



Press Release for Immediate Action

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Urgent Call to Action to ‘Shelter-In-Place’ from Non-Profit and Business Organizations in Southern Arizona

TUCSON, AZ, March 30 – Child & Family Resources, Inc. is among 26 appealing to Governor Doug Ducey to mandate a ‘Shelter-in-Place’ action throughout the state of Arizona during this coronavirus emergency. With a petition started on Wednesday, March 25, 170 signatures have been collected from the heads of diverse organizations and other concerned citizens, who are listed below.

Eric Schindler, Ph.D., President, and CEO made the difficult decision to halt all but the most vital in-person services across Child & Family Resources’ office locations throughout Arizona on Monday, March 16. Dr. Schindler credits his decision making to warnings from other states and countries that are further along in the COVID-19 pandemic.

While all CFR staff have remained employed and are serving their clients via telecommunication, other organizations’ services must be done face-to-face, and their staff continues to bravely deliver care to our community’s most vulnerable and at-risk populations every day.

With nearly 1000 current cases of COVID-19 in Arizona as of today, at least one case in every county, and the death toll now in the double digits, Dr. Schindler and other community leaders are taking action to advocate that the Governor order an immediate shelter in place order, as have the majority of U.S. governors.

Dr. Schindler explains his urgency, “The current level of response in Arizona only serves to increase the risk that our health care and social services systems become overwhelmed past the breaking point. The longer we wait to act boldly to flatten the curve, the longer we are destined to have to remain socially distant, the more people will die, and ultimately the longer

our economy will suffer". This current petition and round of signatures are on the way to Governor Ducey's office today.

If you would like to add your name and make sure you're heard, please visit:
<https://www.childfamilyresources.org/get-involved>

LIST ALL SIGNING ORGANIZATIONS ALPHABETICALLY

Arivaca Coordinating Council/Human Resource Group, Inc.

Autism Society of Southern Arizona

Bag It (Cancer Support)

Banner UMC

Casa de los Niños

Casa San Juan

Center for Economic Integrity

CFSA

Child & Family Resources

Community Food Bank of Southern AZ

Creating Connections Consulting Group

Early Childhood Development Group

Emerge Center Against Domestic Abuse

First United Methodist Church

Literacy Connects

Living Streets Alliance

Make Way for Books

Metropolitan Education Commission

Our Family Services

Primavera Foundation

SARSEF

Southern Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors

Southwest Fair Housing Council

The Drawing Studio

The Haven

Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance dba Tucson Pride

University of Arizona

YWCA Southern Arizona