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**GOOD NEWS!  
FROM THE VALLEY OF THE SUN YMCA  
*YMCA i-Learn Drop-Out Recovery Program  
continues to help area teens***

PHOENIX, AZ:--- The Valley of the Sun YMCA is proud to announce the continued partnership with the Primavera Online High School and the YMCA i-Learn Drop-Out Recovery Program. The self-paced computerized classes offer students under 21 years old an opportunity to earn their high school diploma at five YMCA facilities and one community center. These locations are: Southwest Valley Family YMCA, Chris-Town Family YMCA, Maryvale Family YMCA, Chandler/Gilbert Family YMCA, Lincoln Family Downtown YMCA , and the Paiute Neighborhood Center in Scottsdale.

Started in 2002, this successful program has helped over 800 high school dropouts attain school credits, receive their high school diplomas or earned a GED; 800 kids who may have otherwise fallen through the system, but now are on a path of goal setting for college or a productive work life. The i-Learn Drop-Out Recovery Program allows students to overcome barriers that have led them to drop out or fall behind in school.

One of the missions of the Valley of the Sun YMCA is to be an effective provider/partner in helping to solve community problems. Collaborations with the city, county, state of Arizona and a multitude of agencies and organizations allow the YMCA to provide YMCA branches the programs and services that will make our community stronger.

The YMCA recognizes the support from Arizona Department of Education AIDPA Grant, Primavera Online High School, Chandler Unified High School, Cox Communications, City of Scottsdale, Scottsdale Cares, Partners for Paiute, and the United Way—their generosity helps make the YMCA i-Learn Drop-Out Recovery Program available to area teens.

**[valleymca.org](http://valleymca.org)**

**About the YMCA:**

*Over 2600 YMCAs serve 21 million people each year, including nearly 10 million children under the age of 18. YMCAs respond to critical social needs by drawing on their collective strength as one of America's largest not-for-profit community service organizations. Through a variety of programs and services focused on the holistic development of children and youth, family strengthening, and health and well-being for all, YMCAs unite men, women and children of all ages, faiths, backgrounds, abilities and income levels. From urban areas to small towns, YMCAs have proudly served America's communities for nearly 160 years by building healthy spirit, mind and body for all. Visit [valleymca.org](http://valleymca.org) to find your local YMCA.*

**For more information about the YMCA i-Learn Program or to arrange for an interview with the Community Initiatives Representative for the Valley of the Sun YMCA, please contact: Manda Hurdelbrink • 513.324.8610**

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