



## CHILDREN AFFECTED BY METHAMPHETAMINE PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA

**Lead Agency:**  
Pima County Juvenile  
Court Center

**Geographical Area and  
Congressional District  
Served:**

Pima County;  
Congressional  
Districts 7 and 8

**Federal Grant:**  
\$1.48 million/4 years

**Evaluation Design:**  
Pre-post design,  
treatment group only

**Proposed Number  
Served (4 Years):**  
Children: 463  
Adults: 370

### Project Description

The Pima County Children Affected by Methamphetamine (CAM) project is expanding and enhancing services to parents and children participating in the Pima County Family Drug Court (FDC). Families receive trauma-informed services and the entire FDC process is guided by trauma-informed policies and practices. Key elements of the CAM project include:

- ***Celebrating Families*** – a 16-week evidence-based interactive parenting program that helps families recover from the effects of substance abuse and child neglect; every family member from ages 3 through adulthood, participate in structured educational groups and activities;
- ***Trauma-focused individual therapy*** – treatment for children and parents to address the impacts of recent and past trauma;
- ***Family Case Specialists*** – provide case management, comprehensive assessment and service coordination for all family members;
- ***Recovery Support Specialists*** – provide peer support, aggressive outreach and connection to community services.
- ***After care*** – an FDC alumni group led by an FDC graduate gathers twice a monthly for support and family activities. In addition, a group of families involved in the child welfare system gather once a week for support.

### Target Population

This project serves families and children in Pima County, Arizona, the State's second most populous county of 990,000 and includes the city of Tucson. Services are provided to children ages 0-17 years and their families.

## Major Project Goals

- Increase the graduation and reunification rates of Family Drug Court clients;
- Reduce the dependency reactivation rate among Family Drug Court graduates whose children have been affected by methamphetamine.

## Partner Agencies and Organizations

The Pima County CAM project includes the following partners:

### *Child Welfare*

- Child Protective Services
- Aviva Children's Services

### *Behavioral Health*

- Las Familias/ Arizona's Children Association
- Community Partnership of Southern Arizona
- Compass Behavioral Health

### *Courts*

- Pima County Family Drug Court

### *Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, Legal and Related Organizations*

- Pima County Juvenile Court Center
- Arizona Attorney General's Office

## CAM Program Description

Children Affected by Methamphetamine is a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funded grant program focused on expanding and/or enhancing services to children and their families who are affected by methamphetamine use and abuse. The Public Health Service Act of 2000 Section 509 provided funding over a four-year period to 12 Family Treatment Drug Courts (FTDC) to improve the well-being, permanency, and safety outcomes of children, who are in, or at-risk of out-of-home placement as a result of parental methamphetamine or other substance abuse.

## Performance Indicators

CAM grantees are measuring their performance on outcomes for children and adults. The **Pima County CAM Project** bi-annually provides data on the following 18 performance indicators.

### Child/Youth Indicators

- Children remain at home
- Occurrence of child maltreatment
- Average length of stay in foster care
- Re-entries to foster care placement
- Timeliness of reunification
- Timeliness of permanency
- Prevention of substance-exposed newborn
- Connected to supportive services
- Improved child well-being

### Adult Indicators

- Access to substance abuse treatment
- Retention in treatment
- Substance use
- Connection to supportive services
- Employment
- Criminal behavior

### Family/Relationship Indicators

- Improved parenting
- Family relationships and functioning
- Risk/protective factors