



October 22, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Catholic Charities Community Services
4747 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013

Engaging and mobilizing faith communities to improve the quality of life for vulnerable and impoverished people through a statewide collaboration of faith-based, community and governmental organizations.

Minutes

I. Welcome, Invocation & Introductions

Vice Chair Ben Sanders welcomed attendees; Susan Farrar led attendees in prayer. Attendees introduced themselves. The sign-in sheets, and all other meeting archives, may be found here: <http://arizonafaithcouncil/meeting-archives/>

II. Great Parenting (2 of 3) --- Men

Neil Tift
Child Crisis Center/Crisis Nursery
Father Involvement Program Director

Neil's career in "father involvement" began in 1990 with the opening of a father resource center in Minnesota. For the past 25 years, Neil has continued his work, and is widely recognized as a champion of fathers nationwide.

Here are Neil's Presentation: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/A-Fathers-Place.pdf>; his program Assessment Guide: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Assessment-Guide-FatherInclusivePractice.pdf>; and a list of What Father's May Need: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Programs-and-Services-Fathers-May-Need.pdf>. Neil's contact information is on the last slide of his presentation.

At the next meeting of the faith council, we will conclude our 3 part series on Great Parenting with a look at the faith community's efforts.

III. Updates

- Kinship & Foster Family Resource Fair, October 17th. Sharon Pierson updated attendees on last week's resource fair. More than 100 people attended, and received connection to community organizations that provide respite, support, benefits, activities, and other various types of help --- this family invite flier will give you an idea of the help families received at the resource fair: <http://wvhsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/2015-KinshipFosterFamilyResourceFair.pdf>. Thank you West Valley Human Services Alliance for your commitment to foster and kinship families. A special thanks to Sharon Pierson for the coordination of exhibitors and for keeping the planning team on track!
- School Connect Summit, November 10th. The 2nd annual School Connect Summit will take place on November 10th at Grand Canyon University. Attendees will: celebrate

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the gains made at schools through partnerships in the last year; hear from key business, education, and faith leaders about how to partner more effectively; and network and learn how to serve more strategically. More information at www.SchoolConnectAZ.com. Here is the invitation: http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/SchoolConnect_invite.pdf.

- Helping Boys Thrive Summit, December 4th. The 2nd annual Arizona Helping Boys Thrive summit will take place on December 4th at the Kroc Center in south Phoenix. Register at: www.HelpingBoysThriveAZ.com.

Keynote Michael Gurian (www.gurianinstitute.com) will speak to professionals and community leaders who are educating and working with boys and young men. Event attendees will learn about these key issues:

- Protecting the emotional lives of boys
- Mother-son and father-son relationships
- Adolescent rites of passage for boys
- Education and schooling that fits boys styles
- Character building and character education
- Mentoring systems and male mentoring
- Faith communities helping boys
- Preparing boys for success

- Additional announcements (some arrived after our meeting):
 - The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) is asking for community support by “adopting a family” for the holidays. Here is the information shared by Kristi Paddison: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/The-Flyer-Sponsoring-a-Family-2015.pdf>.
 - Drop in Center for prostituted/sex trafficked persons in Phoenix. It will be on November 7th (Saturday) at the Helen Drake Senior Center at 7600 N. 27th Avenue in Phoenix from 10am to 8pm. Please review this informational flier: <http://arizonafaithcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Nov-2015-Phoenix-1st-Step-Drop-In-V2.pdf>. Or contact Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research at Arizona State University, 602-496-0093 or Dominique.roe@asu.edu.

IV. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Vice Chair Ben adjourned the meeting. The Council’s next meeting is December 3, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Catholic Charities in Phoenix.

Submitted by
Chuck Fitzgerald