

**Executive Order 2007-28**

**Continuing the Arizona Statewide Youth Development Task Force  
(Amending and Superseding Executive Order 2004-14)**

**WHEREAS**, youth development strategies can help youth become healthy and productive adults by developing attitudes, behaviors, and skills that enable them to succeed as parents, citizens, and workers; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that youth who spend time in communities that are rich in developmental opportunities engage in less risky behaviors and show evidence of higher rates of positive development as they enter adulthood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Statewide Youth Development Task Force was formed in 2004 and has made recommendations for the benefit of over one million school age youth in the State of Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, these recommendations are set forth in a comprehensive framework for youth development entitled, *The Five Keys for Youth Success: Unlocking the Door to Arizona's Future*;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Arizona Statewide Youth Development Task Force (the "Task Force") is hereby continued and ordered to help the State to implement the recommendations outlined in the *Five Keys to Youth Success: Unlocking the Door to Arizona's Future*.
2. The Task Force shall continue to be comprised of not more than 25 members representing not only diverse expertise in the youth development field but a cross-section of Arizonans of various ethnicities, geographic locations, and ages. Each member shall be appointed by the Governor and serve, without compensation, at the pleasure of the Governor. Youth ages 10-24 shall comprise at least one-third of the total membership throughout the structure of the Task Force and each of its Implementation Work Groups.
3. Members of the Arizona Statewide Youth Development Task Force may, with the Governor's permission, send designees to serve on the Task Force; provided, however, that such designees shall have been delegated by the member with full authority to vote and otherwise act on behalf of the member.
4. The Governor shall appoint a chair of the Task Force who shall have the ability to convene the Task Force. In the chair's absence, a vice chair, as appointed by the Governor, shall serve as chair. The Task Force shall meet at the call of the chair, no more than six times per year.

5. The Task Force shall advise the Governor on youth development policy and implementation of its recommendations through the following activities:
  - The creation of Implementation Groups on matters relating to the *5 Keys to Youth Success*:
    - Caring Adults
    - Youth Engagement
    - Activities Outside of School
    - High School Completion
    - Work Readiness Skills
  - The promotion of youth development strategies within state agencies, non-profits, and philanthropies.
  - The coordination of services for Arizona's youth with community-based, faith-based, city, state and local youth-serving agencies and organizations.
  - The ongoing review of proposed federal and state legislation and existing laws relating to youth and youth development.
6. The Task Force shall be staffed and supported by the Governor's Division for Community and Youth Development within the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families.
7. The Task Force shall sunset on December 31, 2010 unless otherwise continued by Executive Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

*Jan Napolitano*  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this *24th* day of December in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Second.

ATTEST:

*Janice K. Brewer*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

