



PINAL COUNTY WELLNESS ALLIANCE

Focus on Reentry

Greetings all!

The next meeting of the Pinal County Wellness Alliance will be held on October 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. Next week's meeting will focus on reentry. Presenters will include Teresa Fuller, the new Reentry Division Manager for Pinal County Adult Probation and Rudy Trinidad, Pima County Adult Probation.

If you have any other thoughts or suggestions for additional agenda items, please communicate with Kent or Bob. Thanks!

MEETING REGISTRATION - Tuesday, October 25, 2022

To register for the meeting, please register at this [ZOOM Registration Link](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

WRITTEN UPDATES

Please feel free to share your written updates and announcements by noon on Monday- [WRITTEN UPDATE LINK](#). Thanks!

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS (Proposed)

- NOVEMBER - Housing
- DECEMBER - Mental Health and SUD



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Pinal County Wellness Alliance Meeting Notes September 27, 2022 – Focus on Youth Attendance

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Meeting Notes

Jan Vidimos with Pinal County Public Health – Arizona Youth Survey Results

Current trends

- There has been a decrease in 30-day usage of alcohol, marijuana, and tobacco use from 2020 - 2022
- There is still a lack of awareness of fentanyl and how dangerous and overused it is.
- Bullying affects students and a current study states that: 20% of children are bullied; 1 out of 5 children are bullied at school and do not feel safe
- This same study shows that 2/3 of children have at least one ACE; 1/3 of those children have adults that assault them
- 17% of students are involved in Violent acts: 40% of students have seen physical violence at home, at school, or in the community.
- 46.7 % of students have admitted that they text and drive.

How does Pinal County Health contribute to wellness?

- Help to provide opportunities for activities within schools and the community
- Partner with schools and facilitate: - Substance prevention - tobacco diversion and cessation - bullying prevention - suicide prevention and education

All programs that are run by students and sponsored by PCHD

- STAND - Students Taking A New Direction
- SADD - Students against destructive decisions
- Battle of the Belts
- Be Kind Pledge
- Vaping Prevention
- Community services (IE Smoke detection education; National Tobacco Day - Address how smoking and vaping have contributed to home fires.

PCHD currently Working on

- How do we get silos to work together
- Voices from around the county

Patricia Smith – Apache Junction School District

Current happenings and trends-

- The district was prepared and proactive when it came to coming back from the pandemic, but even as prepared as they are, they couldn't have prepared for how hard the pandemic was going to be on children.
- Some school-age supports: Difficulty with emotions and conflict resolution has led to: social workers on every school campus - Every school has partnered with Be Kind
- Child Care for students has become a huge problem with parents: - There is currently a long waitlist for centers in the area - How do we pay for child care? - Where is the support?
- The schools have decided that they need to start to empower staff to take care of their own mental health. The social workers are currently looking into helping with staff empowerment and how to get staff the resources they need

What do students have going on in their homes and outside of school?

- Bring messages to school to help support families.
- Begin parent academies for students and parents
- What concerns are there that may get in the way - help from the community to recognize these.

What needs to happen?

- Bring all our resources together to support families.
- What trends are happening with adults?
- Who, what, and when supports are being offered?
- Larger support for staff.

Elfida Telles – JO Combs Elementary School District

- Teachers and staff do not see what is going on at home with the way that the economy is going down and what those negative effects are.
- There are currently three months or more for any type of housing assistance and support.
- How can staff recognize the need for help and the signs of difficulty?

Darien Matthews - AZYP

- Students are facing short and long terms suspension due to drug and alcohol usage.
 - There is a lack of consistent care
 - There will be a rewards system set in place for students that have positive behavior and zero drug referrals
 - Practicing skills of intervention

Shelly Verley Stand Up AJ

- Purchasing Too Good For Drugs program - This will be offered on campus and at offices around AJ
- Working on insight to help prevention
- How do you engage youth and help with prevention?

Maria Johnson – Horizon Health and Wellness

What is happening with Youth wellness?

