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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1 (Topeka, Kansas):

Beat the Odds Leadership Development Seminar

Training session for Topeka Public Schools based on the Beat the Odds concepts.

October 7 (Tucson) and

October 28 (Phoenix):

Beat the Odds School Partners Meeting

School principals will meet for training and a work session focusing on collaboration, teacher leadership teams and other topics.

November 13: Developing Human Capital Conference (Scottsdale)

Marc Tucker, president of the National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE) and vice chairman and staff director of Tough Choices or Tough Times, will discuss the TCTT reform movement and the ramifications for Arizona postsecondary education.

CENTER TO FORM *THE ARIZONA WE WANT* INSTITUTE, LEAD IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE CITIZENS' AGENDA

The Center for the Future of Arizona has announced the establishment of *The Arizona We Want* Institute, a new, major initiative designed to implement the citizens' agenda based upon the findings of the center's recently released Gallup Arizona Poll. The resulting "Arizona We Want" report offers a clear and compelling picture of what citizens think about life in Arizona communities and what they want for the future.

"Despite the perception that Arizonans have very different perspectives and interests, the Gallup Arizona Poll found there is a remarkable consensus among our citizens on a broad range of issues and public policy positions, across all demographics," commented Lattie Coor, the center's chairman and CEO.

Among the things that Arizonans want are elected officials who represent their interests, understand complex issues and work across party lines to govern effectively. Only 10 percent of the state's citizens believe that their elected officials represent their interests.

Citizens also want Arizona students to be academically competitive as measured by national and international—not state—standards. They want high schools to graduate students who are career and college-ready. And, not surprisingly, Arizonans of all ages want quality jobs.

"The Arizona We Want" report includes eight goals, and identifies five issues that must be resolved. The goals provide Arizona's leadership and community organizations with a framework for action. The Center for the Future of Arizona will establish *The Arizona We Want* Institute to lead the implementation process and "quarterback" community and public policy initiatives.

Next steps include developing short-term and long-term plans for achieving the report goals; establishing strategic alliances with Arizona leadership and community organizations to align their organizational goals with those recommended by the report; identifying metrics and creating scorecards to measure progress towards each of the eight goals; partnering with national organizations that are committed to strengthening communities and institutions; and seeking resources to accomplish the implementation plan.

"The Arizona We Want" report is available on a new, highly interactive Web site at www.thearizonawewant.org. Visitors to the Web site can take the poll online and compare their responses to the poll results. Printed copies of the report are available by calling (602) 496-1360.