

Creating an Statewide System of Family Support

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Vision: Families have what they need, when they need it.



What **problem** are we trying to solve?

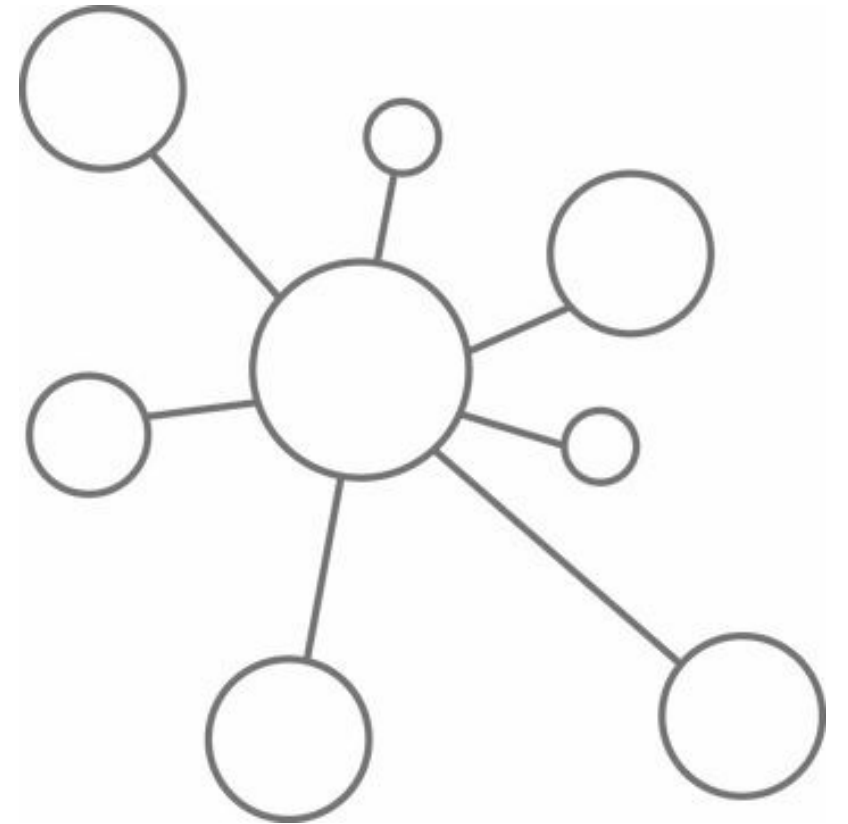
Families are overwhelmed and under-resourced.

- **Providers** don't know where to refer families
- **Families** don't know where to access resources
- **Overreliance** on the **Department of Child Safety**
- **Isolated attempts to coordinate**
- **Inefficient dissemination** of resources to those in need



Solution:

Create a “hub and spoke” **statewide system of family support** founded on **Family Resource Centers.**



Family Resource Centers (FRCs)

Welcoming community hubs where families can access formal and informal supports, both in times of need and as a part of regular day-to-day life.

FRCs:

- are **place-based**
- offer **information, resources, and referrals**
- offer **parenting support**
- provide opportunities for families to build **social connections**

