

## SSWAAZ ADVOCACY AND LEGISLATIVE OUTREACH

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### It's Not Too Late!

**Action:** Contact The ADE Superintendent, Kathy Hoffman, and thank her for championing a school safety task force and the expansion of the School Safety Program.

#### Contact Information

Kathy Hoffman, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
[adeinbox@azed.gov](mailto:adeinbox@azed.gov)

#### Email Example

Dear Superintendent Hoffman,

As a school social worker, I would like to thank you for making school safety a priority and insisting that we take action to further protect the health and wellbeing of our students.

I am excited to see how the increased number of school social workers and other violence prevention personnel through the expanded School Safety Program, will decrease student crises and improve overall school climates state-wide.

Sincerely,  
Name  
Address

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### Social Workers have a duty to fight for social justice!

**Action:** Urge Governor Ducey to support Tucson's move towards becoming a sanctuary city.

#### Contact Information

Governor Doug Ducey  
<https://azgovernor.gov/engage/form/contact-governor-ducey>

#### Email Example

Dear Governor Ducey,

As a school social worker, I urge you to support Tucson in becoming a sanctuary city. The negative impact that the threat of losing a parent to deportation has on a child, ripples out to all areas of a city's health and wellbeing.

Children who fear losing a parent are at great risk of suffering from short and long-term mental health issues including anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress. Sadly, we have already seen these mental health concerns on the rise among our young people. These increased health issues paired with lack of access to adequate healthcare, increases the overall "sickness" of a community.

These children are also at a greater risk for increased school absences and the inability to focus on school performance. While schools continue to work hard on increasing student engagement and success, these students may be at risk for lowering school test scores and outcomes.

Sanctuary cities:

- Have played an essential role in connecting health and social services to vulnerable children and their families.
- Have been successful in filling the gaps of providing safe, physical and mental health resources for families.
- Help to alleviate the day to day fear that children are living with and therefore allow them to attend school and achieve academic success.

Taking into account all of the ways in which a sanctuary city will improve the overall health and wellbeing of Tucson and Arizona, please reconsider and support Tucson's move towards becoming a sanctuary city.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Name

Address

For more information

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