

Fact Sheet: Financial Literacy & Life Skills Educational Program

Arizona's At-risk Youth: By the Numbers

Approximately 800 youths aged out of the Arizona foster care system in 2017. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, 25% of those youths will end up homeless.



1 out of 4
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up homeless

Students at Title 1 high schools have many of the same risk factors as youths in foster care. At Title 1 schools, students from low-income families make up at least 40% of enrollment.



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of students are from
low-income families

At-risk youth often don't have access to resources and critical life skills to help them avoid costly financial mistakes as they transition into adult life.

How TCA's Financial Literacy & Life Skills Program Helps

Our program is designed to provide at-risk youth with education, tools and resources to help them gain confidence, obtain successful jobs and achieve financial security.



CONNECT

We have the opportunity to connect with at-risk youth at a critical time before they leave foster care or educational institutions.



UNDERSTAND

We discuss the employment and financial challenges these young people face and provide an opportunity to share and define goals to overcome those challenges.



PROVIDE

Our program is specifically designed to provide individuals with the resources and skills they need to succeed financially, at work and at home.

Program Details

The Financial Literacy & Life Skills Program is taught in a series of sessions over several weeks. The sessions are designed to be interactive and fun!

Topics include:

- Defining goals for work or education
- Resume writing and job applications
- Mock job interviews
- Options for continued education
- Common financial issues
- Credit reports, credit scores and credit cards
- Obtaining housing and transportation
- Understanding, creating and following a realistic budget

Each student completes pre- and post-course evaluations to track the knowledge gained over the course.

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