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The Arizona Partnership for Immunization

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Public policy solutions – without the legislature!



Mission

We foster community wellness and advocate for good public policy and best immunization practices.



Claire from TAPI's Vaccines Are Safe Campaign

Collaborative Partners

- Public

- State Health Department
- County Health Departments
- State Medicaid
- Community Health Centers
- Local Fire Departments

- Private

- Managed Care Organizations
- Professional Medical Associations
- Child Advocacy Organizations
- Private Foundations & Corporations
- Local Coalitions

- Hard to Reach Populations

- International Refugee Committee
- Asian Pacific Health Associations
- Chicanos Por La Causa
- African American health Coalition
- Coalition for Employers health care
- Liver cancer prevention coalition
- Asthma coalition
- Aging coalition
- Mexican Consulate

TAPI: Public Private Partnership

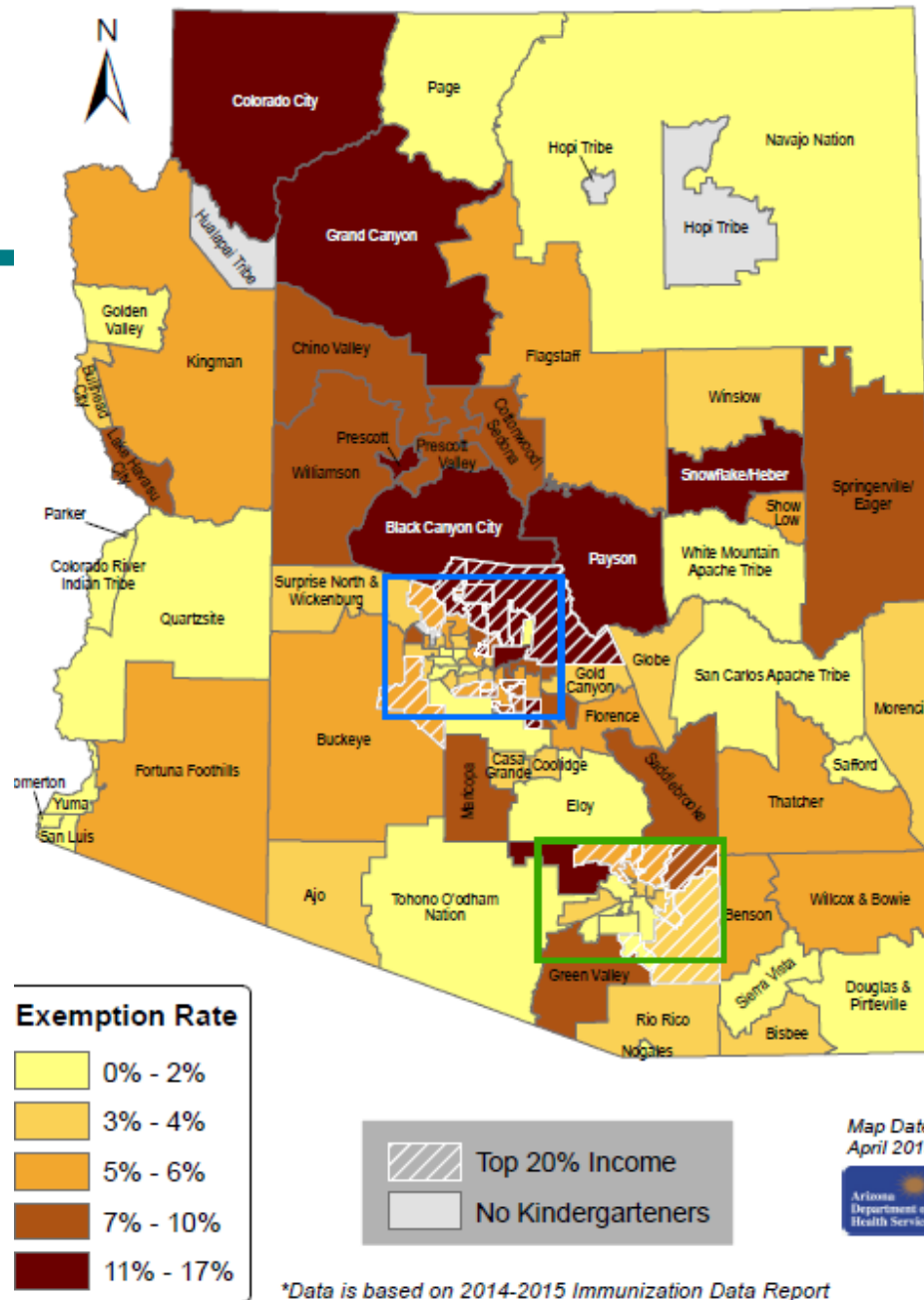
- Governor's Office of Women & Children
- Arizona Association of Community Health Centers
- Arizona Children's Action Alliance
- Schaller Anderson
- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Arizona Medical Association
- Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
- Maricopa County Community Health Nursing
- Pima County Health Department
- Flinn Foundation
- BHHS Legacy
- Mercy Care
- Arizona Department of Health Services, Bio-Terrorism
- AHCCCS
- Scientific Technologies Corporation
- Phoenix Fire Department
- Arizona Academy of Pediatrics
- Health Logic
- Health Services Advisory Group
- Arizona Pharmacy Association
- Banner Health
- ASU College of Nursing
- Care 1st Health plan
- AZ State Division of Developmental Delays
- Health Links, Phoenix Day
- Arizona State Immunization Information System
- Arizona Family Practice Association
- Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association
- CIGNA Health Plan
- Phoenix Health Plan
- SCAN Health Plan
- Governor's Council on Aging
- United Health Care
- Mesa Fire Department
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Sanofi Pasteur
- Medimmune
- Merck
- Novartis

