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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **February 25: BTO School Partners Program Meeting**

Training session focused upon helping students through tutoring, after-school and built-to-suit interventions.

#### **February 27: Beat the Odds Parents as Partners Training**

Parent liaisons at schools participating in the Beat the Odds School Partners Program will explore their role as organizers, and the BTO principle of disciplined action.

#### ■ **The Gallup Organization has completed interviews with 3,600 Arizonans as part of the Center for the Future of Arizona's major public policy initiative "The Arizona We Want."**

The Arizona Gallup Poll explored citizens' opinions and priorities regarding education, health care, job creation, energy and infrastructure. According to Center CEO and Chairman Lattie Coor, it is one of the most comprehensive public opinion polls ever administered in Arizona. Later this year the center will engage elected officials and the public in discussions to create a citizens' agenda with clear, measurable goals based on the research findings.

#### ■ **Center Executive Director Sybil Francis is continuing discussions with Arizona stakeholders to advance the center's new Pathways to Postsecondary initiative, which is supported by Helios Education**

**Foundation.** It seeks to pave the way for educational and career success by creating meaningful links between



high school and postsecondary education for all students. This will be achieved by removing artificial barriers to postsecondary education and creating educational pathways tailored to student interests, skills and academic attainment. For more information, visit [www.arizonafuture.org](http://www.arizonafuture.org).

#### ■ **Beat the Odds Institute Director Marjorie Kaplan will present the background of the BTO School Partners Program, its objectives and its implementation in Arizona during a breakout session at the February 13 Yuma County Professional Staff Development Day.**

The fourth annual event, one of the largest gatherings of its type in the state, was initiated by Yuma County Schools Superintendent Tom Tyree. Nearly 2,000 Yuma County teachers and administrators are expected to attend the day's events.

■ **When teachers at Copper Canyon High School (Tolleson Union High School District) applied the Beat the Odds principle of collaboration to individual lesson planning, their creativity – and students' test scores – increased.** Copper Canyon is one of 59 metro Phoenix-area schools participating in the center's Beat the Odds School Partners Program. For more information, visit [www.beattheoddsinstitute.org](http://www.beattheoddsinstitute.org).