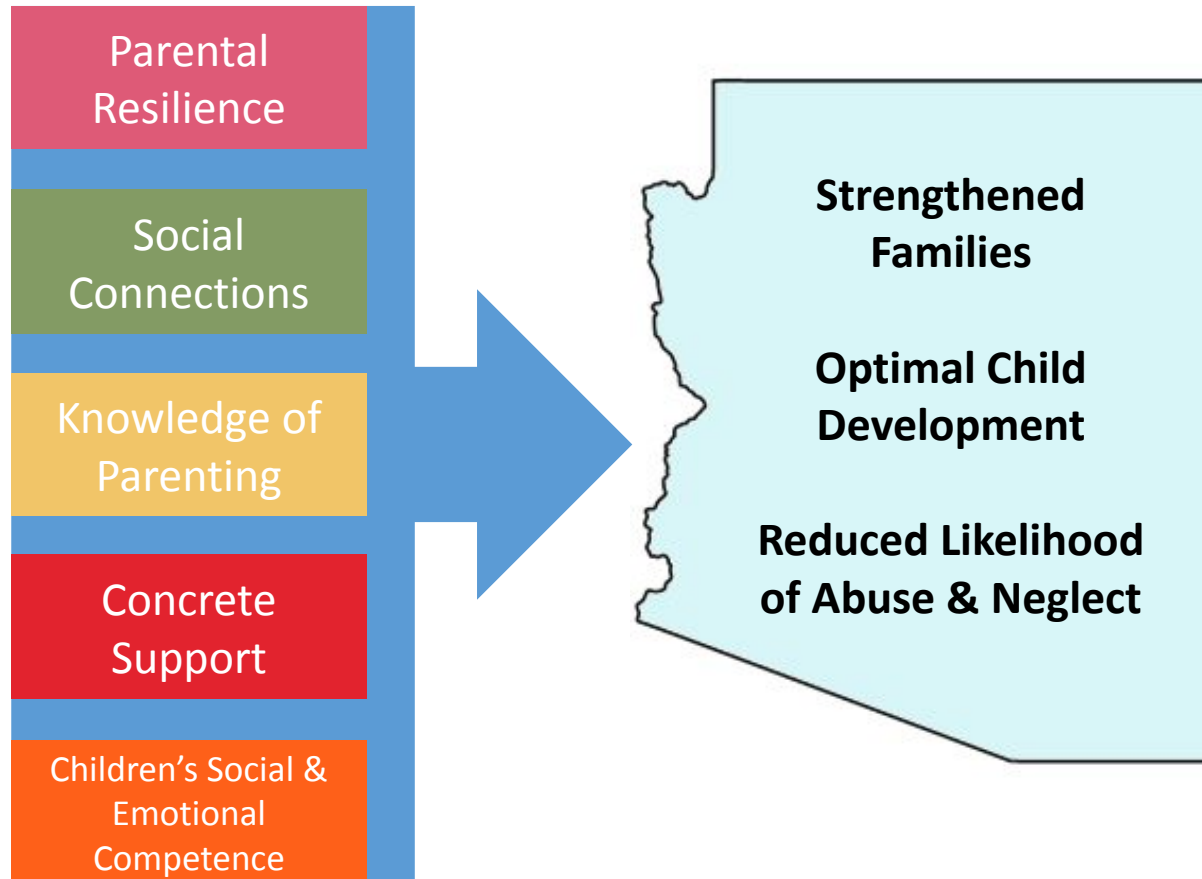


Why focus on **FRCs**?

- FRCs are **hubs** - they **simplify resource navigation**
- FRCs are **community-based**, and **responsive** to the needs of families.
- FRCs are designed to be **universal** – because every family needs support sometimes.



The Protective Factors Framework



What **outcomes** do FRCs achieve?

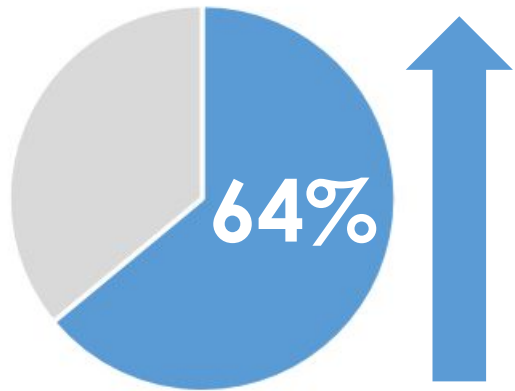
According to studies conducted in other states, FRCs produce:

- **\$4.93 social return on investment** for every dollar invested
- **\$3.65 in savings** for the child welfare system for every dollar invested
- **63% reduction in child abuse cases**
- **50% reduction** of placements of children in **foster care**
- **26% lower rates** of community-level child abuse investigations

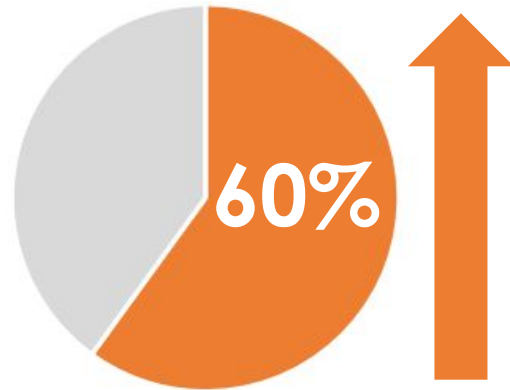


Impact

- First Things First funds **\$9 Million** to support **48 FRCs**
- These FRCs served **21,325 families** in FY2024



Parental Resilience



Social Connections



Uplifting FRCs in AZ





MISSION: To strengthen and connect Family Resource Centers to support Arizona families.

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Connected to the **National Family Support Network**

Guided by **Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support**

FRC Pathway Team

Primary goal:

Develop a robust, comprehensive, and sustainable system of FRCs accessible to all families with children age 0 – 17 across the state.



