



Our Promise to the Community 2015-16 Case for Support

ICAN is a **free, family-centered** youth service in the East Valley...

We provide a full complement of programs proven effective in equipping youth to achieve personal and academic success through the prevention of substance abuse, gang involvement and juvenile delinquency.

ICAN serves 1,300 youth and their families living predominantly in the Downtown Chandler community, where **daily challenges like substance abuse, gang activity and violence are considered the norm**. There are over 10,000 youth living in this area, with needs far greater than elsewhere in the Valley. Of 10 youth living in this area:

- 4 are living in single parent households
- 8 are living in extreme poverty, in households earning less than \$25,000 annually for a family of four on average
- 4 will be using drugs or alcohol to cope with the harsh realities of their community
- 5 will be experiencing some form of academic failure
- 2 will not graduate high school by the age of 25

ICAN takes a comprehensive approach to helping youth navigate the risks of their community. We **couple afterschool learning for youth/teens with high-quality family programs** that reinforce skill building and create environments for success!

Our programs create **change**...

Because we combine high-quality, nationally accredited programming with highly trained staff. It's an investment in the community that returns a dollar for dollar savings in future criminal justice and behavioral health services.



ICAN's mission is to provide free, comprehensive programs that empower youth to be productive, self-confident and responsible members of the community.

Our programs are about **impact...**

The need is great and we recognize that only a high-quality program will get the job done. ICAN partners with an evaluation team to set and measure goals for each program – ensuring a focus on success for youth.



Programs for Youth

What we Impact

Life Skills & Leadership Development

Developing a “toolbox” of skills for personal success: strong sense of self, building positive relationships, being a leader, planning/goal setting, problem solving and conflict resolution

Positive Life Choices

Builds knowledge about, consequences of, and encourages positive life choices regarding substance abuse, gang/violence, bullying and sex

Academic Success

Encourages greater performance in school, including better grades and completion of homework daily

Health, Wellness & Nutrition

Knowledge and positive attitudes toward healthy eating, living and nutrition – ICAN also provides a free, healthy lunch, snack and dinner for youth daily

Enrichment & Recreation

Participation in theme based programs that interest youth: social studies, music, technology, art, science/STEM, structured play/sports, etc.

Programs for Teens

What we Impact

Peer Leadership

Develops leadership skills and provides application of those skills through community service and outreach regarding substance abuse in their community - a focus on academic success and health & wellness are also included

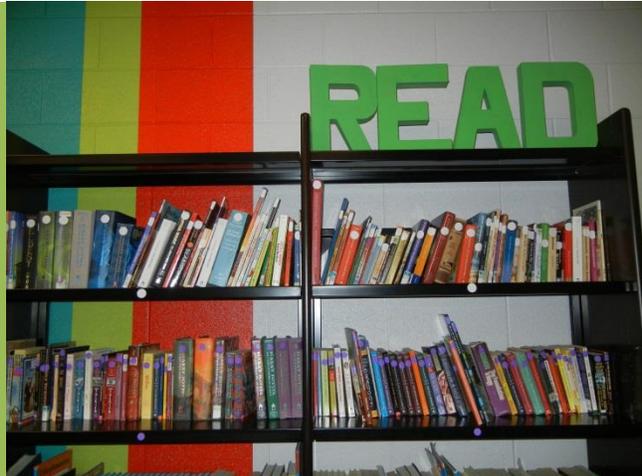
Workforce Development

Provides employment training and skill building to help bridge the gap between high school graduation and college/career readiness

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ICAN's impact on youth is **unique** in this community...

No other program in the East Valley does what ICAN does. The programs are based on research. They are proven-effective to prevent negative behaviors among youth. And they are completely free of charge.



Programs for Families

Parent & Caregiver Development

Provides opportunities for family bonding, learning positive parenting skills and family conflict-resolution techniques

Community Engagement & Activism

Knowledge of community issues related to youth and how to take action in their community

What we Impact

We ask you to join us in this work...Our programs help children turn their stumbling blocks into stepping stones. We give children “tools” like self-respect, confidence and problem solving skills that put within reach those opportunities that appeared impossible at first. By investing in these programs, **you can give a child a tool he can use for a lifetime.**

- Commit to volunteer with ICAN's youth or families
- Commit to a monthly financial contribution to help in your area of choice
- Commit to attend one of ICAN's special events that impact programs
- Commit to share the mission, the promise, the future with a friend

To make a **financial or volunteer commitment to ICAN's vital programs**, contact Shelby Pedersen at Shelby@icanaz.org or by phone at 480-874-7576.



ICAN provides 100% of services **free of charge...**

Every \$2,500 gift to ICAN gives 1 youth access to transportation, healthy meals, academic assistance, personal skill building and enrichment programs for a year.

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_____ **(Name) Funded Program Status 2014-15**

With your help, ICAN provided the following great program this past year:

1. **PROGRAM NAME**
 - a. Program description with outcomes collected

2. **PROGRAM NAME**
 - a. Program description with outcomes collected

We ask you to join us in this work again... Help make the future brighter for a youth. Help ensure they have the tools necessary to avoid gangs and violence. Help ensure they have a healthy meal at the end of a long-school day.

_____ **(Name) Letter of Intent 2015-16**

Name:

Date:

ICAN Request - \$

- We respectfully request a **financial commitment** of \$_____ to support the following ICAN programs for 2015-16 fiscal year:
 - \$20,000 – PROGRAM NAME:
 - Description
 - Outcomes to be collected
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TOTAL Request: \$

*Those choosing to give \$1,000 or more annually receive membership into the **Henry Salinas Society, a group of committed individuals who believe in the vision of ICAN's founder Henry Salinas.** Unique benefits and opportunities are afforded to this distinguished group – we would invite you to consider membership as a unique way to engage in ICAN's mission.*

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