

# WILDFIRE: Igniting Community Action to End Poverty in Arizona

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*Ignite Lasting Change*



## **Our Vision is an Arizona Where All May Thrive**

**We work to achieve this vision through:**

- **Advocacy**
- **Access**
- **Sustainability**



## What Drives Our Work?

Wildfire is committed to stopping poverty before it starts by calling for and creating systemic change

We confront a racist system of by dismantling generations of social and economic inequities

Transformative work that fosters just inclusive solutions

## Our Specific Areas of Focus and Activity

### Policy

Predatory Lending  
Energy Policy  
Living Wages  
Tenant Rights  
Economic Equity

### Program

Outreach and Education  
Home Energy Assistance  
Fund  
Raise Arizona  
Children's Savings Accounts  
VITA/EITC  
Arizona Self Help  
CARES Act Support  
Family Resilience Fund

### Action

Rate Case Interventions  
Federal, State and Local  
Advocacy  
Education  
Training and Technical  
Assistance

## Partnerships

- 11 Designated Community Action Agencies – representing every County in the State
- 32 Community Based Organizations Statewide
- 55 SNAP Outreach Partners
- All major utilities, including many of the Co-Ops
- Basic Needs Coalition
- Philanthropy

## Our Energy Work

- We advocate on behalf of low-income customers at the Arizona Corporation Commission
- We work to create truly affordable energy
- We work to ensure access to bill assistance programs
- We work to ensure meaningful discount rates are available
- We fight to see an end to heat related deaths
- Develop a technology tool to allow for streamlined access, agency and dignity in a complicated and under-resourced environment

# Thank You

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