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CENTER

a refuge from domestic violence

**Vision and Mission**

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# **New Life Center (NLC)**

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# **NLC Vision and Mission**

## **Vision**

**Creating an Arizona where all live free from domestic and sexual violence**

## **Mission**

**Helping eliminate domestic and sexual violence through support services, education, and expertise**



# History of NLC

- **Founded in Litchfield, AZ in 1991**
- **Largest Domestic Violence Shelter in the State**
- **Majority of our residents are children**
- **Achieved dual status in 2018**
- **Trauma informed agency**
- **Multidisciplinary Team Player**



# NLC Programs

- **Residential:** 104 beds, 120 days
- **Children's:** Age appropriate programming
- **Outreach:** Mobile Advocacy and Education
- **Lay Legal Advocacy:** Navigating Arizona Family, Civil and Criminal Law
- **Housing:** Low barrier funding
- **Sexual Assault Services:** 24/7 Crisis Line, transitioning into 24/7 emergency response



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# Sexual Assault Investigation Training Program



# Foundations of the Training Program

Trainers are subject matter experts in their field

Trainings are AZPOST certified

All trainings:

- Incorporate a multidisciplinary training approach
- Are victim-centered
- Are trauma informed
- Include current best practices
- Include relevant and up to date case studies
- Supported by our Community Partners

# Training Topics

- Basic Interviewing of Adult Sexual Assault Cases
- First Responder Training
- One-Party Consent Calls
- Cold Case Investigations in Sexual Assault Cases
- Interviewing Sexual Assault Victims/Neurobiology of Trauma
- Courtroom Testimony and Presenting the Case at Trial
- Interviewing the Sexual Assault Suspect
- Sexual Assault Offender Behavior
- Sexual Assault Cases in Indian Country
- Sex Trafficking Investigation
- Interviewing Developmentally Delayed Adults



# Methodology

Convene subject matter experts

- Approximately 18 individuals to date

Identify trainers

- 11 different trainers to date, 7 for Basic

Create training content

Generate law enforcement support

Training needs assessment

Locate appropriate venues and identify time of year by Region



# Training to date

## Trained 152 people

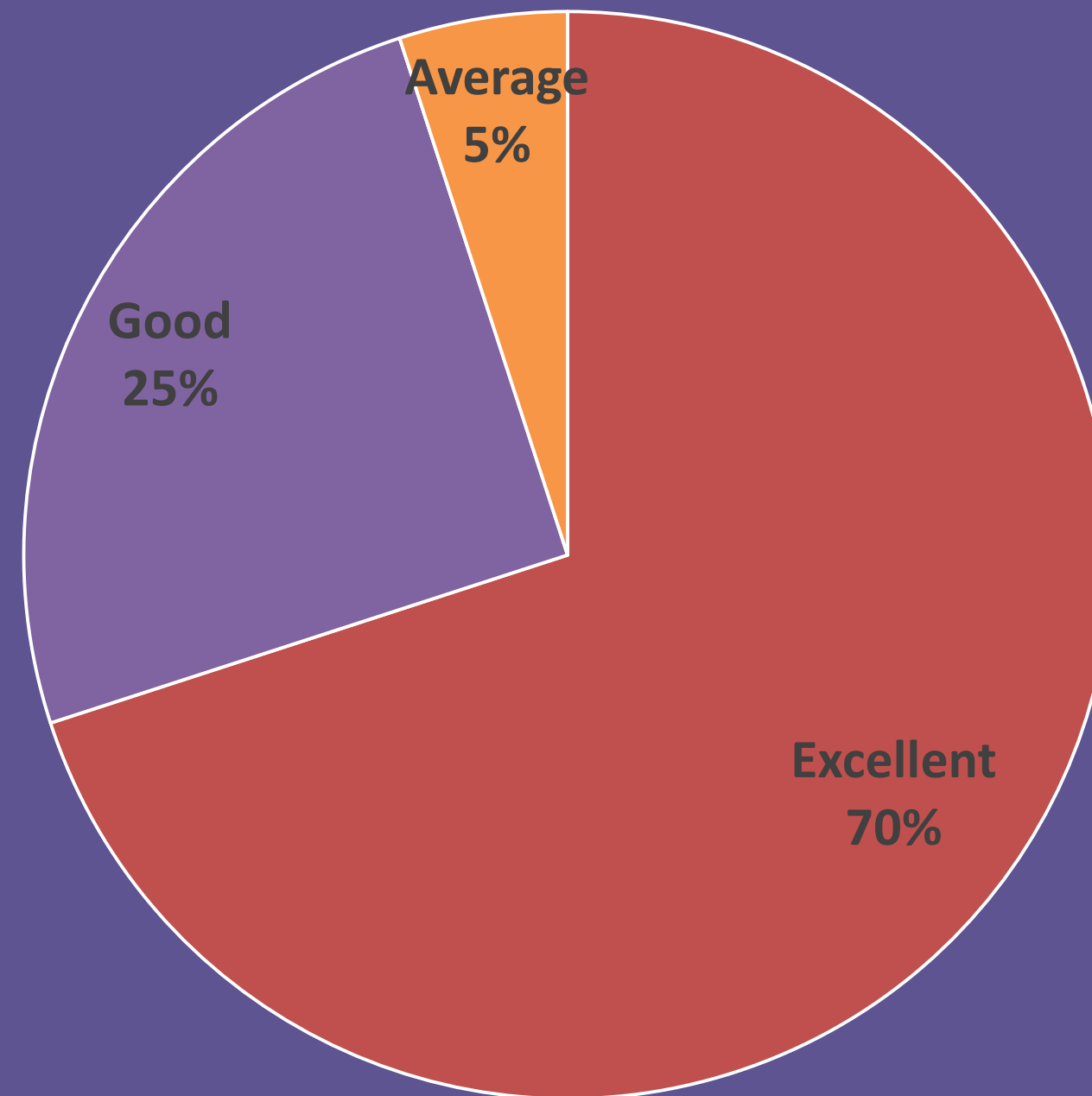
- 109 Law Enforcement Officers
- 15 Probation Officers
- 6 Prosecutors
- 22 Victim Advocates

## Attendees have represented

- 8 Counties
- 25 Law Enforcement Agencies
  - 1 State University
  - 2 Tribal Nations
  - FBI
  - Attorney General's Office

# Attendee Evaluations

What is your overall rating of this training?



# Next Steps

**MARCH 2020**

18-19th Yuma County-Yuma Police Dept  
Basic Interviewing/Investigation  
Interviewing the Victim/Neurobiology of  
Trauma

To be determined-Pinal County  
One Party Consent Calls

**APRIL 2020**

7-8<sup>th</sup> Maricopa County-Southwest FAC  
Basic Interviewing/Investigation  
Interviewing the Victim/Neurobiology of  
Trauma

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One Party Consent Calls



# Questions?

Thank you to the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family for your support of this Training Program.





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