

100 BEST COMMUNITIES



Arizona

Chandler, AZ

Chandler is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because of its participation in i-Learn, a program for Arizona dropout students who are interested in earning a diploma. Students participate in computer-based learning at the YMCA in partnership with the Chandler Unified School District and Primavera Online High School. A certified teacher is in the classroom at all times to facilitate learning. Class sizes are small - only 12 students at a time - which allows staff to direct personal attention toward each student.

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Scottsdale, AZ

Scottsdale is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because City Human Services offers funding and free space in city facilities to agencies that provide needed services. Partnering agencies provide \$2.8 million worth of services in community facilities, such as Paiute Neighborhood Center, which serves over 14,000 youth in after-school, early childhood, family literacy and health programs in partnership with Boys & Girls Club, Camp Fire, YMCA, Head Start, Scottsdale Prevention Institute, Scottsdale Community College and Scottsdale Healthcare

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Tempe, AZ

Tempe is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because of the efforts of Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools (CIS), a collaboration between the City of Tempe, the school districts that serve Tempe, and numerous businesses and non-profits to mobilize and connect community resources with schools. CIS has opened nine Family Resource Centers in high-poverty elementary schools so that parents can be supported in their role as equal partners in their child's education. The new School/Business Advisory Committee is helping to connect special education and at-risk students with businesses who are willing to hire nontraditional students.

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Yavapai County, AZ

Yavapai County is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because of SRT, an intervention/prevention training for dropout prevention and recovery that creates healthy lifestyles while setting a master plan with short and long term goals. Approximately 278 people participated in the community-based classes while 168 participated in Family Freedom Classes. Instructor reports showed the following increases in skills: communication, 20 to 82%; interpersonal, 18 to 83%; socialization, 24 to 75%; and rational problem solving, 25 to 50%.

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