Active Health Leadership working in trusted relationships

School Vaccine Exemptions

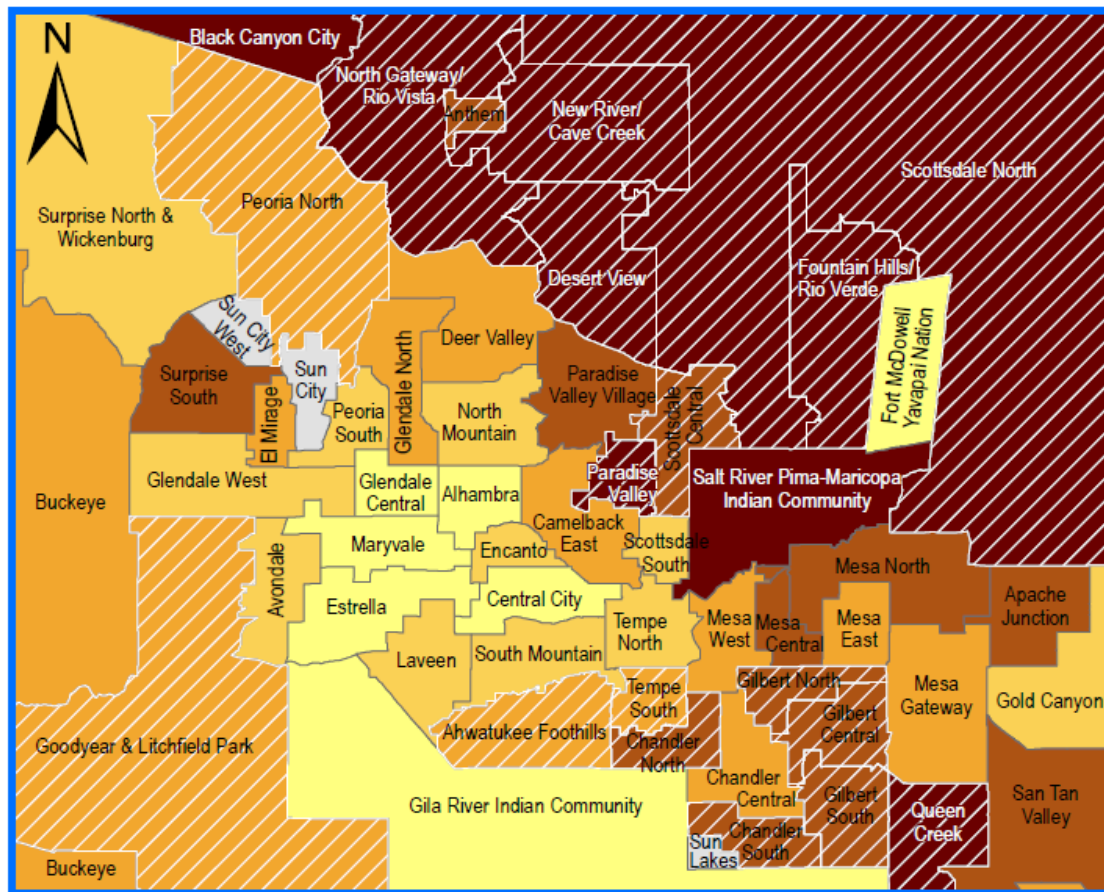
Discussion with Private Medical Practices

