Important Statistics on Women and Children in Arizona

Poverty
According to the 2017 U.S. Census Bureau, during the year 2017, approximately 16.4 percent of individuals lived in poverty in Arizona. Within Maricopa County 15 percent of individuals lived in poverty.

Juvenile Detention
The Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections reported 74,000 youth enter the juvenile system each year within Arizona. During the year 2017, the Superior Court of Arizona Juvenile Probation reported 4,190 juveniles were detained.

Exploitation
The Federal Bureau of investigation reports approximately 293,000 American children are at risk of being victims of sexual exploitation each year. (Center for AZ Policy).

Foster Care
During 2017, The Department of Child Safety reported 16,899 children were placed in out-of-home care as a result of neglect, abandonment or abuse.

Homelessness
According to the Arizona Rescue Mission 25,832 people are homeless in Maricopa County. One in every 184 persons are homeless.

Domestic Violence
As reported by the Arizona Department of Health Services one in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. 85% of domestic violence victims are women, and each year an estimated 1.3 million women are victimized by intimate partners.

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