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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 11: Arizona Education Association Annual Summer Leaders' Conference (Litchfield Park)

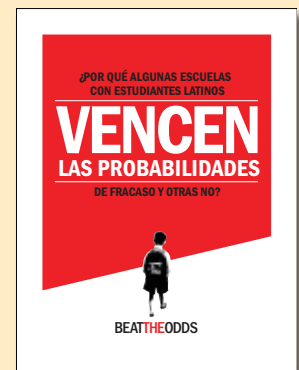
Dr. Lattie Coor will present the "Beat the Odds" research report findings, as well as how educators can apply the Beat the Odds principles and framework to advance school improvement and student achievement.

July 27: Arizona School Boards Association Summer Leadership Institute (Flagstaff)

Dr. Coor will discuss the roles principals, teachers, administrators and school board members can play in applying the "Beat the Odds" research findings in their respective schools.

■ **Helios Education Foundation has committed \$66,000 to the Beat the Odds Latino Parent Initiative.** Bilingual community forums will be held in Maricopa County schools serving mostly Latino, mostly poor student populations to inform parents of the "Beat the Odds" research report findings and to develop an understanding of the purpose and results of educational testing. The goal of the Beat the Odds Latino Parent Initiative is to attract and train parent leaders and community volunteers who will assist schools in improving student achievement.

■ **A Spanish-language summary of the "Beat the Odds" research findings is available** from the Center for the Future of Arizona by calling 602-496-1360. "¿Por Qué Algunas Escuelas con Estudiantes Latinos Vencen Las Probabilidades . . . de Fracaso y Otras No?" also can be downloaded from the center's Web site at www.arizonafuture.org.



■ **Development of the new Beat the Odds Web site has progressed from the design phase to writing and production.** The center is working with Riester, a Phoenix-based advertising, public relations and public affairs firm, to launch the site, which is **funded by a three-year grant from the Arizona Board of Regents.** Scheduled for field testing later this summer, the site is designed to support multiple partnerships between the center and the education community.

■ Recently released Census Bureau figures for fiscal year 2005 show that **Arizona spends less educating its students than any other state except Utah.** Arizona spends nearly \$6,300 dollars per year for each K-12 student—about \$2,400 dollars less than the national average. The U.S. Census Bureau has ranked Arizona second or third from the bottom in per-student spending since 2000.