2016 Year In Review

LEGISLATION, POLICY, AND ACTION

Young Adult Leadership Board members created and published their 2016 Advocacy Document highlighting their top five priority issues and recommendations for positive improvements for young people in foster care. The Advocacy Document was presented to members of the Arizona Legislature, Supreme Court Committee on Juvenile Courts and the Department of Child Safety (DCS) Community Advisory Board.

8,200

INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED OUR ADVOCACY DOCUMENT VIA EMAIL, WORKSHOPS, PANELS & COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

90

ARIZONA LEGISLATORS RECEIVED OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

Board Members testified in the Arizona House of Representatives’ Children and Family Affairs Committee on the importance of normalcy in foster care and the needs of older youth in care that are essential for life success.

Board Members helped create the new Department of Child Safety Foster Home Licensing Rules providing invaluable input on what “normalcy” means for young people in foster care. They also informed content for required trainings on normalcy for an estimated 12,279 people* including foster families, group home staff, and licensing agency employees.

Board Members created and starred in an educational video on the Federal Strengthening Families Act and its impact on normalcy in Arizona foster care. The video was shared with hundreds of individuals in trainings, workshops, and presentations as well as viewed 443 times on YouTube.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT
Young Adult Leadership Board Members presented to 1,083 attendees at convenings, workshops, and panel discussions. They provided valuable information on federal and state laws and policies supporting successful transitions from foster care.

OPPORTUNITY PASSPORT™
Beginning in 2015, the Opportunity Passport™ program delivered 950 participant training hours to youth in foster care. Topics included asset building, money management, credit building, savings and investments, transportation, housing and education planning.

Since implementation, 41 Opportunity Passport™ participants saved $68,335 and were matched for a total of $136,665 to help pay for life-changing assets such as a vehicle, first month’s rent and deposit, and required school supplies and textbooks.

Credit Building: $3,256
Housing: $10,570
Education and Training: $9,074
Savings and Investments: $45,900
Vehicles and Transportation: $67,865

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT
Website growth rose to almost 20,000 pageviews. The Resource Library and FAAZ Blog were among the most visited sections in 2016.

19,978
PAGEVIEWS IN 2016

9,989
VISITORS TO FOSTERINGADVOCATESAZ.ORG

2,800
AVERAGE WEEKLY FACEBOOK REACH OF PEOPLE ENGAGING WITH FAAZ

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