

The average Arizona family has two children.

Odds are one of them won't finish High School!

Arizona has the second highest dropout rate in the nation at 45%.

In some large US cities, only 25% of students graduate from high school!

Why should we care?

- Half of dropouts NEVER work in their lifetime.
- EACH dropout costs our Social Welfare systems an estimated \$260,000 over their lifetime.
- High school dropouts are 3 times more likely to have children who are high school dropouts.
- If a dropout turns to crime or drugs, each one costs us an estimated: \$1.7 - \$2.4 million over his/her lifetime.
- The majority of prison inmates are high school dropouts.
- Nowadays, most jobs that pay enough to live on require MORE than a high school diploma.
- Without an educated workforce, employers will move elsewhere or overseas.
- Without a good system of public education and low crime rates, employers will be challenged to attract and retain a skilled workforce.

If we do not do something NOW to change graduation rates, the USA will remain in this frightening downward economic spiral.

What can you do?

- Much of what keeps teens from being in school and doing well are things happening **in their lives ...OUTSIDE of school!**
- Teachers can teach students who are: **in school, motivated, focused, and ready to learn.**

That's exactly the work that Touch Point's Volunteer Coaches provide to high school teens ... and the teachers who are dedicated to teaching them!

**YOU can help turn a national crisis around NOW
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