

Program Benefits

Beneficiaries of the AAI Program Receive the Following:

Angel Navigator ~ Ensures a warm handoff from the Police station to the detox / treatment center is coordinated to ensure successful placement occurs. Angel Navigators connect with participants as soon as possible after the initial phone call from law enforcement.

Priority Placement ~ Recipients of the program are placed with partnering AAI treatment providers and can access recovery services.

Treatment Regardless of Insurance ~ If the person seeking treatment has insurance, it will be utilized. If not, services may be provided at no cost through partnering treatment providers.

Host Families ~ Sanctuary for children that minimizes the risk of abuse/neglect and gives parents the time and tools they need to help their families thrive. The ultimate goal is to strengthen and support parents so they can overcome their addiction. Host families are provided on an as-needed basis.



Where Do You Start?

Walk into any
Mesa Police Station
Monday—Thursday
7:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
(Bring Your Valid Picture ID)

Mesa Police Headquarters
130 N. Robson
Northeast of Country Club & Main
Front Desk: (480) 644-2229

Central District Station
120 N. Robson
Northeast of Country Club & Main
Front Desk: (480) 644-4371

Fiesta District Station
1010 W. Grove
Southeast of Alma School & Southern
Front Desk: (480) 644-2614

Red Mountain District Station
4333 E. University Dr.
Southwest of University & Greenfield
Front Desk: (480) 644-2598

Superstition District Station
2430 S. Ellsworth Rd.
Southwest of Ellsworth & Baseline
Front Desk: (480) 644-4371

Are You Ready For a Change?



The Arizona Angel Initiative May Be Able to Help You!

A Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Program in which individuals struggling with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) are connected to treatment.



Do You Feel Trapped By Addiction?

The Arizona Angel Initiative (AAI) can help you regain control of your life.

Partnering Police Departments reserve the sole right to deny or admit individuals into the program. However, if a person meets the minimum qualifications described below, the AAI will allow you to turn in your addictive drugs to Police and seek addiction treatment without fear of arrest for narcotics violations. Possession of drugs in quantities for sale could lead to exclusion from the program. Participants in Maricopa County must meet all of the following:

Criteria

- ~ 18 Years of Age and have valid city, state, or federal picture identification
- ~ Not be a fugitive of justice (Arrest Warrants) or have any prior or pending charges for crimes involving violence, arson, sex, children or the elderly
- ~ Not have a criminal conviction for possession with intent to transport or sell, no drug violations in a school zone, or more than three drug-related arrests

Conditions

- ~ Be willing and able to follow staff directions and refrain from engaging in any illegal or inappropriate activity
- ~ Be physically and mentally able to self-manage personal hygiene and self-care within a non-medical, non-psychiatric facility
- ~ Those with physical or mental disorders must be considered "stable" and take medication as prescribed by their physician
- ~ If detox is required, persons must be willing to go to detox and obtain medical clearance

What is Addiction?

Dictionary Definition of Addiction:

1. : the quality or state of being addicted
~ addiction to reading
2. : compulsive need for and use of a habit-forming substance (such as heroin, nicotine, or alcohol) characterized by tolerance and by well-defined physiological symptoms upon withdrawal; broadly : persistent compulsive use of a substance known by the user to be harmful

How Long is the Process?

Each individual and their situation is unique. Treatment times vary depending on your level of addiction, as well as your level of commitment to get and stay sober. This may be easy for some and more difficult for others. As you progress through the process, your treatment provider will be able to better assess the time needed to help you. Be sure to keep an open dialog with them about your progress and understand that your time frame may change during the process.



What About My Kids?

If possible, it's best to make childcare arrangements with trusted family or friends that both you and your children feel comfortable with. Occasionally that may not be possible, so we can help through the use of Host Families, so your children can be safe and well cared for during your absence.



Who Pays For It?

If the person seeking treatment has insurance, it will be utilized first. However, if you do not have insurance or if your insurance does not fully cover the treatment, services may be provided at no cost through partnering treatment providers. No one will be turned away from this treatment due to financial difficulties.

