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Arizona Public Libraries as Access-to-Justice Allies



The Justice Gap

In the past year, **71%** of low-income households **experienced at least one civil legal problem**, including problems with domestic violence, veterans' benefits, disability access, housing conditions, and health care.

86% of the civil legal problems reported by low-income Americans in the past year received inadequate or no legal help.

What About Legal Aid?

In 2017, low-income Americans will approach LSC-funded legal aid organizations for support with an estimated **1.7 million** problems. They will **receive only limited or no legal help for more than half of these problems** because of a lack of resources.

80% of middle-class households
can't afford a lawyer

80% or more of the parties in
Arizona's county courts
represent themselves,
without the assistance
of a lawyer



Two Phases

Measure the Justice Gap -
✓ 2020-2021

Train Public Libraries -
Now!



Measuring the Justice Gap In Arizona

32 access-to-justice indicators

424 courts and libraries



Access-to-Justice Indicators

Resources



- Court building
 - Internet
 - Computer
 - Printer
 - Copy Machine
 - Website
- Public Library
 - Internet
 - Computer
 - Printer
 - Copy Machine
 - Website
- Law Library
 - Internet
 - Computer
 - Printer
 - Copy Machine
 - Arizona caselaw in print
 - A.R.S. Annotated
 - Westlaw/LexisNexis
 - County-specific forms
- Legal Aid office
- At least 1 free wifi hotspot
- At least 5 attorneys

