

Strategic Agenda Award – Mohave County Superior Court, Juvenile Probation Division



Back Row left to right: Kip Anderson, The Honorable Rick Williams, Josh Frisby, The Honorable Charles Gurtler, and Gary Blanton.
Front Row left to right: The Honorable Lee Jantzen, Emily Snay, Elaine Maestas, Nancy Tharpe, Sara Colbert and Amber Freed.

For the third year in a row, Chief Justice Scott Bales presented the Juvenile Division of the Mohave County Probation Department with a Strategic Agenda award. This year's award was in the category of *Protecting Children, Families and Communities*. The award was presented at the Annual Court Leadership Conference on October 24, 2018.

The juvenile division was recognized for their work in two areas – The Opportunity School for education and Juvenile Health and Wellness Court (JHAWC) for mental health services.

JHAWC is offered as an early intervention, strengths-based approach to provide judicial supervision and treatment accountability to juveniles between the ages of 14-17 with a diagnosed mental health condition. The goal is to assist juveniles in finding and attending community-based services to stabilize and maintain sound mental health. JHAWC works in collaboration with the juvenile justice system and mental health professionals.

The Opportunity School is a collaboration with the Kingman Unified School District to provide educational services to non-detained youth who have been removed from the school district. To date, 7 youth have received credit recovery and 170 youth have received their GED.