



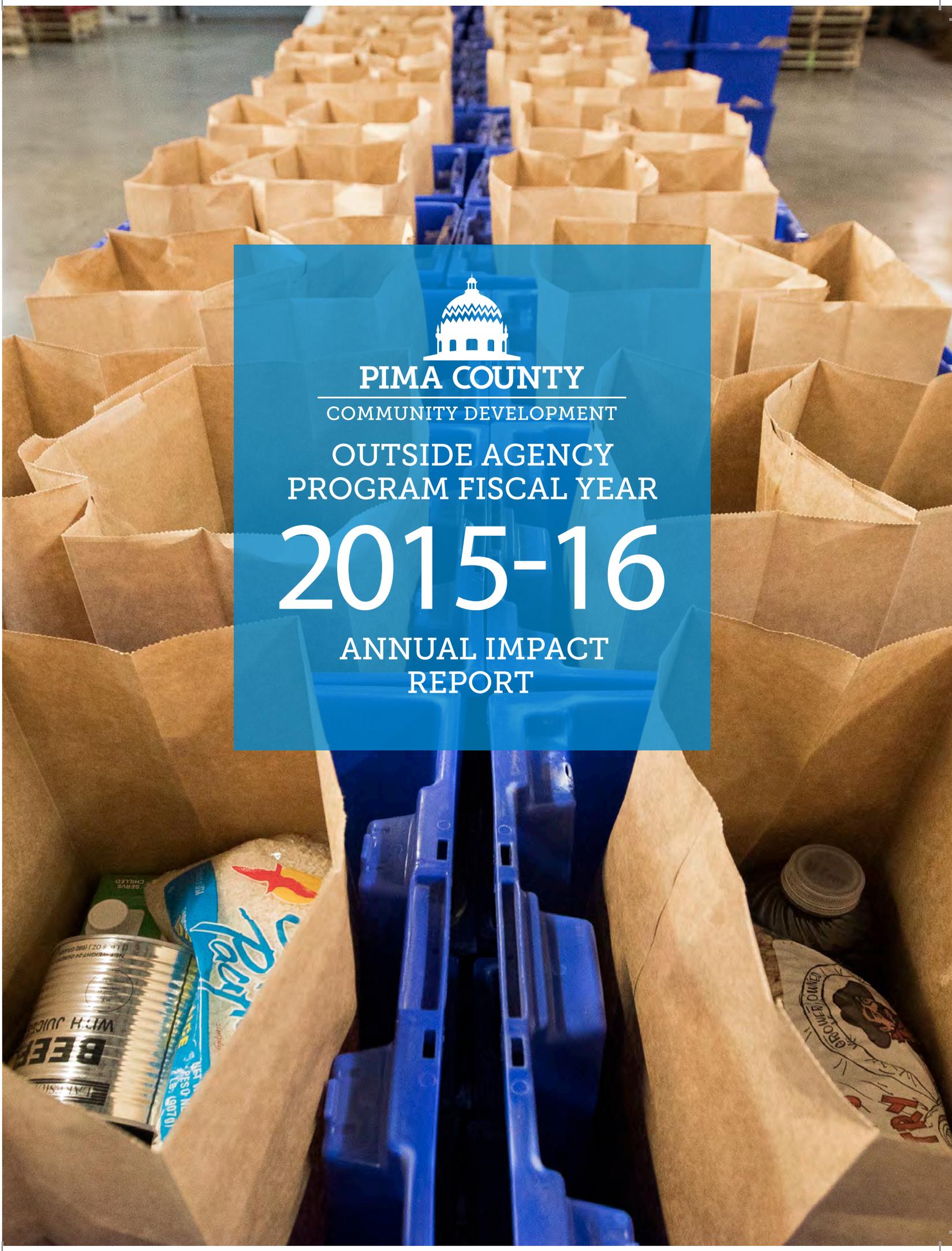
PIMA COUNTY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

OUTSIDE AGENCY  
PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR

2015-16

ANNUAL IMPACT  
REPORT



## OUTSIDE AGENCY OVERVIEW

The Board of Supervisors allocates General Funds provided through the Outside Agency Program to address the most critical needs throughout the County, targeting services to underserved and economically disadvantaged populations and communities.

The Pima County Outside Agency (OA) program provides funding to non-profit organizations which serve economically and socially disadvantaged populations through human service programs. The Pima County Board of Supervisors establishes funding for the OA program and appoints a citizen committee which holds a public review process to consider requests and make recommendations to the Board.

The Outside Agency Citizen Review Committee, (the Committee) met several times throughout the past year to review the progress programs made and discuss issues that the agencies encountered, including the contractual process, contractual requirements, outcomes and outputs and the organizational capacity of outside agencies to deliver quality services.

