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Executive Director's Roundtable

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On Wednesday, November 16, 2011, Tempe Community Council (TCC) had the honor to host 19 Executive Directors from across the Valley representing a full continuum of human services at the annual Executive Director's Roundtable. This convening is an opportunity for professionals across the varied fields of human services to meet, network, and share insight from the field.

Roundtable Discussion Questions posed by TCC:

- Please share your agency's response to the economic downturn; as it began, during the height and currently
- Please share any reductions you are experiencing
- Please share any good news you have encountered; unanticipated opportunities
- How can TCC help
 - Additional workshops and conversations
 - Join existing collaborative groups to make systemic changes
 - Analyze why nonprofit staff are leaving
 - Organizations want to collaborate; however do not have the resources – facilitate meetings to do collaborative work
 - Transportation needs
 - Work with insurance need and identified risks/regulations
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The following predominant trends were identified by attendees from this year's Roundtable:

- There is an increased number of families in need (mom/dad) (rather than only a single parent)
- There is a strong sentiment that Arizona needs to 'rethink' the allocation of human services funds for medical needs
- There is an increased concern regarding the impact of the Affordable Care Act and what it means for vulnerable populations
- The network for those with disabilities is so strained that it will begin to affect other human service populations and services (homeless, youth, etc.) - this population has unique needs requiring specialized care
- Agencies are seeing the necessity in increased partnership and collaboration in a holistic manner