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**THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA CENTER AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT JOINS  
ARIZONA'S CHILDREN ASSOCIATION FAMILY OF AGENCIES**

The boards of directors of Arizona's Children Association and the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault (SACASA) proudly announce that SACASA has joined the Arizona's Children Association family of agencies. The merger is effective July 1, 2008.

"This is an exciting step for us now and in the long term," notes Paul Lindsey, chairman of the board of SACASA. "This collaboration enhances our identity, mission and services; the Center will gain a statewide presence and our administrative infrastructure will be streamlined and strengthened." Three members from the SACASA board of directors will join the board of directors of Arizona's Children Association.

SACASA has been providing services to victims and survivors of sexual assault and their families since 1973. Its programs include crisis support, mental health services, education and outreach and Su Voz Vale, a bi/cultural/bilingual community action program providing services for the Latino/Chicano population.

"The addition of SACASA to the Arizona's Children Association family of agencies enables us to better serve Arizona's vulnerable children and families," said Fred Chaffee, president and CEO of Arizona's Children Association.

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Arizona's Children Association was founded in 1912 as Arizona Children's Home, the state's first orphanage. For more than 96 years the agency has stayed true to its mission of Protecting Children and Preserving Families, serving more than 45,000 children and their families in all 15 counties in the state each year. AzCA programs and services include: foster and kinship care, adoption, crisis nursery, family support and preservation, prevention, counseling, substance abuse and child sexual abuse treatment, special education school, early childhood education, Head Start, group care, adult education, preventive health and fitness and a neighborhood Community Center.

Visit the Arizona's Children Association website at [www.arizonaschildren.org](http://www.arizonaschildren.org) and the SACASA website at [www.sacasa.org](http://www.sacasa.org).

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