

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive Order 2020-05

The Governor's Council on Child Safety and Family Empowerment ***(Superseding Executive Order 2015-08)***

WHEREAS, strong families and youth are the future of Arizona and are of vital importance to our communities and economy; and

WHEREAS, the need to support families and youth, especially Arizona's most vulnerable (those most likely to enter into or are in the care of the State) is of the utmost urgency; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is committed to reducing the number of citizens who experience Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the negative outcomes associated with them through development and implementation of trauma-informed services and care; and

WHEREAS, government has an important but limited role in providing benefits, goods and services, recognizing the need to collaborate with faith-based and private sector partners to solve community challenges; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's public, charitable, faith-based and business communities have successfully provided support and services to families and youth; and

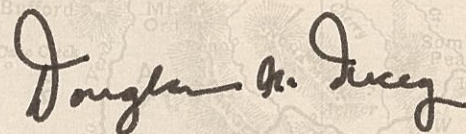
WHEREAS, the state's future well-being is intrinsically linked to the cooperative and collaborative engagement of public, charitable, faith-based and business communities in providing opportunities to develop all families and youth to their fullest potential with a particular emphasis on those children that may end up in the care of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and laws of the State of Arizona do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Governor's Council on Child Safety and Family Empowerment ("the Council") is hereby created to align, leverage and coordinate public and private resources to solve challenges faced by our most vulnerable children and families within - or at risk of entering - the child welfare system and to provide additional support to strengthen families that are caring for both foster and adopted children.
 - a. Members of the Council shall be appointed by, and serve without compensation at the pleasure of the Governor.
 - b. The Governor shall appoint Co-Chairs of the Council.
2. The Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family ("GOYFF") shall serve as the lead entity for administration of the Council. Additionally, state agencies shall provide reasonable assistance to the Council as requested to ensure a fully coordinated state effort for promoting Arizona's families and youth.

3. In support of the Council, GOYFF may accept monies from local, state or federal government sources, other public agencies, or non-governmental organizations, and monies donated or awarded by any other entities. The monies shall be held in an account expended solely for the purposes provided in this Executive Order Purpose and accounted for as provided by law.
4. The Council, in alliance with GOYFF shall:
 - a. Prepare and update annually a strategic plan.
 - b. Develop partnerships between the state, faith-based organizations and community entities with the goal of safely decreasing the number of children being placed in foster care by facilitating and providing support for prevention services, trauma informed services, as well as supporting recruitment to increase the number of foster and adoptive families, and aiding in the support of existing foster and adoptive families.
 - c. Bring attention to exemplary programs that provide innovative and trauma-informed examples for effective family and youth programming.
 - d. Serve as the Children's Justice State Task Force and assist in the development of the State's Three-Year Assessment and establish recommendations for the implementation of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act/Children's Justice Act ("CJA").
 - e. Prepare an annual progress report for submission to the Governor by June 30 of each year.
5. This Executive Order shall supersede Executive Order 2015-08, and will integrate the family and youth-focused work of the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family.
6. The Governor's Council on Child Safety and Family Empowerment shall be reviewed no later than June 30, 2025, to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification or termination.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 11th day of February in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the Year Two Hundred and Forty-Fourth.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

