

PCJCC's

Mission

We are an independent branch of the government constitutionally entrusted by the people to advance and protect the rule of law. We maintain jurisdiction over all children under the age of 18 and their families who are referred to us for fair and just resolution of disputes.

Vision

We enhance the quality of life in Pima County by providing leadership, resources and the commitment by our staff to strengthen our community and services for children and families.



PIMA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT CENTER

Pima County Juvenile Court

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Contact Information:

Children & Family Services:

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Adoptions: 520-724-2920

Family Drug Court: 520-724-2053

CASA: 520-724-2060

Dependency Unit: 520-724-9239

Dependency Mediation Services:

520-724-4587

Main Court Number: 520-724-2000

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Impacting the lives of our community's children since 1907

Children & Family Services

"One Family, One Judge"

Children & Family

The purpose of Children and Family Services is to promote and facilitate community safety through the protection of abused and neglected children by providing services to children and families involved with the court.

In dependency cases, the court wants to make sure all children have safe and permanent homes. We have a “one family, one judge” policy which means a family will see the same judge each time they come to court for a hearing.

When the dependency court process begins, a team of people will work toward returning the children home. The team includes family members, attorneys, case managers and service providers. If the children can't go home, other options are considered.

These include:

- **Adoption by relative**
- **Adoption by non-relative**
- **Permanent guardianship by relative**
- **Permanent guardianship by non-relative**
- **Other planned permanent living arrangements, including the Arizona Young Adult Program**

Dependency

Dependency cases are handled in a timely manner with the initial hearing within 5-7 days after a child's removal by Child Safety & Family Services.

The court will hold a Permanency Hearing within 12 months to decide the best placement for the child. Between the initial hearing and the Permanency Hearing, there are other important meetings and court dates the family will participate in.

Dependency Unit

The staff in this unit assign attorneys, and facilitate Pre-Hearing Conferences. They also teach the “What is a Dependency?” class and answer general questions about dependency cases.

Dependency Mediation Services

Mediators help parents and all parties involved in the child's case to work together to reach an agreement that is best for the child. By creating a safe environment to discuss all available options, children and families are given the best possible opportunity to be successful.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

These volunteers are trained community members who are appointed by the judge to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children throughout a dependency case. They provide consistency and stability to the children during a time that can be very difficult for both the children and family.

CASAs are a vital component to many dependency cases and bring the wisdom of the community to the courtroom.

Family Drug Court

The purpose of the Family Drug Court is to ensure children are raised in a nurturing and healthy environment with parents who are drug free. We are able to help parents in removing barriers to treatment. We also make sure parents receive appropriate treatment in a timely manner. Family Drug Court stresses accountability and support. Ninety percent of Family Drug Court graduates are reunified with their children.

Adoption

The staff arranges low-cost home studies and background checks for step-parents, grandparents and other kinship adoptions.