Kindergarteners with Personal Belief Exemptions*



Educate Parents about Risks

Metro Phoenix





Leadership for a Healthy Arizona
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Health Services



Arizona Immunization Coverage Levels

The immunization data is obtained through the annual Immunization Data Report. The Immunization Data Report is a self-report survey that each school is required to complete and submit to the Arizona Department of Health Services Immunization Office by November 15th each year per Arizona Administrative Code R9-6-707.

It assesses the coverage and exemption data from the following grades: Child care/Preschool; Kindergarten; and 6th grade. This is intended to be a representative sample of immunization coverage in Arizona.

***No vaccine is 100% effective at preventing disease. A range of 95%-100% vaccine coverage is the target for childhood vaccines to fully protect a community and curtail the spread of disease**

Select here for a listing of [School Immunization Requirements](#)

Select options

* School Year: ▼

* Grade: ▼

* County: ▼

Search

Click on the county name for a list of vaccination coverage and exemptions of all reporting schools in that county

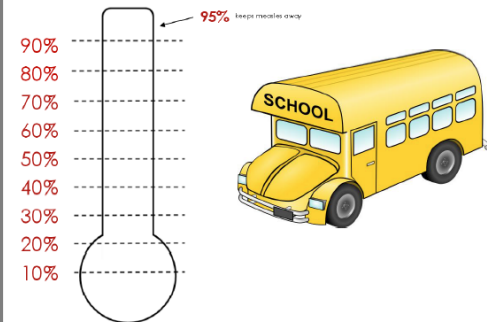
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School Year	County	Grade	Enrolled	% 4+DTAP	% 3+Polio	% 2+ MMR	% 3+Hep B	% 1+VARICELLA	% Personal Exemp
2015-2016	Maricopa	Kindergarten	54,019	93.7	94.3	93.8	95.2	96.6	4.9

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How Does Your Child's School Stack Up With
Herd (Community) Immunity?



Is your school safe from vaccine preventable disease?

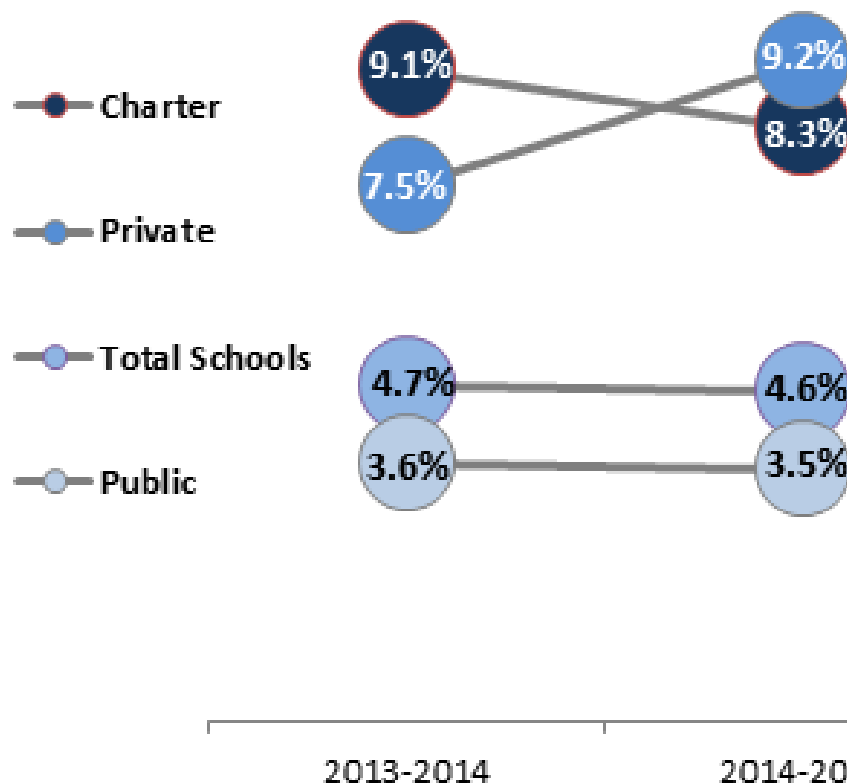
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Personal Belief Exemption Rates Increased in AZ

