



ASPIRE

[ASPIRE 3 Minute Video](#)





Welcome! Who we are...

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...And who you are...



ASPIRE



- **A**CHIEVING
- **S**UCCESS BY
- **P**PROMOTING
- **R**EADINESS IN
- **E**DUICATION AND EMPLOYMENT





ASPIRE is part of the PROMISE INITIATIVE

PROMOTING THE

READINESS

OF

MINORS

IN

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

**6-State Consortium: Utah, Colorado, North Dakota,
South Dakota, Montana, Arizona**





ASPIRE Strengths/ Uniqueness





ASPIRE Interventions

- Case Management
- Self-Determination
- Parent Education Training
- Benefits Planning
- Financial Literacy & Capability Training
- Employment

We are NOT re-inventing the wheel. Instead, we are making it stronger!





Case Management

Provider:
Arizona Department of
Education

Potential Impact:
Monthly Contact (30 min)
Goal Making, Community
Resources & ongoing
communication.

Goal: Self Sufficiency



Self Determination

Provider: Joint efforts

Potential Impact:
Youth will be taught 3 Core competencies utilizing Self-Advocates which include:
Self-Advocacy,
Communication and Choice.
For the end result to be better self-sufficiency

Expectation: 6 hrs per year



Parent Education & Training

Provider: Raising Special Kids
www.raisingpecialkids.org

Potential Impact:
advocacy, community
resources, education and
employment opportunities,
training for parent and
family.

Expectation: 6 hrs per yr.



Benefits Training & Financial Literacy

Provider: AZ Bridge to
Independent Living (ABIL)
www.abil.org

Potential Impact:
Assist families by explaining
public benefits and
understanding how to move
from poverty to self-
sufficiency.

Expectation: Understand how
work will impact benefits &
6 hrs per yr. financial trng



Youth Employment

Provider: Joint efforts

Potential Impact:

The Case Manager will enhance coordination and interaction among school and community partners. The awareness, exploration, and preparation activities will vary based on the youth's age, interests, prior experience, and functional level.

Expectation: Work/volunteer experience in desired area with help of community



Time to Stretch...

Please separate into 2
equal groups

One group on each side
of the room





ASPIRE and YOU

Interventions
used in ASPIRE
are available
in your
community
now.

ASPIRE is
connecting
families and
youth to these
services until
Sept 2018

How can you
connect and
use these
services now
and in the
future?



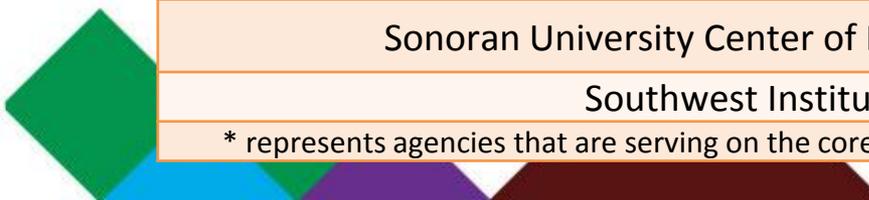
Intervention Activity

- Find someone with a different color; each discuss your intervention.
- What are you currently doing for this intervention?
- Is there anything else you could be doing?
- When you hear the bell please find another person!
- Make sure you take notes on your Tool Kits!



Statewide Partners

Arizona Assets Alliance
Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL)*
Arizona Department of Education*
Arizona Department of Health Services (Bureau of Program Operations)
Arizona Department of Health Services (Division of Public Health Services)
Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System*
Department of Economic Security (Division of Benefits & Medical Eligibility)
Department of Economic Security (Division of Developmental Disabilities)*
Department of Economic Security (Employment Administration)
Department of Economic Security (Rehabilitations Services Administration)
Department of Economic Security (Tribal Relations Liaison)
The Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family*
Northern Arizona University (Institute for Human Development, Arizona University Center on Disabilities)
Raising Special Kids*
Sonoran University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities*
Southwest Institute for Families and Children*
* represents agencies that are serving on the core committee and advising on operational activities and decisions





Back to seats

Begin to assemble ASPIRE puzzle.

- Share out on Engagement Strategies for specific interventions
- Take notes in Tool Kits.





Recap Interventions



What's your piece of the Puzzle?

- Help Families increase independence, self-determination; Help agencies engage families to increase self-sufficiency
- Importance of communication/engagement-- ASPIRE going away



Questions?





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