

MARICOPA COUNTY BRANCH

NAACP

“THE NEW CALL : TO ACTION”

**2016 - 2017**

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# Community Engagement

## 2016 - 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

President Hart represented the Maricopa County Branch NAACP at the Encanto Community Church's "Racial Justice Sunday." Dr. Hart also presided over a successful 2017 Freedom Fund Dinner where the Branch successfully honored several community leaders and had an attendance of over 500 people. \$28,000 from the Adair Foundation NAACP Scholarship fund was awarded to local graduating high school seniors and college students in 2016. In 2017, an additional \$17,000 was awarded through the Adair Foundation NAACP Scholarships to local graduating high school seniors and college students.

Maricopa County Branch NAACP and Executive Committee members, under the Leadership of Dr. Hart collaborated with the Checker Flag Run Foundation who hosted a Backpack Drive held at the Kroc Center. The Branch hosted Scottsdale Chief of Police, Alan G. Rodbell and his executive team for an Inaugural Luncheon Dialogue. Dr. Hart met with the Department of Corrections Director to advocate for SMI policies.

The Maricopa County Branch NAACP sponsored several workshops on "How to Advocate on the Behalf of your Child's Civil Rights." President Hart represented the Branch by participating in two Bridge Forums in Scottsdale and Phoenix: An exclusive panel of Law Enforcement Officers & Community Luminaries.

The Maricopa County Branch hosted the 1st Community forum for Chief Jerri Williams, the 1st Female Police Chief in Phoenix, Arizona. The Maricopa County Branch supported the national initiative: Healthy Young People Everywhere-GET-HYPE program in collaboration with the ASU College Chapter.



