

# Arizona Department of Education

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[www.azed.gov/zipcode/](http://www.azed.gov/zipcode/)



## What is the Zip Code Project?

The Zip Code Project is an initiative of the Arizona Department of Education dedicated to assisting disconnected youth who are ages 16-24, unemployed and not attending school.

A person wearing a grey hoodie and a black backpack is sitting on metal bleachers, viewed from behind. The image has a blue tint.

Ages 16-24

Not in school

Not employed

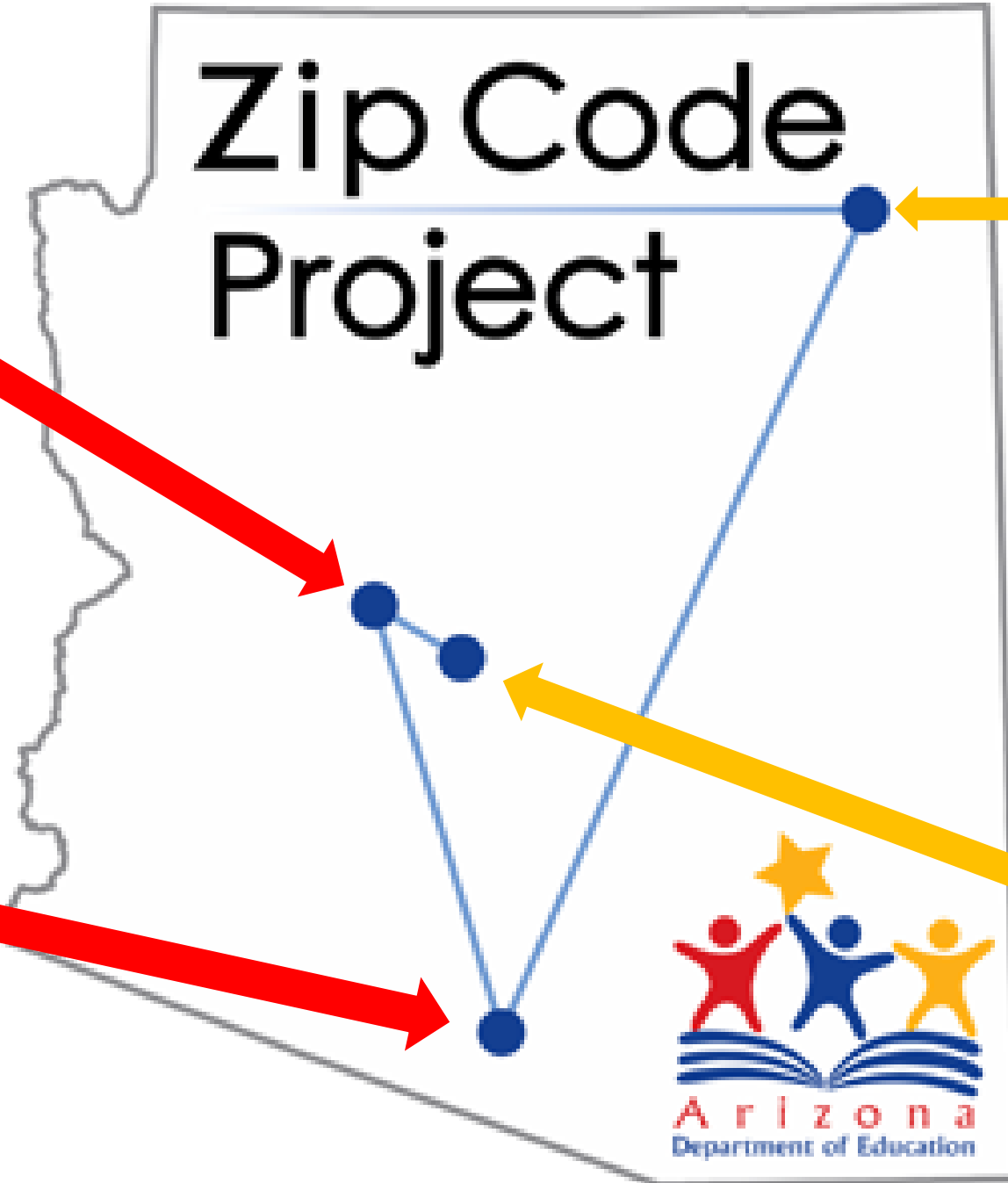
# Zip Code Project

**85032**  
Maryvale/  
West Phoenix

**86503**  
Chinle, AZ

**85321**  
Ajo, AZ

**85040**  
South Phoenix



# Successes So Far?

- **West Phoenix**

- Roadblocks identified:
  - Need Soft Skills training
  - Need more community participation
- Actions:
  - Resources@Work (See Next Slide)
  - Increasing community member involvement

- **Ajo, AZ**

- Roadblocks identified:
  - Need Soft Skills training
  - Lack of recreation opportunities
  - Lack of Higher Education opportunities
- Actions:
  - Soft Skill training by ADE Staff in March & April 2018

- **South Phoenix**

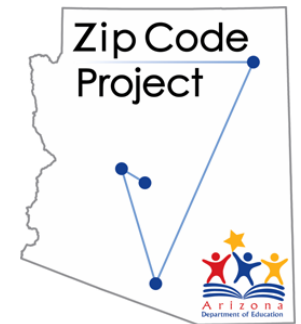
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- **Chinle, AZ**

