

# Youth Development Initiative (YDI)

1830 E. Roosevelt Street, Phoenix, AZ 85006



**Lender:** PCDIC, Mutual of Omaha Bank, Prudential Insurance Co.  
**Investor:** M & I Development Corp., Mutual of Omaha Bank

## Community Profile:

- 2000 Census Tract 04013106000
- Poverty Rate 67.1%
- Median Family Income 70%

## Project Highlights

- Project Costs \$3.286 Million
- NMTC Financing \$2.286 Million

YDI is a private, not-for-profit agency 501© 3 incorporated in Arizona in October of 1996. This nine (9) acre campus in central Phoenix, provides intensive and specialized treatment for youth referred to residential treatment by the Arizona Juvenile Courts and/or by other Arizona child placing agencies (Behavioral Health, Child Protective Services, etc.) for emotional problems and/or serious behavior disorders. The locked 84-bed residential treatment facility is licensed by the Office of Behavioral Health as a secure Level I residential facility and for outpatient services, including assessment and evaluation, counseling, and intensive day treatment services.

Also at this campus, YDI operates group homes for up to 48 youth who do not require the security of a locked residential facility, but for whom continued treatment of underlying emotional handicaps and behavior disorders requires long term placement. Many of these youth have been removed from their own homes by Child Protective Services and will be prepared for independent living. The campus is also approved by the Arizona Department of Education as a Special Function School, providing special and regular academic education to youth in residence. The school is NCA accredited.

YDI will make critical repairs to its current 84-bed residential treatment facility by repairing/replacing the roof. Abandoned buildings on the campus will be demolished to eliminate risks and vagrancy. The existing mortgage debt will be refinanced to lower interest costs.

## Community Impact

- ◆ Youth Development Institute currently has 202 employees, 185 full-time staff and 17 part-time staff.
- ◆ YDI currently serves as a site for Interns from ASU working on their master's degrees in Social Work or Counseling.
- ◆ YDI currently serves 110 youth in residence and has served over 2500 youth since beginning residential services in June of 1997.
- ◆ Services Provided: 28% of the youth are wards of the state in the custody of Child Protective Services (CPS) and funded by Arizona Department of Economic Security. An additional 32% of the youth come from families who meet the income guidelines for the state Medicaid System, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). 38% of the youth are funded by the Arizona Juvenile Court System. 60% of the youth served in our residential program participate in intensive treatment for problem sexual behaviors, including youth adjudicated as juvenile sex offenders.