



Are you ready to take your advocacy to the next level?

Become a PAFCO member!

What is PAFCO?

Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition (PAFCO) is a diverse, non-partisan alliance of social, health, and community service agencies, advocacy groups, and faith-based organizations. With more than 100 members, we serve and advocate for diverse and vulnerable populations including low-income families, children, people with disabilities, survivors of domestic and sexual abuse, those experiencing homelessness, and those with medical or behavioral health challenges.

PAFCO's mission is to protect and promote health and human services for children, families and vulnerable adults. We encourage our community to stand together as one voice to advocate at the state and federal level for policies and programs that support our most vulnerable citizens, and we seek to develop citizen advocates and build a culture of civic participation within communities where it does not traditionally exist.

As a result of its advocacy work, PAFCO has become the recognized citizen power base for human services associations and agencies, faith-based and citizen activist community organizations, coalitions, and consumer groups. Our strength lies in our diverse membership base and our ability to unite members around a single goal— assuring that the needs of vulnerable populations are not pitted against one another in the state budget process.

Our members have access to direct lobbying efforts, a variety of trainings for staff and clients, robust support in developing voter and civic engagement initiatives, and an opportunity to serve in a leadership role as a part of our steering committee, shaping PAFCO's policy priorities and positions year round.



A Little History

PAFCO was formed in October of 2001 in response to a looming state budget crisis and the massive cuts to social services and support programs that were being proposed to solve it. Knowing the profound and devastating impact this would have on thousands of Arizona families, a variety of activist and advocacy organizations came together to act quickly, and the most devastating cuts were avoided.

Since 2001, PAFCO has grown to include more than 100 community organizations that represent more than 20,000 staff, board members, and volunteers who serve more than 1.5 million people across Arizona. From the start, PAFCO has brought together groups which were regularly leveraged against one another in the state budget process. By encouraging a single, united voice on health and human services issues, we build a cross-sector network for community action, ending this forced competitiveness and encouraging lawmakers to work with the community as whole.

PAFCO has worked to ensure that budget cuts totaling hundreds of millions of dollars have been stopped in past legislative sessions. PAFCO's successful efforts have included stopping an attempt to eliminate the State Child Health Insurance Program serving 50,000 children and 11,000 parents, revamping child care subsidies funding and rules so that 39,000 children would not be frozen out of child care, stopping cuts to or the elimination of the Family Literacy Program, the early childhood block grant, transitional health care for foster children, and funding levels for general assistance, child welfare, child abuse prevention, hunger, homelessness, domestic violence, and people with disabilities.



What are the benefits of being a PAFCO Member?

PAFCO member organizations have access to a variety of services to enhance their advocacy and policy efforts.

Let Us Be Your Lobbyist

PAFCO Executive Director Kristin Gwinn is a registered lobbyist who works with elected officials throughout the legislative session. If your organization has bills you are sponsoring or tracking, let PAFCO champion them on your behalf, or simply tell us the issues of concern to you and let us do the tracking for you. As a PAFCO member, you have access to your own lobbyist who carries the power of our more than 100 members behind her, adding weight to your issues and providing a consistent presence throughout the session.

Join Our Steering Committee

Every PAFCO member organization has the opportunity to be a part of our Steering Committee. This team of human services leaders meets regularly to discuss the status of bills that impact our communities and to come to a consensus on policy priorities and positions. PAFCO believes in the old adage "If you're not at the table, you're on the menu," so take your seat at the table today.

Ongoing Training for Staff, Volunteers, and Clients

PAFCO comes to you to provide a variety of trainings on topics ranging from the importance of voter education or government 101, to advanced skill-building in legislative advocacy or media relations. We also work with your clients, the people who are most impacted by changes in policy, to empower them to tell their stories and provide a real face for human services when speaking with lawmakers. PAFCO staff are happy to customize trainings around your needs on virtually any advocacy topic.



Become a part of our Civic Engagement Program

PAFCO provides training and support for nonprofit organizations who wish to integrate voter engagement, registration, and civic participation messaging into the services they provide. We believe that it is good for both clients and the nonprofits who serve them when our communities take an active role in the election process. Our program offers full support in the development of your plan, provision of all supplies, troubleshooting challenges, and full data-tracking and analysis. Our goal is to make it as simple as possible and with no cost to the participating organization.

To become a PAFCO member, simply fill out the attached application.

Questions?

Contact Kristin Gwinn at kgwinn@pafcoalition.org or (480) 577-2172

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Becoming a member of PAFCO is easy!
Simply fill out the form below and return to us at:

Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition
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Phoenix, AZ 85004

Agency Name: _____

Address: _____

Agency Representative to PAFCO: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Agency website: _____

Agency Legislative District: _____ Agency Areas of Interest: _____

PAFCO Membership Dues Structure is based on Agency Budget

- \$100 for agencies budget size \$0 - \$100,000
- \$250 for agencies budget size \$100,001 - \$250,000
- \$500 for agencies budget size \$250,001 - \$500,000
- \$750 for agencies budget size \$500,001 - \$1 Million
- \$1000 for agencies budget size \$1M - \$3 Million
- \$1500 for agencies budget size \$3M - \$5 Million
- \$2000 for agencies budget size \$5M - \$10 Million
- \$5000 for agencies budget over \$10 Million

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