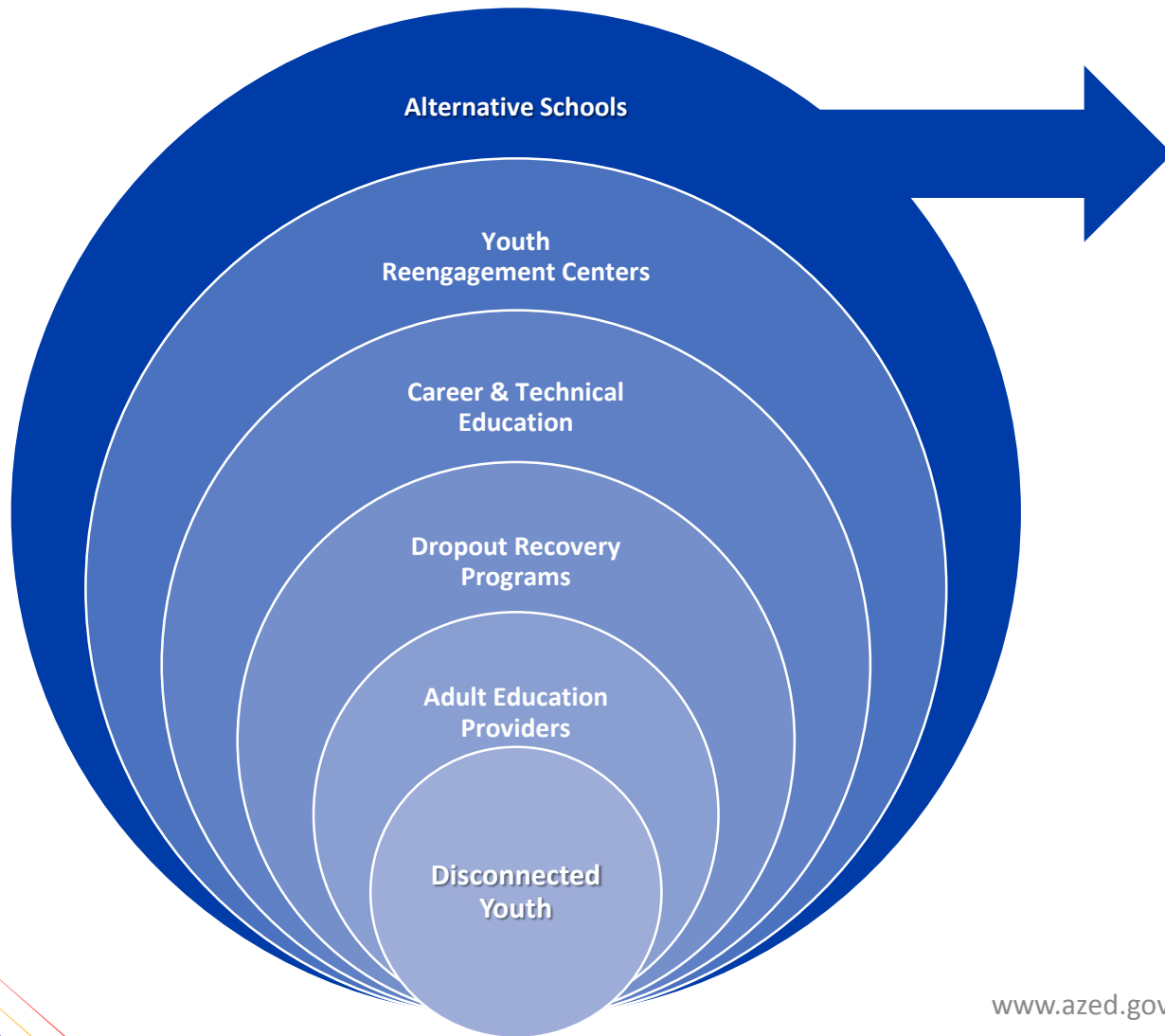
- Launching in March 2018

# Resources @ Work

- Pilot program in partnership with Arizona@Work Maricopa County
- Using a “train the trainer” model
- School counselors, administrators and teachers are target participants
- West Phoenix-focused first cohort (2017-2018)
- Seeking a curriculum-writer to assist in bringing this training across the State.



# Zip Code Project & Reengagement



Alternative Schools are CRITICAL to the prevention and reengagement of disconnected youth.

These schools may serve the following youth:

- Justice-involved
- Foster
- Homeless
- Expelled
- Over-Aged and Under-Credited
- Parenting/Caretaking
- Bullied
- Seeking alternative to the traditional



- ☐ Increase to 9 communities
- ☐ Launch Parent & Family Summit



- ☐ Host dropout prevention summit
- ☐ Increase to at least 14 communities



- ☐ Launch Phase 2
- ☐ Implement Education Development Zones



- ☐ Produce dropout prevention kits
- ☐ Launch Resource Network



- ☐ Increase to 12 communities



- ☐ Reach every county in AZ (16+ Zip Codes)
- ☐ Convene FY22 Parent & Family Summit



# Key Partners



**City of Phoenix**



**100,000 OPPORTUNITIES**  
Initiative  
(Opportunities for Youth: ASU)





# Key Partners



# Thank You

Special thank you to Dr. Johnson Bia and the AZ Alternative Education Consortium for inviting the Arizona Department of Education to share the Zip Code Project's information.



# Questions?

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