- Parents are struggling and have been giving up
- Parents are having a hard time getting the resources that they need in a timely manner
- Mental health services are more available
- Safe and Supportive schools need to be accessible.
- Shift in mindset to support mental health in adults and students
- Support resilience empowerment projects to support students.
- Build knowledge of staff and adults serving youth.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Randolph Community Clean-Up



PINAL COUNTY
WIDE OPEN OPPORTUNITY

Please join us to help with this service clean-up project to serve a community in need of assistance.

Event Details

When: October 22nd

Time: 7am - 12pm

Location: Randolph Church

3846 N. Kennedy St
Coolidge, AZ

This clean-up will focus on trash collection in the community and assisting senior citizens with trash pick-up. Pinal County will provide all cleaning supplies, materials, snacks, and water.



Volunteers
Needed

Have questions or want to volunteer, please call:
Mike Cruz (520) 866-7402



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Phelicia's Story

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Rita Anne's Story



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Mayor Micah Powell's Story



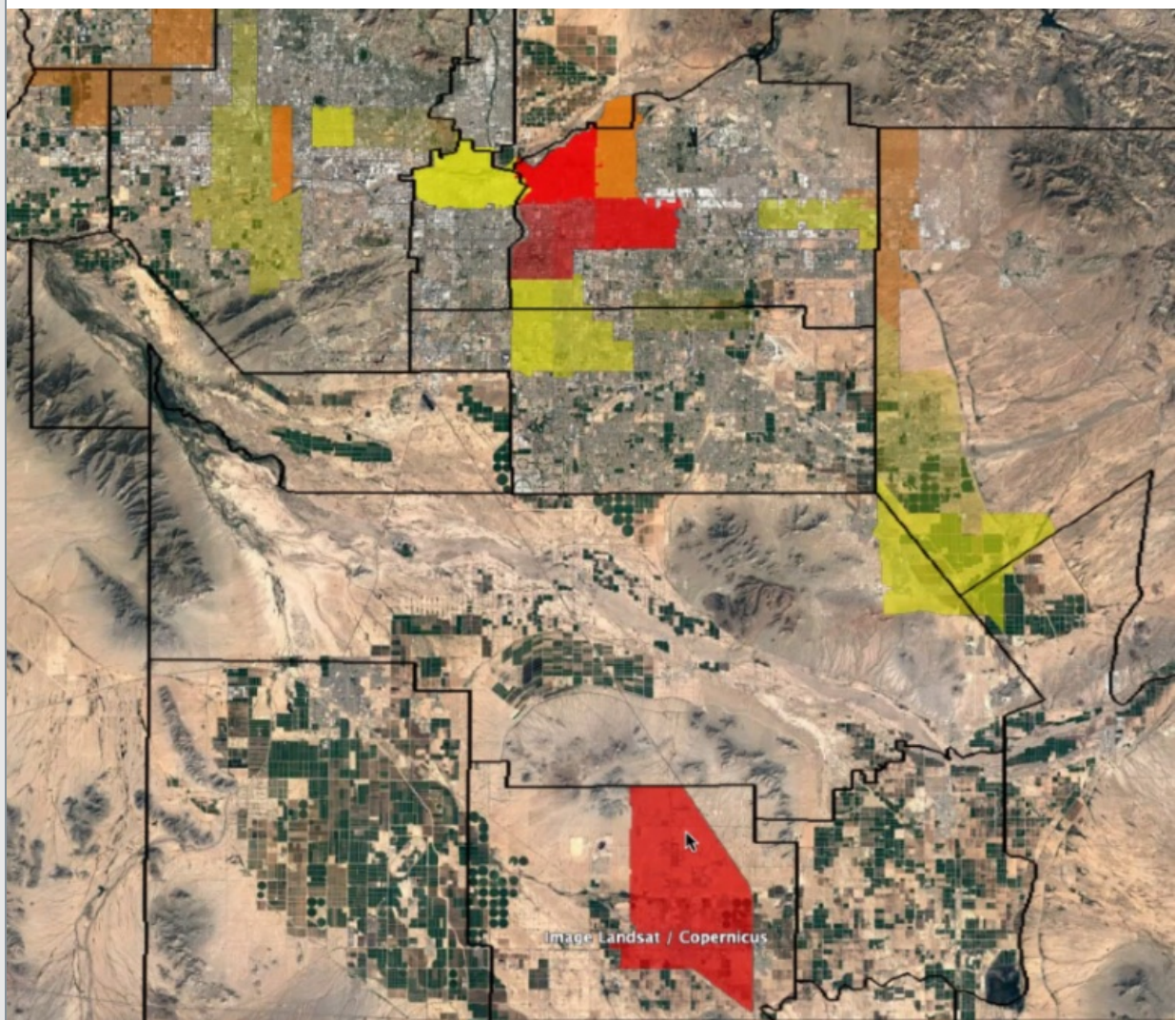
PBS three-part look at the production and devastating effects of fentanyl

