



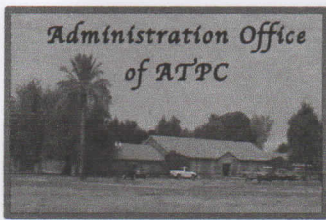
# Arizona Information for VOR

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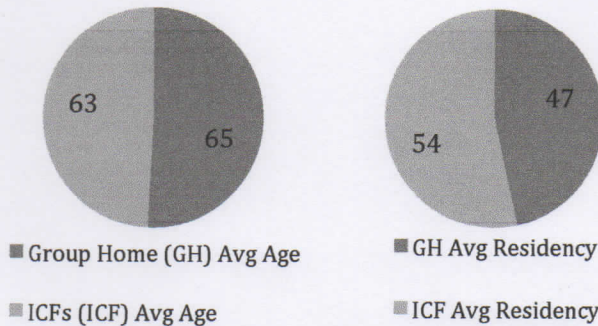
Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES) and the Division of Development Disabilities (ADDD) announced closure of eleven (11) state operated ICF/homes putting the lives of 87 elderly people in danger

My brother is 68 years old and has lived at the **Arizona Training Program at Coolidge, ATPC**, for 50 years. ATPC is a federally funded, Medicaid facility with approximately 40 buildings sitting on 85 of the 320 acres. Eighty-seven (87) of Arizona's most vulnerable citizens, those with sever to profound mental retardation in addition to complex physical disabilities, extensive medical needs and/or behavioral challenges receive highly specialized care, servicing and housing. It is in the heart of the east corridor. It's brief history includes, but is not limited to:

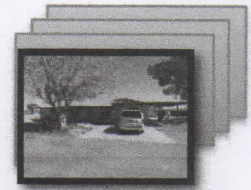
- 1917 – a bill was introduced for purchasing 320 acres of land to create a Children's Colony for the care and training of children with mental deficiencies (nka: Intellectually disabled)
- 1945 – the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislature allocated \$1.5 million to construct the facility on 80 of the 320 acres. Nancy Reagan's mother, Edith Davis, was a co-founder and helped raised the money.
- 1952 – Arizona Children's Colony was opened. Today it is known as the Arizona Training Program at Coolidge (ATPC). The first day had thirteen (13) children admitted and there is one (1) person, Darrell, who still lives there.
- 1960's – the age of residents shifted and those who reached adulthood were released to the community with no support or were transferred to the Arizona State Hospital. Legislature amended the legal age of residents to include those over 21 years of age. The highest census reached almost 1,200 people.
- 1970's – As a result of the Griswold vs. Riley class action lawsuit, the population at ATPC decreased to 350 people. Not only were people transitioned to community based settings, they were also moved to the Arizona Training Programs located in Phoenix and Tucson (which both have subsequently closed). ATPC continued to care and service people who were more medically fragile with severe to profound intellectual disabilities.
- 2016 – currently, 87 lives are entrusted to ATPC's care. More than 1/2 are over 66 years old and 16 are over 70 years old. The average length of time living at ATPC is approximately 51 years.



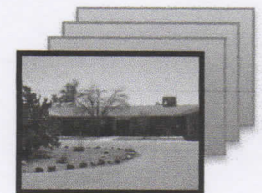
87 people live in the ATPC Community  
300+ people work in the Community and over  
200 people a month attend Church Service on Sunday



21 people live in 5 group homes



66 people live in 6 ICFs



Least restrictive environment

**DD Act supports residential CHOICE**

Relocation Stress Syndrome is life threatening

**Medicaid law requires CHOICE**

APS, Arizona Adult Protective Services, hits historical highs 5 years in a row for abuse and neglect

**Olmstead - entitled to integrated settings**

## Arizona

### Number of ICFs/IID / people residences

- 10 4 State Operated
  - 4 Phoenix – unknown # of people
  - 6 Coolidge – 66 people (ATPC)
- 1 Private Provider – 34 people

### Group Homes / people residences

- 16- 11 State Operated
  - 11 Phoenix – # of people unknown
  - 5 Coolidge – 21 people (ATPC)
- 1,944 Private Providers - # of people unknown