Private School Kindergartens in 2014-2015 school year

Public Schools have the lowest personal belief exemption rates



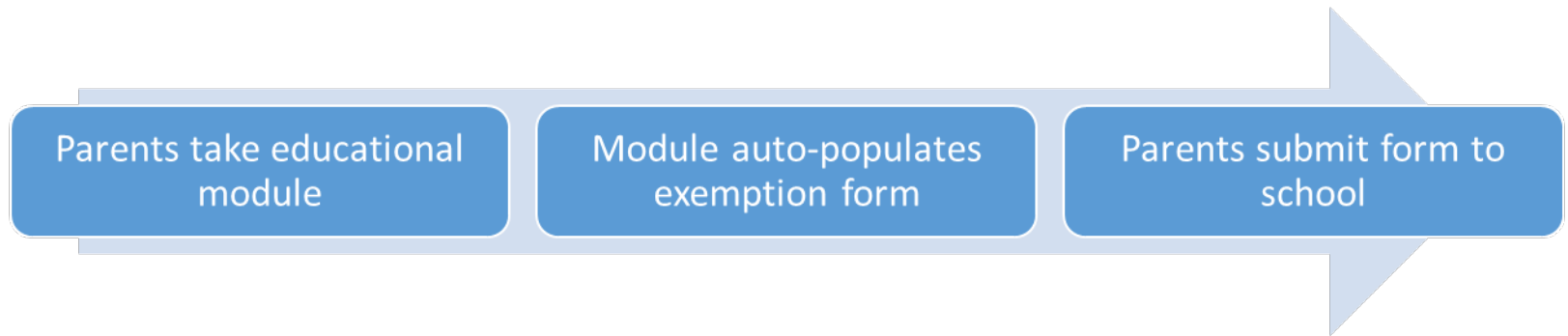


Stakeholder Meeting Outcomes

AGREEMENTS

- Provide parents option to exempt for personal reasons
- “Convenience Exemptors” exist
- Inconsistency in how schools inform parents about their right to exempt
- Current statute is a good one, and provides ADHS flexibility to design process:
 - A new system could help reduce exemptions, but should be simplistic in nature
 - Parents should be adequately informed about risks
 - Schools should be removed from the burden of providing exemption forms

Proposed Changes





ARIZONA LAW



By state law A.R.S. §15-873, a child will not be allowed to attend any Arizona school (public, private, parochial or charter) in grades K-12 until either proof of immunization or a completed and valid exemption certificate is submitted to the school.

Harmonize Vaccine Requirements for College Entry

University Project



Payment System Change...

Problem: Rising Cost of Vaccines

- 44% percent of private practice overhead in vaccine stock
- Offices need to be paid 120% of retail cost to cover the expenses

