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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### June 14-15 and June 21-22: Beat the Odds Leadership Seminars

Arizona principals from a variety of elementary and middle schools with mostly minority, mostly low-income student populations will participate.

#### July 30: Beat the Odds Presentation to Amphitheater School District (Tucson)

Dr. Lattie Coor will discuss the research report and how educators can apply the resulting Beat the Odds principles and framework to advance school improvement and student achievement.

■ **Excelencia Elementary School** and the **Larry C. Kennedy Elementary School** (metro Phoenix) have reached an agreement with the Center for the Future of Arizona to **implement Beat the Odds during the 2007-08 academic year**. By serving as prototypes, the Creighton School District schools' experiences are expected to provide valuable information to other schools and districts wishing to implement the Beat the Odds principles and framework.

■ In early May **Dr. Lattie Coor met with K-12 professional development trainers** from Arizona's education associations to share information and **gain understanding about how the trainers can use the Beat the Odds framework** in achieving school improvement and student achievement goals.

■ **The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC)** has committed **\$250,000** to the Center for the Future of Arizona to **expand its Beat the Odds K-12 initiative statewide**. The initiative is based upon the findings and recommendations of its research report, **"Why Some Schools with Latino Children Beat the Odds... and Others Don't."** To download a copy, visit [www.arizonafuture.org](http://www.arizonafuture.org).

■ Center analyses submitted to the governor's P-20 Council show that **states that require students to attend school until they reach age 18 enjoy higher high school graduation rates than other states, including Arizona, that require students to stay in school only until age 16**. **Dr. Sybil Francis** chairs the P-20 Council's Data, Assessment and Graduation Committee. The center's presentation to the P-20 Council is available online at [www.arizonafuture.org](http://www.arizonafuture.org).

Median Graduation Rate by  
Age of Compulsory Attendance