Illicit use of the synthetic opioid painkiller has ravaged the United States, with Mexican drug cartels now seeing huge profits.

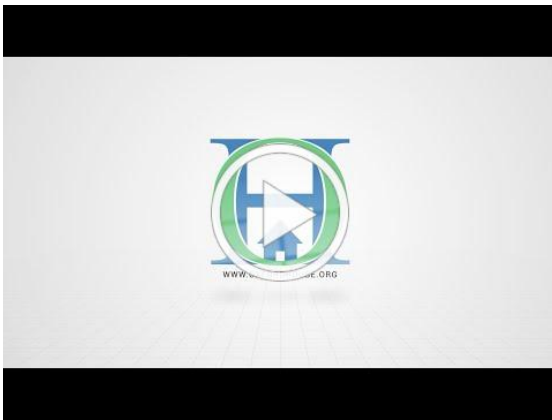
[A secret look at a Mexican cartel's low-tech, multimillion-dollar fentanyl operation](#)

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

[Fentanyl is making its way into various drugs sold in the U.S. Here's how it gets there](#)



THE MOST RECENT HEAT MAP OF ARIZONA DEVELOPED BY THE ARIZONA NATIONAL GUARD COUNTERDRUG TASK FORCE REVEALS THAT MESA AND CASA GRANDE ARE HOT SPOTS!



OxfordHOUSE
PROGRESS RATHER THAN PERFECTION

Oxford House: The History, Structure & Success

Filmed in 2020, this video can serve to inform those in the community who want to know more about how Oxford House works and why it is so successful.

One Pill Can Kill!

Get facts on fentanyl



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](#)

[Pinal County Wellness Alliance Charter](#)

Our Purpose: The Pinal County Wellness Alliance is committed to improving the quality of life for our communities, through serving as a resource to better communicate, coordinate and collaboratively work to address issues that bring people into the social support and criminal justice systems, and to develop and strengthen individual and community resilience. [Become a voting member.](#)

Wellness Alliance Members

- **Against Abuse, Inc.**
- **Amestades/Pinal Hispanic Council**
- **Arizona Complete Health**
- **Arizona Youth Partnership**
- **Casa Grande Alliance**
- **Child Care Resource and Referral**
- **Community Health Associates**
- **Coolidge Youth Coalition**
- **HOHP**
- **Hope Medical Clinic LLC**
- **Horizon Health and Wellness**
- **Intensive Treatment Systems**

- *Intermountain Centers*
- *La Frontera AZ EMPACT-SPC*
- *Mercy Care*
- *Molina Health Care*
- *Oxford House, Inc.*
- *Quiet Waters Maternity Spa*
- *Pinal County Adult Probation*
- *Pinal County Attorney's Office*
- *Pinal County Coalition for Schools*
- *Pinal County Public Health*
- *Pinal County Public Housing*
- *Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens*
- *Southwest Fair Housing Council*
- *StandUP AJ*
- *UA - Arizona Center for Rural Health*
- *UA - Pinal County Cooperative Extension*

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