



Drug Free Community Coalition

A community alliance working toward a healthy, substance-free environment for youth.

NCDP — Friends of Navajo County Anti-Drug Coalition, Inc. (EIN 26-0468100)

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Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for financial support. Any amount will be helpful! Please remember we are a non-profit and will get you a receipt for your donation and there is the AZ Charitable Tax CREDIT of \$400 per person and \$800 per couple for 2017 tax year.

In the 11 short years since its founding, the Junior Leadership Academy (JLA) has impacted participating youth in a measurable way. Through intentional, interactive, developmental experiences, participants learn:

- Self-awareness, through social skill and learning style development
- Life skills
- Choices, decision making and problem solving
- Team-building, collaboration and networking
- Goal-setting and career potential
- Drug abuse prevention and awareness, including a parent education component
- Community service, integrating career and life tasks
- Leadership options focused on personal initiative, responsibility dependability and follow-through for character development

The key successes of JLA are its professionally created curriculum; a consistent and dedicated staff of highly qualified, certified teachers as instructors; and the volume and impact of community buy-in and participation. This is reflected in the parent and teacher interest in enrollment for the limited spaces available each summer; the continued demand from community contributors and presenters to be included each year; and the return rate of graduates to participate as peer leaders in succeeding years. JLA is recognized statewide as a program of excellence, as awarded Excellence for two consecutive years by the Arizona Center for After School.

The evidence-based change in student attitudes during the two-week program demonstrates the impact of learning during JLA. Parents, teachers and administration alike recognize the prolonged, positive change in student attitude, attendance, responsibility and leadership.

JLA delivers a proven program; intentionally addressing the social, emotional and academic needs of today's youth. JLA provides an active learning environment with a basic foundation to build self-esteem, develop goal-setting and decision-making skills. With a high ratio of teachers and peer mentors to students, instruction addresses learning styles, academics and life skills. Emphasis is placed on community service, leadership, nature and the outdoors.

Successful substance abuse prevention education and attitude change through JLA makes a difference. If we can provide additional information about our overall efforts and the program specifically, please feel free to contact me at vsncdp@gmail.com or 928 243-2014. Your donation is greatly appreciated!

Respectfully,

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