

PCJCC's

Vision

We instill hope and create positive change for children and families.

Mission

The mission of the Pima County Juvenile Court is to ensure children are protected, youth are rehabilitated, and the community is safe by administering timely and impartial justice and providing innovative services.

Core Values

Compassionate: We demonstrate care, concern, and understanding for all.

Collaborative: We communicate, cooperate, and work effectively with internal and external partners and stakeholders.

Innovative: We use new, creative, and evidence-based practices,

programs, and services to achieve effective outcomes.

Professional: We act with integrity in a conscientious and ethical manner.

Proactive: We anticipate needs and initiate action.

Respectful: We treat all people with dignity.

Responsive: We act quickly and positively.

Accountable: We are transparent, accessible, and take responsibility for our actions.



PIMA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT CENTER

Pima County Juvenile Court

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CASA: 520-724-2060

Dependency Unit: 520-724-9239

Dependency Mediation Services:

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Impacting the lives of our community's children since 1907

Children & Family Services

"One Family, One Judge"

Children & Family Services

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.