This past fiscal year, a new round of grants was reviewed and programs were funded in five service categories, with the amount of funding for each service category based upon the Committee's determination of community needs. The Committee's funding priorities for fiscal year 2015-2016 included: Community Services, Emergency Food & Clothing, Senior Support, Support Services/Shelter/Domestic Violence and Youth and Young Adult. The Outside Agency Program provided over \$3.6 million in funding for social service programs.

## OUTSIDE AGENCY CITIZEN REVIEW COMMITTEE

The following is a list of the current Outside Agency Community Advisory Committee members:

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Date Appointed</b>	<b>Appointed By</b>
Jeannine Mortimer, Chair	February 2010	Ray Carroll, District 4
Rosalva Bullock, Vice Chair	February 2010	Richard Elías, District 5
Onita Davis	August 2013	Ally Miller, District 1
Steve Huffman	December 2010	Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator
Noe P. Mayotte	April 2016	Sharon Bronson, District 3
Victor Soltero	April 2016	Ramón Valadez, District 2



*Youth on Their Own client*

## Tu Nidito Children and Family Services Pathways

### Case History:

Shared from the experience of a Tu Nidito Support Specialist:

*"I have the privilege of working with a patient who I solely see out in the community, primarily at Banner University Medical Center in the dialysis unit. I have been working with this patient since April 2014 and visits occur on a weekly basis. When I first began seeing this patient, it was clear that it would take time to create and establish a trusting relationship. Such a relationship emerged from following the patient's request of doing simple science experiments.*

*This was no easy feat to do in the dialysis unit but the staff was incredibly kind, accommodating and supportive. Science experiments are something I have not done with other patients, but with this patient it was particularly important in building rapport.*

*Once trust was formed, we began engaging in activities that were more directly therapeutic in nature to process the emotions related to diagnosis and treatment. It took time for this patient to feel comfortable discussing and expressing personal thoughts and feelings, but it was done in their own way and on their own time.*

*One of the most profound things this patient shared with me took place during a writing activity using metaphor and simile to describe the diagnosis, enabling the patient to consider things on a more abstract level. The patient wrote, "If my illness was a building it would be the Twin Towers because they got hit without noticing."*

*This was an incredibly impactful statement, showing how the patient was completely taken off guard by the diagnosis and how it caused their whole world to change in an instant."*



Tu Nidito and Family Services Pathways

## Jewish Family and Children's Service Project Safe Place

### Youth, Young Adult and Family Support

Project Safe Place (PSP) has been in high demand enrolling 157 new clients in need of trauma-related counseling services during the fiscal year. Therapists are also working with their non-offending family members. PSP provides counseling services to children ages 3-18 who are victims of abuse and/or neglect. The project staff continues to see positive outcomes in the children and families that they work with. JFCS recognizes the continued need for trauma work for so many children in Pima County and is responding with trained and skilled staff that can help provide excellent care. We have been able to increase the number of clients seen due to the addition of new PHD and Masters level intern counselors.

### Case Histories:

Jesus who suffered a history of physical abuse and abandonment was referred to Project Safe Place in August 2013 when he returned to Tucson at age seven following a period in the custody of the Mexican Government's child protective system. When Jesus started working with Project Safe Place he was hurting himself on a daily basis, running away from caregivers and unable to stay in school for more than one or two hours at a time. He has shown great progress since the start of treatment with greatly increased emotional regulation, self-expression and utilization of coping skills – most noticeable by a marked decrease in self-harming behaviors, attempts to escape from moving vehicles or running away from caregivers.

Tyler, is an 11-year-old who came to Project Safe Place to address issues related to the physical abuse he endured from his father. Initially hesitant to engage in therapy, Tyler grew to love coming to Project Safe Place after six months of individual counseling. It made him truly sad when his therapist told him he was ready to stop their sessions. Tyler came to accept the abuse was not his fault, address his low self-esteem, and learn safety skills for the future. Tyler's mom was so glad to see the transformation in her son, especially the growth in his self-concept.

Siblings Steve and Stacy came into the program September 2014 after DCS removed them from their biological mother and step father due to neglect and domestic violence. Steve and Stacy stayed in a foster home for over a year and a half, during which time a Project Safe Place therapist worked with the children to help them cope with their overwhelming feelings of loss and fear while placed in foster care. Sadly, despite many attempts, their birth mother could not successfully complete a case plan, including treatment for substance abuse and ultimately, she relinquished her parental rights.

The Project Safe Place therapist had built a rapport with the children and was able to provide ongoing support as they struggled with the loss of their mother and the fears for the future. Fortunately, the children's foster mother developed a love for them and agreed to adopt them and allow them to have regular supervised contact with their birth mother so long as she is appropriate and safe. The therapist was able to help the children accept this offer of love and transition successfully into their new permanent home.



**Board of Supervisors**

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