

2016 Arizona State Budget



Analysis of current House and Senate Budget bills as they pertain to sexual and domestic violence survivors in Arizona.

The Good News



\$280,000 increase to the Domestic Violence Shelter Fund



One-time expense of \$500,000 to address untested sexual assault kits in Arizona and reduce the backlog of untested kits



Increased funding for the Department of Child Safety, including funding for in-home services, prevention services, and funding to address the backlog. The budget package also includes numerous accountability measures for DCS



\$2 million appropriation for Adult Protective Services to address caseload growth.

What is still needed...



Restoration of KidsCare

KidsCare costs the state nothing since it is funded entirely through Federal taxes that Arizonans have already paid



Restoring the TANF lifetime limits to at least 24 months



Elimination of Finger Imaging for SNAP Recipients

The Governor's budget called for the elimination of this practice which is unnecessary and costs the state more than it saves



Increases in Child Care Subsidies

The Governor's budget called for increases in DES for child care subsidies which are not included in the House or Senate bills