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2013-2020

Led by the voices of young people who have experienced foster care, Fostering Advocates Arizona (FAAZ) is a community wide initiative that connects young adults with the information, resources and support they need to be successful.

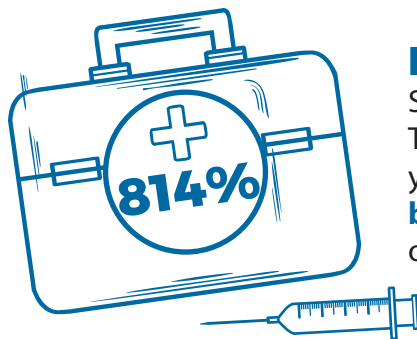
POLICY & PRACTICE

Through collaborations with the Department of Child Safety, the courts, community partners and lawmakers, FAAZ equips young people with the experience, leadership skills and the tools they need to be change makers in society.

EXTENDED FOSTER CARE

Supported the passage of 2019 legislation and positive changes to Department of Child Safety practices that provides more resources and constructive supports for young people aging out of foster care. **Impacting more than 900 young people each year.**

**900
YOUNG
PEOPLE**



HEALTHCARE

Spearheaded improvements to the AHCCCS Young Adult Transitional Insurance (YATI) enrollment processes for youth aging out of foster care, **Increased enrollment by 814% in 6 years** from 332 in 1/1/14 to 3,034 on 1/1/20.

EDUCATION

Supported legislation and collaborated with community stakeholders to establish Arizona Tuition Waivers for foster youth at Arizona's public universities and community colleges. **Over \$1.2 million in tuition has been waived since 2014.**



**OVER \$1.2
MILLION IN
TUITION WAIVERS**



**OVER
6,500
FOSTER FAMILIES
SUPPORT NORMALCY**

NORMALCY

Partnered with the Department of Child Safety and service providers to improve foster home licensing requirements, training, and policy and procedures, to allow youth in foster care more opportunities for normal childhood experiences, such as hanging out with friends, getting a drivers license, and attending school dances. **Over 6,500 foster families and 120 group homes have been trained** to support normalcy since 2015.

A powerful voice and influencer of policy, practice and legislation, FAAZ has increased access to education, employment, family connections, financial capability, healthcare, housing, and transportation for young people aging out of foster care.

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ENGAGEMENT

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has become Arizona's #1 resource hub for young adults aging out of foster care. **Averaging nearly 20,000 pageviews** per year, caregivers, community providers and young people have quick access to the information, support and tools they need. With **over 6,000 New Users every year, web traffic is at 90,000 pageviews and rising!**



**5,000
REACH**

REACH

FAAZ Young Adult Leaders provided over **110 presentations trainings and workshops since 2015** educating and engaging nearly 5,000 people.



SOCIAL

Facebook following continues to grow! Increase of 50% with **1,077 page likes** and **1,179 followers!**

FINANCIAL CAPABILITY



FAAZ champions the financial wellbeing of young people by sustaining Opportunity Passport™, a financial literacy and match-savings program.



MATCHES

Since implementation in 2015, **129 Opportunity Passport™ participants saved \$267,238** and were matched for a total of **\$529,048 to invest in life-changing assets.**

ASSETS

Assets purchased: **Vehicle 33%, Housing 24%, Investments 15%, Education & Training 13%, Health & Wellbeing 8%, Credit Building 6%, Microenterprise 1%**