The Plan

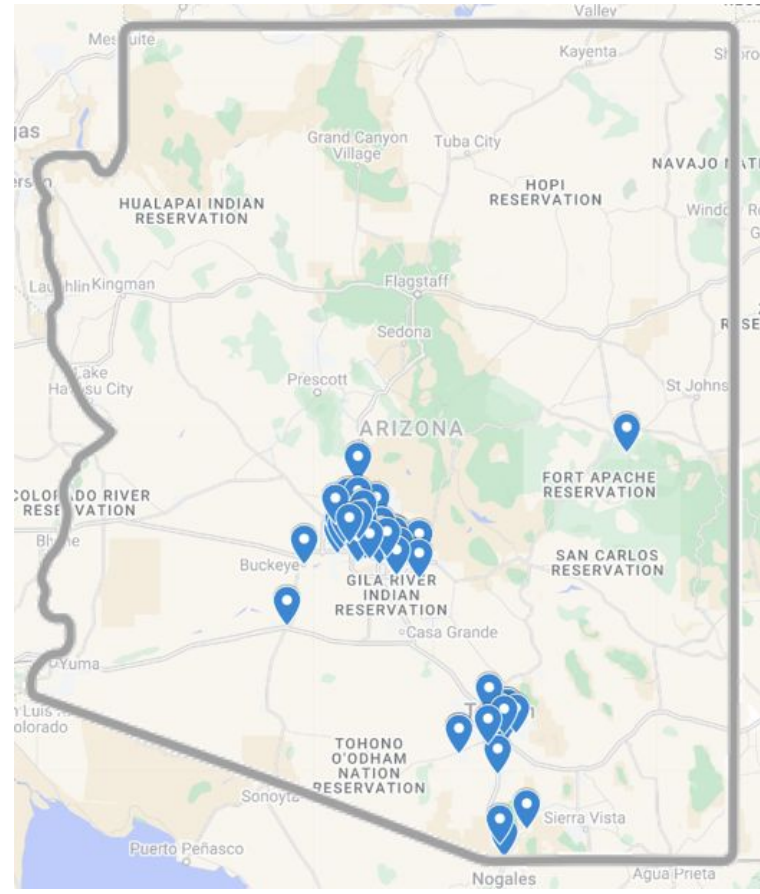
- Strategy 1: **Identify What We Have**
- Strategy 2: **Identify What We Need**
- Strategy 3: **Raise Awareness of FRCs**
- Strategy 4: **Identify sources of funding to build FRC capacity**
- Strategy 5: **Support and expand AZFRN**
- Strategy 6: **Explore connection to other initiatives and strategies**



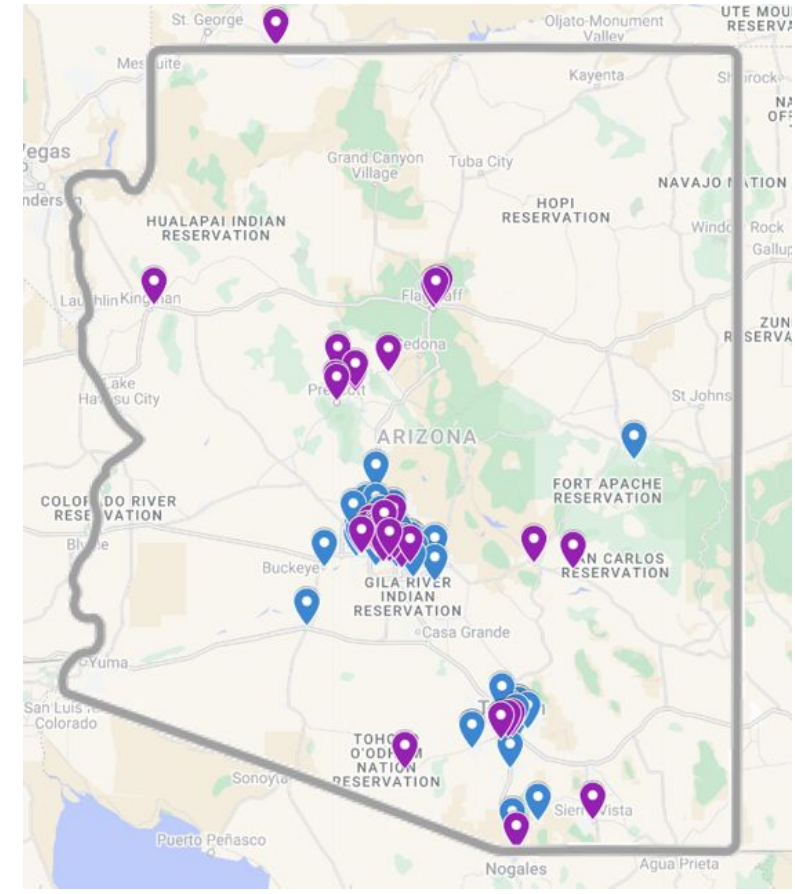
Current Arizona Landscape



FRCs



Near-FRCs



Our To Do List

- Develop **FRCs in rural counties**
- Expand FRCs to **serve all ages**
- **Advocate** and raise **awareness**
- Create **Website locating FRCs**
- Create **FRC Wish List** site
- Add FRC site to **Mandated Reporter Training**
- Continue to support **AZFRN**



Your Role

- **Contribute to an FRC's Wish List**
- **Sponsor the AZFRN Conference**
- **Connect to your local FRC**

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Thank you!



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