

Thank you to the ACE Board of Directors for providing the opportunity to attend and present at the 8th Annual Professional Development Symposium on May 19-21 in Tucson, Arizona.

The Symposium was both inspirational and informative and really reinforced the idea that attitude is everything and attitude is something that we can work on ourselves and with the youth we serve. The keynote speaker set the tone from the start using examples from her own experiences and she used the experiences of many members of the audience to illustrate her message. All the sessions that I was able to attend were informative and collectively positive in the message of hope and rehabilitation possibilities that we share working with the youth in correctional facilities.

It was an honor to present at the symposium and share the collaborative work that we have accomplished in Pima County. Our presenters included a Pima County Juvenile Court Judge, Director of Pima County Juvenile Court Detention Center, Doctoral Student from the University of Arizona and Education Programs Coordinator at Pima County Juvenile Court. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together and share our initiatives and some of the work we have done in Pima County to address the educational outcomes for all court involved youth.