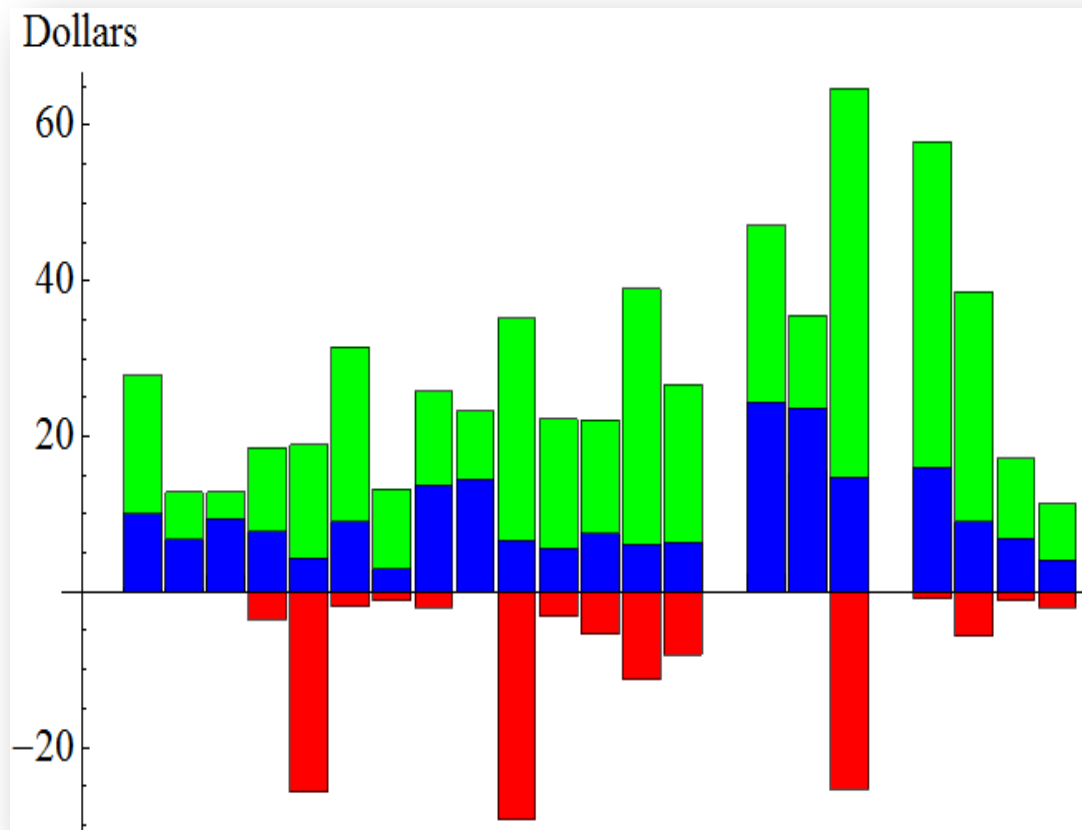


Thousands of \$ in vaccine

*Cost calculators
developed by AzAAP*

Insurance Payments vs. Vaccine Cost

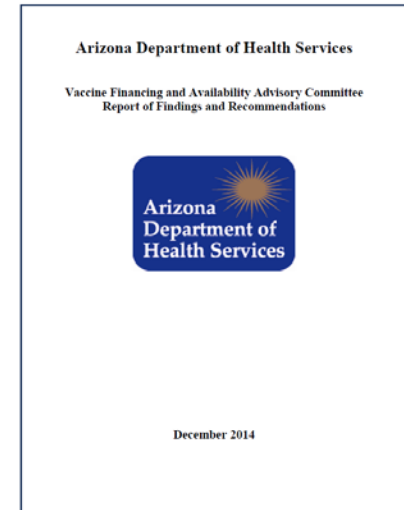
Net Yield:
Insurance
payment
minus
vaccine
purchase
price in
dollars



Payments
below cost

Legislative Proposals....

- Some plans stepped in with solutions
- Proposed Legislation HB2366
Require all health plans to
reimburse 120% of vaccine cost –
Passed as a Study Committee Bill
- Passed HB 2430- Requirement for health plans to
reimburse county health departments as in
network providers even without a contract



