



Phoenix Police Department

Hoops for Hope

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My name is Jen Moore and I have been a police officer serving the citizens of Phoenix for eight years, assigned to the Homeland Defense Bureau. I, along with other Phoenix Police Officers are offering our Hoops 4 Hope 7th Annual free five-day basketball camp for underprivileged girls ages 13 to 17 in the Phoenix area. The five-day camp is tentatively set for July 27th-31st, 2015.

As you know, I am the coordinator of this event and I am seeking your continued support and assistance of any kind. Every year for our camp U.S. Armor generously provided a monetary donation which completely covered the cost of the participants camp T-shirts. This cost is the main cost to cover for our camp and is vital because this allows the girls to have a keepsake and a small memento of a great accomplishment and experiences.

You have seen us grow through the years and have been with us every step of the way. Hoops 4 Hope has developed into more than just a basketball camp. It has also become an ongoing outreach mentorship program for this targeted population group throughout the city of Phoenix. There are many different aspects to the program: community outreach, volunteer service, enrichment events and much more.

A look at the real-world statistics on the following pages will point out just how valuable and necessary this program will be in keeping these young ladies from becoming one of these very statistics. Attached is a brief fact sheet explaining some of the challenges and life-altering events these young ladies encounter on a daily basis. Your generous offerings are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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In an assessment compiled by Arizona Department of Health Services, Department of Health and Human services, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, World Health Organization and Arizona Vital Statistics:

Teen pregnancy/Sexually transmitted diseases (STD's): Data from 9th through 12th grade students one or more times.



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- Arizona's teen birth rate is higher than the national average despite decreases since 1998.
- Arizona Youth Risk Behavior Survey reported in grades 9 through 12: 48.5% have had sexual intercourse.
- 2013 pregnancies for females 19 or younger: 8,715
- 2013 % rates by race/ethnicity: White non-Hispanic: 2.8% ; Hispanic/Latino: 9.7%; Black/African American: 8.4%; American Indian/Alaska Native: 12.2%; Asian/Pacific Islander 1.6%
- In 2010: 8,453 reports of chlamydia among 10-19 year olds.
- In 2010: chlamydia, gonorrhea and herpes are more frequently diagnosed among females than in young males.

Teen Dating Violence/ Bullying: Data from 9th through 12th grade students one or more times.

- Dating Violence has long-term and short-term effects. Many teens do not report it because they are afraid to tell family and friends.
- Roughly 9% of high school students report being: hit, slapped or physically hurt on purpose.
- Between 1,500 and 2,000 women are murdered each year by their current or former partners (FBI).
- Youth victims likely to experience: depression & anxiety; use drugs, alcohol, tobacco, antisocial behaviors and think about suicide.
- Nature of violence: Physical, Psychological/Emotional, Sexual, Stalking.
- 2013 Trends: 17.9% Carried a weapon; 5.5% Carried a gun; 5.2% Carried a weapon on school property; 6.9% threatened or injured with weapon on school property; 24.7% were in a physical fight one or more times.
- 7.1% missed school because they felt unsafe at school/to –from school.
- 14.8% Electronically bullied
- 19.6% Bullied on school property.
- 7.3% Physically forced to have sexual intercourse

Suicide/ Related Behaviors: Data from 9th through 12th grade students one or more times.

- 2013 risk behaviors: 17% seriously considered attempting suicide; 13.6% made a plan on how to commit suicide; 8% attempted suicide; 2.7% attempted suicide that resulted in injury, poisoning or overdose.



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- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among 15-29 year olds in 2012.
- 2009-2013: Arizona had more than 5,500 suicides, 2,000 homicides and 900 undetermined deaths.
- Arizona's suicide rate is 39% higher than the national average of 17.1 suicides per 100,000 people.

Drugs/Gangs/Dropouts: Data from 9th through 12th grade students one or more times.

- 2013: 40.7% used marijuana; 8.6% tried marijuana before 13 years; 23.4% currently use marijuana; 5.5% used cocaine; 7.1% used hallucinogenic drugs (LSD, acid, PCP, angel dust, mescaline or mushrooms); 8.9% used inhalants (sniffed glue, aerosol spray, paints); 6.6% used ecstasy; 2.2% used heroin; 3.2% used methamphetamines; 3.2% used steroids; 1.7% injected any illegal drug; 22.1% were offered, sold or given illegal drugs on school property.
- 7.8% highest high school dropout rate for Arizona.
- Nearly 30% of gang members are girls. Most get involved between 12 and 15 years.

Weight Control: Data from 9th through 12th grade students one or more times.

- 2013: 13.7% Obese; 16.6% Overweight; 5.0% did not eat fruit or 100% fruit juices; 21.9% ate fruit or drank 100% fruit juices 3 or more times a day; 6.6% did not eat vegetables; 15.7% ate vegetables 3 or more times a day; 19.4% did not drink milk; 12.5 drank 3 or more glasses of milk a day
- 2013: 22.3% did not drink soda/pop; 11.2% drank soda/pop 3 or more times a day; 13.7% did not eat breakfast; 38.1% eats breakfast every day; 13.0% did not eat for 24+ hours to lose weight; 4.4% vomited or took laxatives to lose weight or keep from gaining weight