

Desert Star Institute for Family Planning Celebrates One Year of Community Impact Following Historic Transition

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-- This month marks the one-year
anniversary of the transformation of
Desert Star Family Planning into the
nonprofit Desert Star Institute for
Family Planning, led by Dr. DeShawn
Taylor. This milestone celebrates the
organization's ongoing mission to
provide vital education, healthcare, and
reproductive justice advocacy for
historically marginalized and
vulnerable communities throughout
Phoenix and beyond.

The acquisition preserved essential reproductive and sexual health services, ensuring that underserved



populations—especially women, transgender, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), and low-income families—continue to have access to high-quality, compassionate care. Over the past year, Desert Star has deepened its impact through community engagement, advocacy, and innovative collaborations.

Building Partnerships for Equitable Access

The Desert Star Institute has partnered with outstanding organizations to expand its capacity to provide equitable access to reproductive and sexual healthcare. These key partnerships include:

- *Arizona Medical Association
- *Nurses for Sexual and Reproductive Health
- *Arizona Proactive Reproductive Justice Alliance

These collaborations bring fresh energy and resources to Desert Star, helping meet the

community's needs more effectively. The partnerships are win-win for the community—ensuring high-quality healthcare and wraparound services—and for Desert Star's staff and clinicians. These partnerships have introduced advanced training on identifying patients' health-related social needs and finding additional resources to support them.

Through its partnership with the Nurses for Sexual and Reproductive Health, Desert Star will now serve as a training site for nurses, ensuring they receive adequate preparation to provide exceptional care in this critical area of healthcare. This initiative strengthens healthcare providers' skills and expertise while enhancing community services.

Fundraising for the Mission

In October, Desert Star hosted the organization's 2nd annual Reproductive Justice is for Everybody, raising over \$41,000 to support the nonprofit's initiatives. The event celebrated Desert Star's contributions to the Phoenix area and underscored the importance of reproductive justice. The year-end fundraising campaign is underway to secure needed funds to expand healthcare services, increase educational outreach, and enhance community support programs.

"A Commitment to Justice and Equity"

"This anniversary symbolizes our steadfast commitment to providing equitable healthcare and advancing reproductive justice," said Dr. DeShawn Taylor, Founder and President of the Desert Star Institute for Family Planning. "Our partnerships with organizations like the Arizona Medical Association, Nurses for Sexual and Reproductive Health, and the Arizona Proactive Reproductive Justice Alliance are helping us shine a new light on reproductive healthcare and bring essential services to those who need them most."

Looking Forward

As it enters its second year as a direct care provider, the Desert Star Institute for Family Planning is committed to building on its successes by enhancing clinical services, expanding educational outreach, and strengthening its collaborative partnerships. The organization aims to be a go-to resource for the support and care the communities it serves need to thrive.

Support the Mission

The Desert Star Institute for Family Planning invites community members, advocates, and supporters to join its mission by volunteering, donating, or attending upcoming educational events. Together, we can create a future where everyone has equitable access to healthcare and the opportunity to lead healthy, empowered lives.

For more information or to schedule an interview with Dr. DeShawn Taylor, please visit <u>Desert Star Insitute For Family Planning</u>.

About Desert Star Institute for Family Planning

The Desert Star Institute for Family Planning is a nonprofit organization based in Phoenix,

Arizona, dedicated to providing high-quality reproductive healthcare, education, and advocacy for historically marginalized communities. Founded by Dr. DeShawn Taylor, the Institute is a trusted leader in advancing reproductive justice and health equity.

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