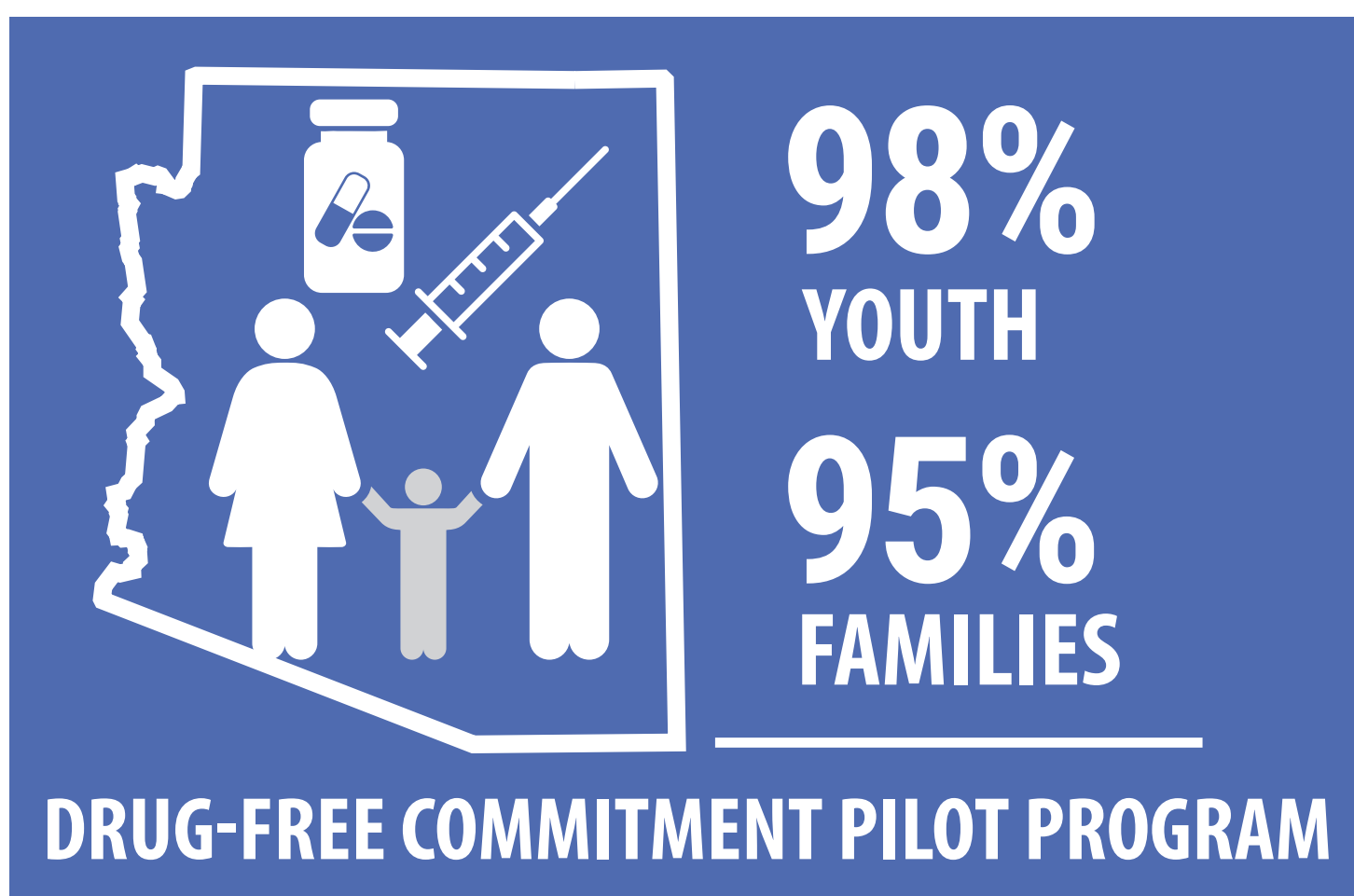


ARIZONA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SUCCESS REPORT

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF YOUTH, FAITH AND FAMILY

Healthy Families-Healthy Youth Pilot Helps Keep Kids Drug Free Through Critical Year



Seventh grade is a critical transitional year for Arizona youth facing whether to begin using drugs or alcohol. In response to research showing that slightly more than half (51%) of Arizona eighth graders have talked with parents about how to avoid drugs and alcohol, the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family launched a pilot program in all 15 counties presenting a back-to-school night of education to learn about the dangers of adolescent drug use, how to avoid youth stress and create a family prevention plan to stay drug free through the seventh grade school year. Having completed the program, **nearly all youth (98%) said they felt confident they could stay drug free for the year, and 95% of families committed had a clear prevention plan** in place. The Governor's office is looking to expand the program based on continued requests and favorable program evaluations.