I’ve Been There, I’ve Done That
Partnering with Parents to Navigate the Child Welfare

Dr. Elizabeth Anthony, ASU School of Social Work
Ann Turnlund-Carver, ASU School of Social Work
Anna Ochoa, Family Involvement Center
Agenda

{ Pilot: Parent Support Now
Goals: Peer Parent Programs
Lived Experience: Parent Advocacy }
Multi-system Individualized Approach
Parent Support NOW
MIKID - Mohave County, AZ
2015-2017
GOAL: To intervene early to help parents with young children
GOAL: To be trauma-informed and permanency focused
GOAL: To engage parents early
Program Components: “We can help”

- Judicial leadership
- Parent Advocacy
- System Navigation
- Increased communication
- Permanency Focused
- Lived & Shared Experience
- Individualized support after hours and weekends
Why do peer parent programs work?

“Because they’ve been in the system and know how it works”

“When we can get children back in half of the time…it’s worth it!”

“It opened up lines of communication that were previously closed”
Lived Experience

“I’ve been there. I’ve done that. I’m here with you!”
What led you to become a parent partner?
Questions?
THANK YOU!

Dr. Elizabeth Anthony
Elizabeth.Anthony@asu.edu
Ann Turnlund-Carver, AnnMSW@asu.edu
Anna Ochoa, Family Involvement Center