Access-to-Justice Indicators

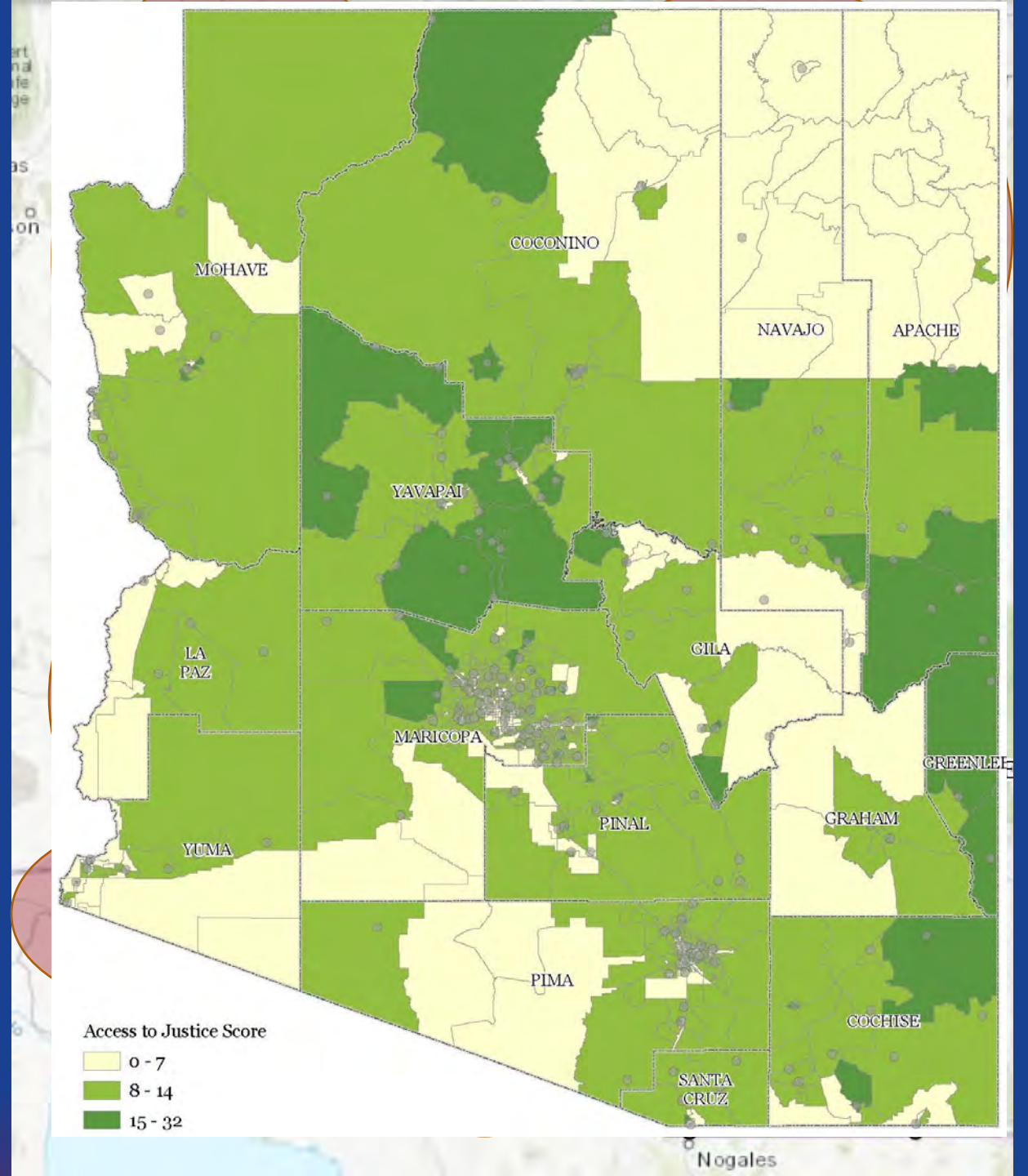


Demographics

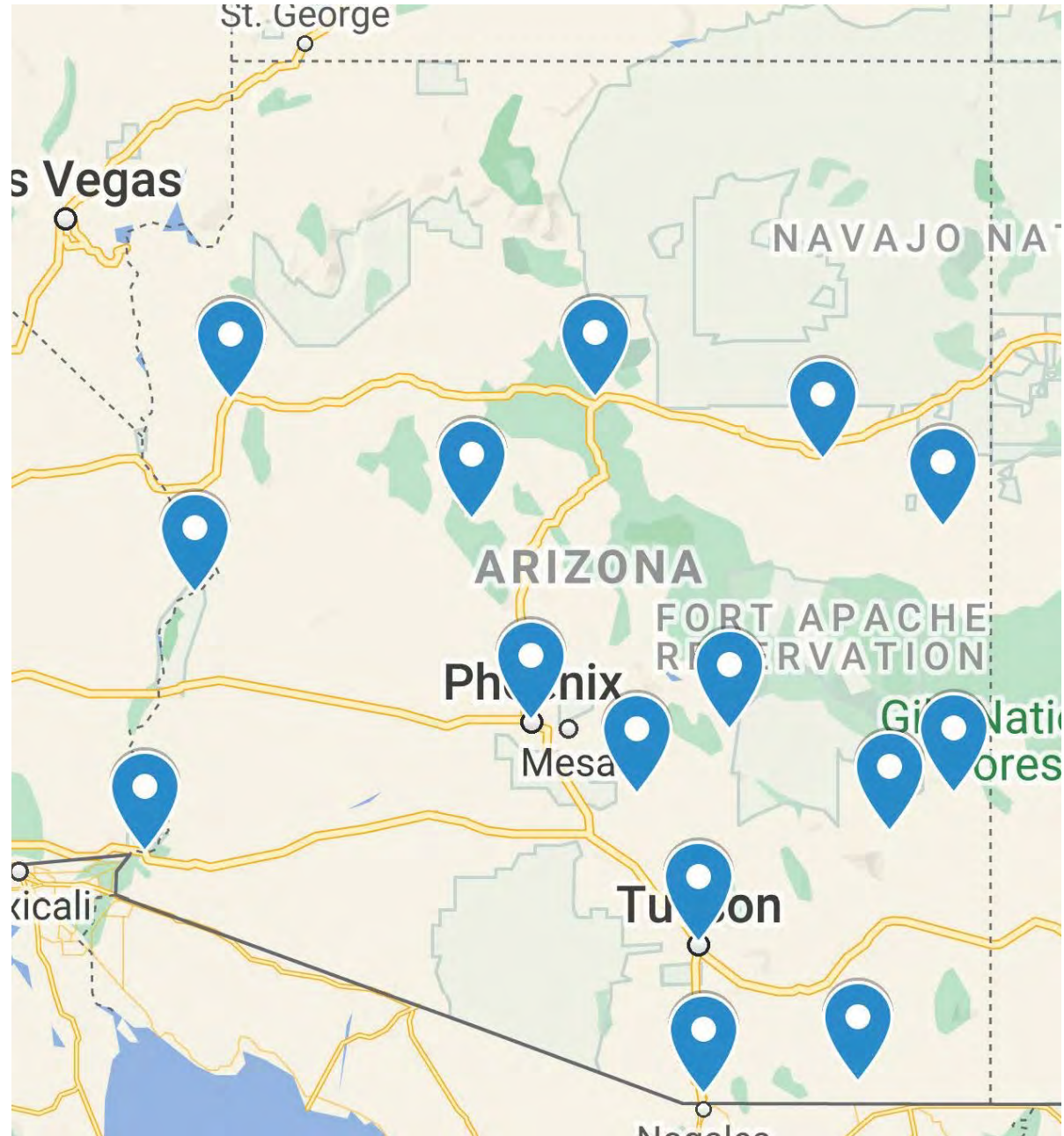
- High school graduates
- Household income over \$35,000
- Citizens
- Speak English “very well”
- Have a computer at home
- Have internet at home
- Own a smartphone
- Own a vehicle