**Maricopa NAACP Branch President  
February 2016 - November 2017**

## **Maricopa County Branch NAACP Leadership 2018**

Dr. Karen Hardin, President

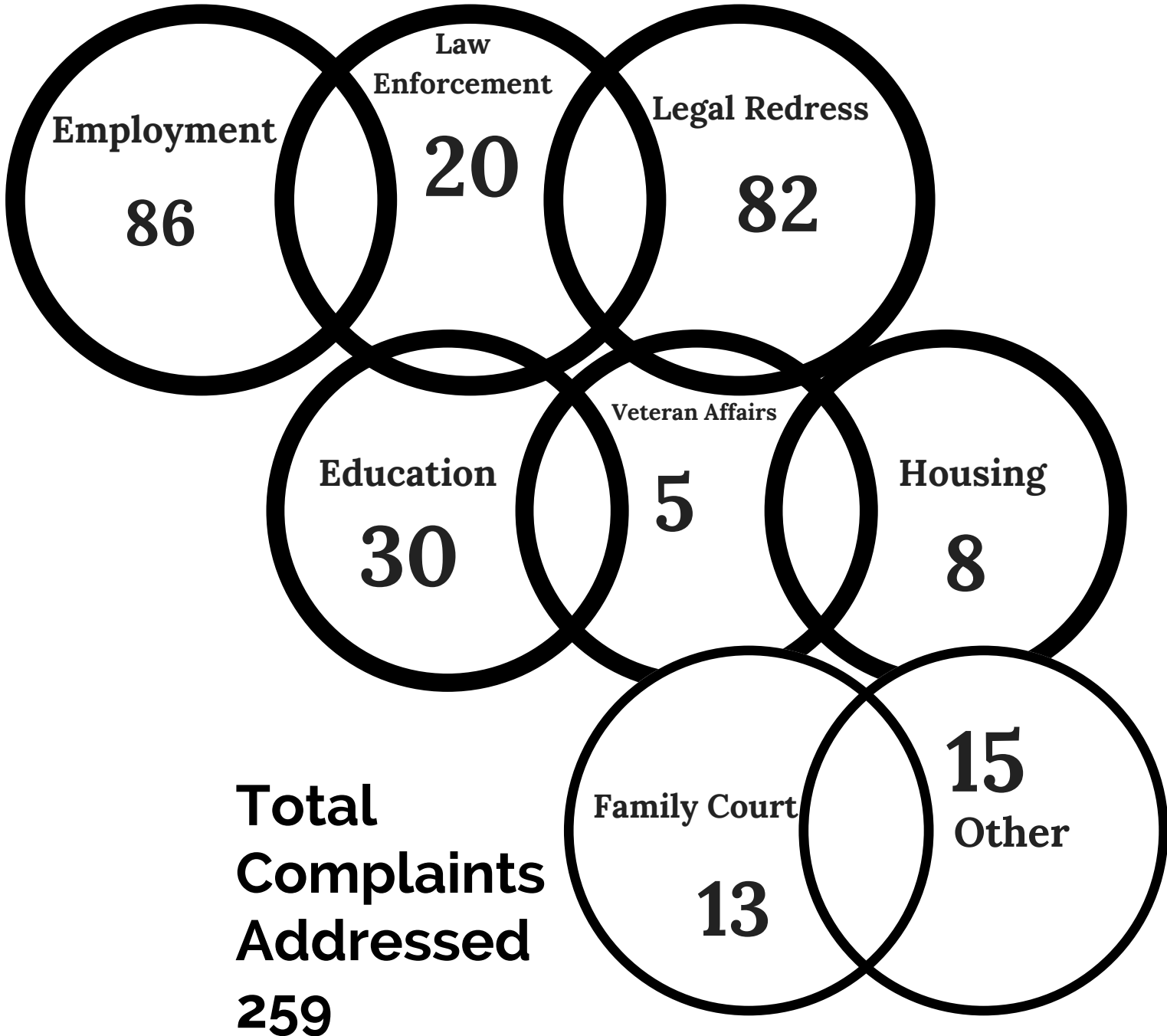
### E-Committee Members

Mr. Ernie Adair  
Kenneth Chaney  
Sydney Clark  
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Sherri Covington  
Athelyn Daniels  
Dr. Monica Ennis  
Daisey Gates  
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Ben Taylor, Esq.  
John Treadwell  
Dr. Camilla Westenberg  
Princess Lucas-Wilson  
Juanita Pierson-Williams

## Legal Redress Committee:

**John Treadwell, Chair**

Community Complaints Received and Addressed  
by the Maricopa County Branch between  
October 2016 and November 2017



## **Community Impact**

### **Criminal Justice/Law Enforcements Committee:**

#### **Princess Lucas-Wilson, Chair**

- Participated in a Phoenix Police Department training through “viRTRA-Simulation.” This activity and other briefings by the Phoenix Police Department has demonstrated efforts toward transparency and community engagement.
- Attended the League of Women’s Voter Summit at ASU West which featured “Restoring Voting Rights” to convicted felons as one of the topics.
- Participated in SW Day at the Legislature.
- Met with Glendale Police Department regarding fatal shootings.
- Participated in Phoenix Police Department briefings related to fatal shooting.
- Participated in two community forums with Chief Williams organized by the Maricopa County Branch.
- Coordinated training held for Young adults by N.O.B.L.E. (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement) and facilitated a community forum where questions from the community were addressed by police officers.
- Coordinated meeting to discuss police protocol during protest in which students were tear gassed while leaving their classes.
- Participated in “Coffee with a Cop” with the Maryvale precinct where community concerns were discussed in detail.
- Participated in Luncheon with Scottsdale Police Department to continue building community relations.
- Participated in “Critical Incidents” meeting with the Phoenix Police Department. Reviewed cases of officer involved shootings to make recommendations to mitigate shootings.
- Met with Glendale and Phoenix Police Departments regarding fatal shootings.

### **Political Action Committee:**

#### **Dr. Camilla Westenberg, Chair**

- Attended Legislative District 24 and 27 meetings.
- Distributed electronic information from NAACP National Office and Washington Bureau political updates and action items to various community organizations.
- Attended the African American Legislative Days at the Capitol representing the Maricopa County Branch NAACP.
- Attended the “People are Talking” Legislative Dialogue.
- Attended the Maricopa County Recorder’s African American Roundtable.

- Attended the Kick-Off Save Our Schools (SOS).
- Attended the “Abolish Private Prisons” forum.
- Attended the “We the People” conference.
- Coordinated the collaboration of Maricopa County Branch NAACP participation with Phoenix College NAACP/BSU’s, hosting of the AKA-DBO Annual HBCU Fair, along with other community organizations serving over 600 youth.
- Supported other NAACP branches through attendance at their freedom fund events.
- Collaboration with college chapters and facilitated weekly Phoenix College NAACP/BSU meetings during the academic year.

## **Veteran Affairs and Armed Services Committee:**

### **Kenneth Turner, Chair**

- Attended VA “Claims Town-Hall” representing Maricopa County Branch NAACP.
- Attended all police forums organized by the Branch to enhance community and police relations.
- Attended collaboration meeting with ASU Deans as a representative for the Maricopa County Branch NAACP.
- Attended American Legion Breakfast to promote collaboration with the Maricopa County Branch NAACP.
- Attended Southwest Veterans Chamber as a representative for the Maricopa County Branch NAACP.

## **2018 Maricopa County Branch NAACP Priorities**

- Freedom Fund Dinner April 20th, 2018. Keynote Speaker Rev. Calvin Butts, III. Tickets are available online via our Branch’s website : [www.maricopanaacp.org](http://www.maricopanaacp.org)
- 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at the Raven Golf Course on September 15th, 2018.
- Continue Legal Redress Assistance to the community
- Continue Collaboration with Law Enforcement Agencies
- Voter Education/ Voter Registration Non-Partisan Events
- Educational Outreach and Early Education Advocacy
- Economic Empowerment Workshops

“The New Call : To Action” newsletter is the inaugural edition created to celebrate ninety-nine years of service by the Maricopa County Branch NAACP. The Branch is still—“Steadfast and Immovable” in the fight for justice and civil rights for all.



“Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow, not some more convenient season. It is today that our best work can be done and not some future day or future year. It is today that we fit ourselves for the greater usefulness of tomorrow. Today is the seed time, now are the hours of work, and tomorrow comes the harvest and the playtime.”

— W.E.B. Du Bois