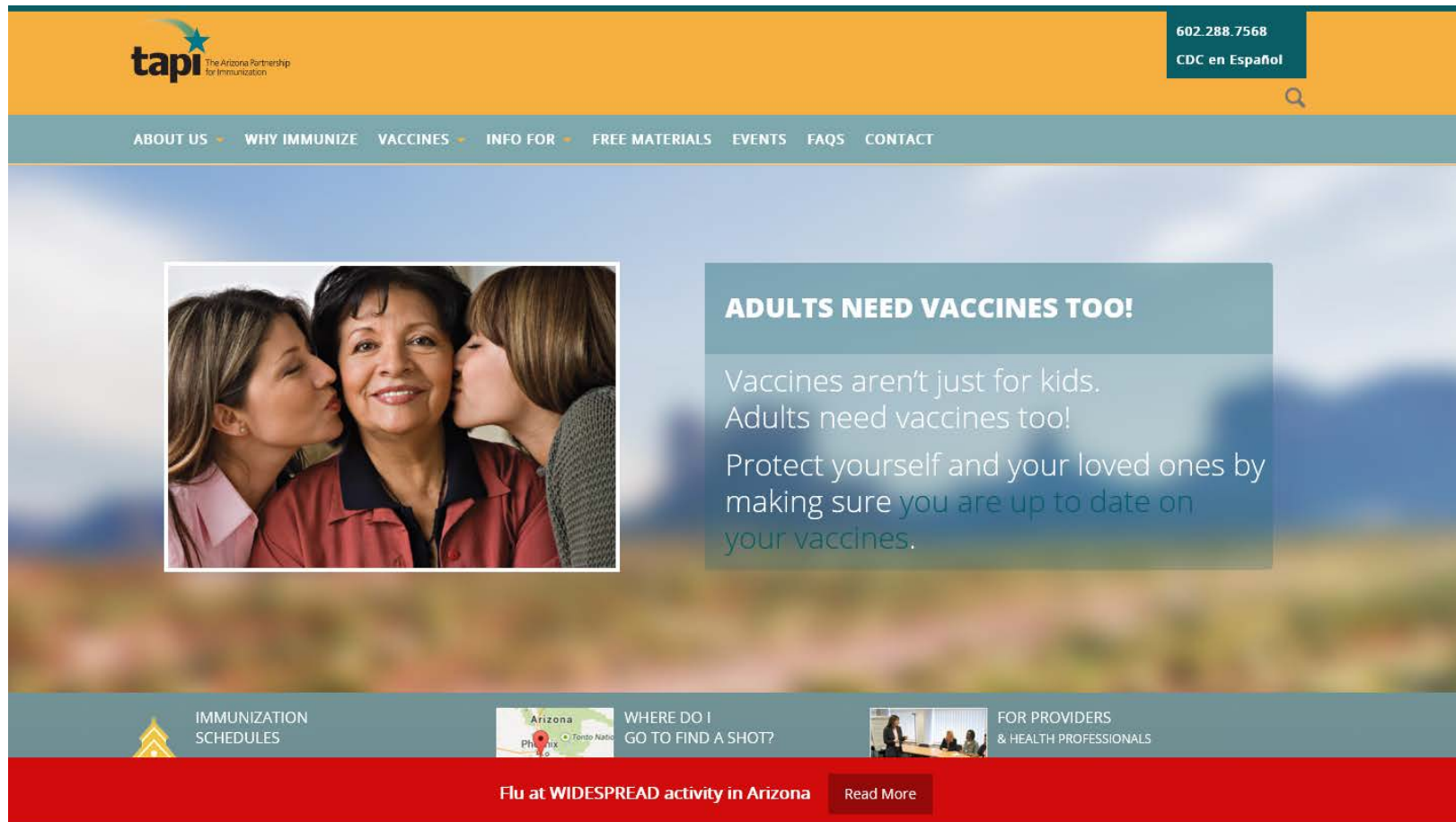
Centralized Billing Office

Total Income to Date

\$7,474,924

- No child has been turned away
- No deductibles have been collected
- Counties are reimbursed about 10% above cost
- Partners work together for sustainable solutions
- Bill 136 plans per month; receive payment from
125

TAPI Website: whyimmunize.org



The screenshot shows the homepage of the TAPI website. The header is orange with the TAPI logo on the left, which includes a blue star and the text "tapi The Arizona Partnership for Immunization". On the right, there is a dark blue box with the phone number "602.288.7568" and a link "CDC en Español". Below the header is a teal navigation bar with links: "ABOUT US", "WHY IMMUNIZE", "VACCINES", "INFO FOR", "FREE MATERIALS", "EVENTS", "FAQS", and "CONTACT". The main content area has a blurred background image of a woman being kissed on the cheek by two children. On the left is a photo of the woman and children. On the right is a teal box with the text: "ADULTS NEED VACCINES TOO! Vaccines aren't just for kids. Adults need vaccines too! Protect yourself and your loved ones by making sure you are up to date on your vaccines." Below this is a teal footer bar with four sections: "IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULES" with a yellow star icon, a map of Arizona with a red pin and the text "Arizona" and "Phoenix", "WHERE DO I GO TO FIND A SHOT?" with a small photo of people at a table, and "FOR PROVIDERS & HEALTH PROFESSIONALS". At the bottom is a red banner with the text "Flu at WIDESPREAD activity in Arizona" and a "Read More" button.

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Arizona
Phoenix

WHERE DO I GO TO FIND A SHOT?

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