Justice Gap Map



What About Law Libraries?



That's where YOU come in!



**TRUSTED
SAFE
COMFORTABLE
WELCOMING
COMMUNITY HUB
INFORMATION EXPERTS
EAGER TO HELP**



LAW4AZ
MAKING LAW ACCESSIBLE IN ARIZONA



9 Weeks

4 SELF-GUIDED MODULES
on WebJunction - 2-3 hours

5 FACILITATED MEETINGS
on Zoom - 1 hour



Law Librarian Facilitators





Guest Speakers



Legal Reference Interviews

Skills - Tips - Resources

Boundaries - Ethics

Community Partnerships Legal Programming



ARIZONA LEGAL RESOURCE LIST

Legal Forms and Instructions

AZCourtHelp

Arizona Courts Self-Service Center

Gale Legal Forms

Bankruptcy Court Self-Help Center

Arizona State Library Topic Guides

Your County's Law Libraries

Laws and Rules

U.S. Bills

U.S. Constitution

U.S. Code (laws)

U.S. Rules of Court

U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (administrative law)

Arizona Bills

Arizona Constitution

Arizona Revised Statutes (laws)

Arizona Rules of Court and Local Rules

Arizona Administrative Code

Caselaw

Your County's Ordinances

Your County's City Codes

Researching Legal Topics

Findlaw Legal Topic Search

Nolo Legal Topic Search

Research Guides from ASU College of Law

Research Guides from the UofA Law Library

Americans With Disabilities Act

Arizona Center for Disability Law

Arizona Crime Victim Help

AZ Eviction Help

Law for Kids

Law for Seniors

Law for Veterans

Taxes: IRS

Immigration: USCIS

Immigration: USCIS (in Spanish)

Social Security: SSA

Public Library Toolkit

Civil Legal Programming for Public Libraries

LEGAL SERVICES AND PROFESSIONALS

Live Chat With a Law Librarian

Free Virtual Legal Talks

“The resources you’ve shared in this course are a goldmine for us.”

How this course helps you to help your library users:

You will complete the program with:

- ➔ Network of colleagues
- ➔ Ideas for local partnerships
- ➔ Legal resources and info on how to find more
- ➔ More confidence that you know how to help
- ➔ Guidance on meeting your ethical obligations

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