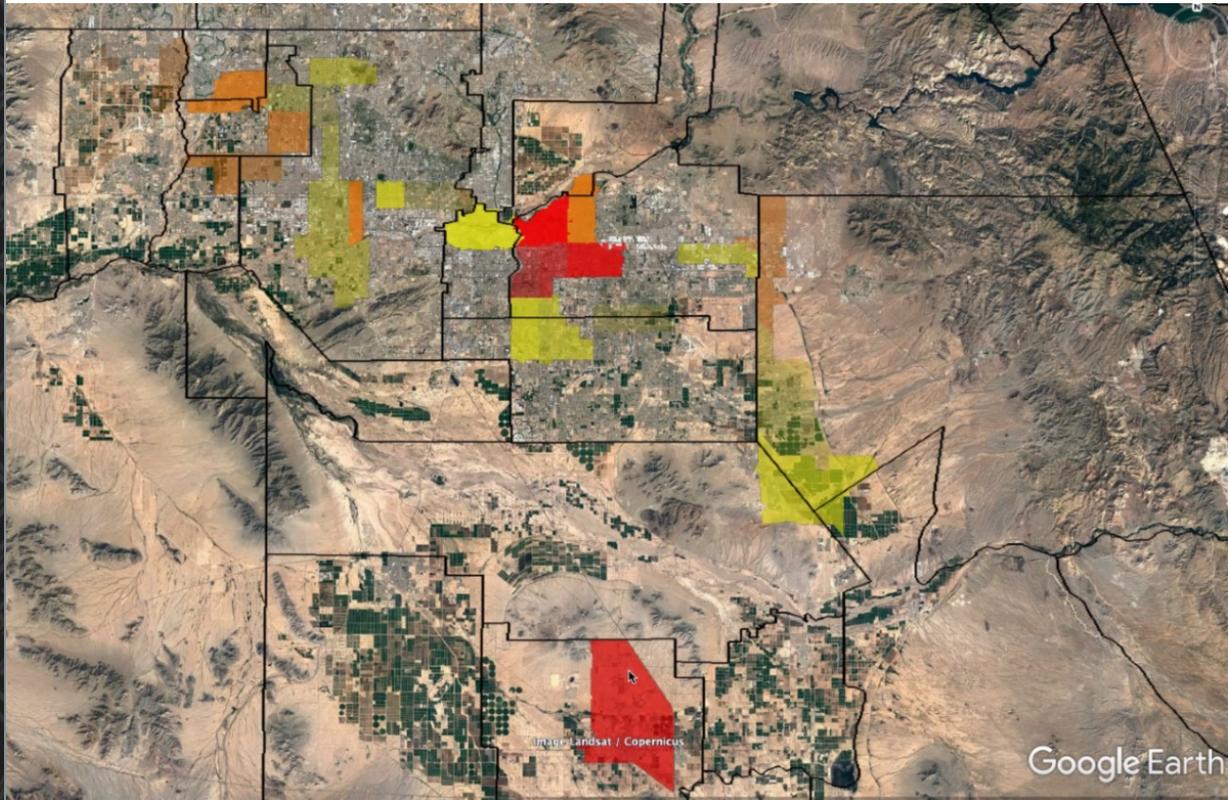
The Best  
Explanation  
of  
Addiction  
-Dr. Gabor Mate



## Heat Map of Overdose Data and Coalitions in Arizona: Sgt. Nolan Fitch

Sgt. Nolan Fitch, Arizona National Guard Counterdrug Taskforce has created a "heat map" of Arizona of overdose data and the locations of substance abuse coalitions, which provide support to those communities. The map can also show where the Thrive Curriculum is being provided and what the

Arizona Youth Survey (AYS) data shows for each community through 2018 by grade level. (When the 2020 data is available it will be entered onto the map.) Locations of marijuana facilities, population size, and zip codes are all part of the map. This map is not available to the general public. It is strategically designed to counter drug use and for better distribution of law enforcement resources.



## ARIZONA YOUTH SURVEY STATE REPORT 2020

The Arizona Youth Survey (AYS) was administered to a statewide sample of 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students under the direction of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission's Statistical Analysis Center in partnership with Arizona State University's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Arizona Revised Statute §41- 2416 requires the Commission to conduct a statewide substance abuse survey when monies are specifically appropriated to do so. The Commission administers the AYS every two years in fulfillment of this requirement.

[Download the 2020 AYS Report](#)

**Mission:** Through collaboration with key community stakeholders, the Alliance works to reduce substance misuse disorder and violence in the Casa Grande area through policy development, prevention, and education.

**JOIN THE ALLIANCE: CASA GRANDE ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP AFFIRMATION**

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

- Arizona Department of Public Safety
- Casa Grande Fire Department

- Casa Grande Police Department
- Casa Grande Daybreak Rotary
- Casa Grande Elementary School District
- CBI
- Celebrate Recovery
- Child and Family Resources
- Community Medical Services
- DES/Rehabilitation Services Administration
- Fidelity Investigative Services, LLC
- George Hart Counseling
- Helping Associates Inc
- Hope Medical Clinic
- Horizon Health and Wellness
- Northern Arizona University, Civic Service Institute
- Molina Complete Care
- Oxford House
- Pinal County Adult Probation
- Pinal County Attorney's Office
- Pinal County Juvenile Court Services
- Pinal County Public Health Services District
- Pinal County Sheriff's Office
- Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens
- Redemption Church of Casa Grande
- Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center Phoenix
- Schaider Consulting
- Seeds of Hope, Inc
- Sun Life Family Health Center
- Teen Challenge-Home of Hope
- The River Source
- Transition Living Center Recovery (TLCR)
- Trinity SBC
- Zonta Club of Casa Grande Valley

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