## Children's Savings Accounts

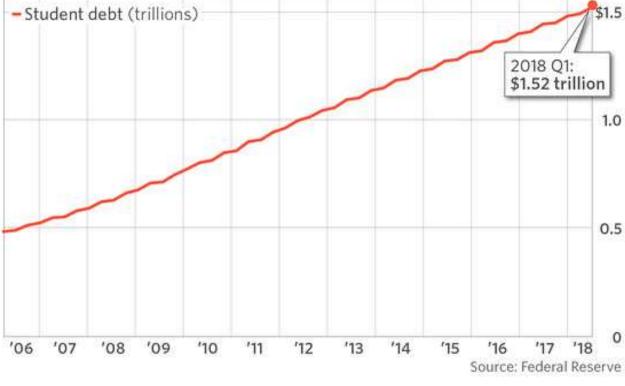
## wildfire Igniting Community Action to End Poverty in Arizona

# The Facts

Over the last 30 years the cost of postsecondary education has increased by 200%, and the average student comes out of college with over \$30,000 in debt

#### A depressing milestone Outstanding student debt surpassed \$1.5 trillion for the first time

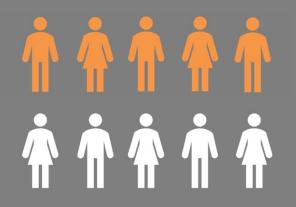




It is estimated that by 2020, 65% of all jobs will require college education. Unfortunately in Arizona only 53% of high school graduates enroll in 2 & 4 - year educational institutions and only 27% of those enrollees graduate.



While 50% of Americans from high income families hold a bachelor's degree by age 25, just 10% from low-income families attain the same level of education by age 25.





High Income Students vs. Low Income Students 

### What are CSAs?



#### **OPEN ACCOUNT**

Accounts—opened as early as birth or kindergarten are seeded with initial deposits.



### **GROW SAVINGS**

Accounts grow through family contributions and incentives, such as savings matches.



#### ATTEND COLLEGE/ TRAINING

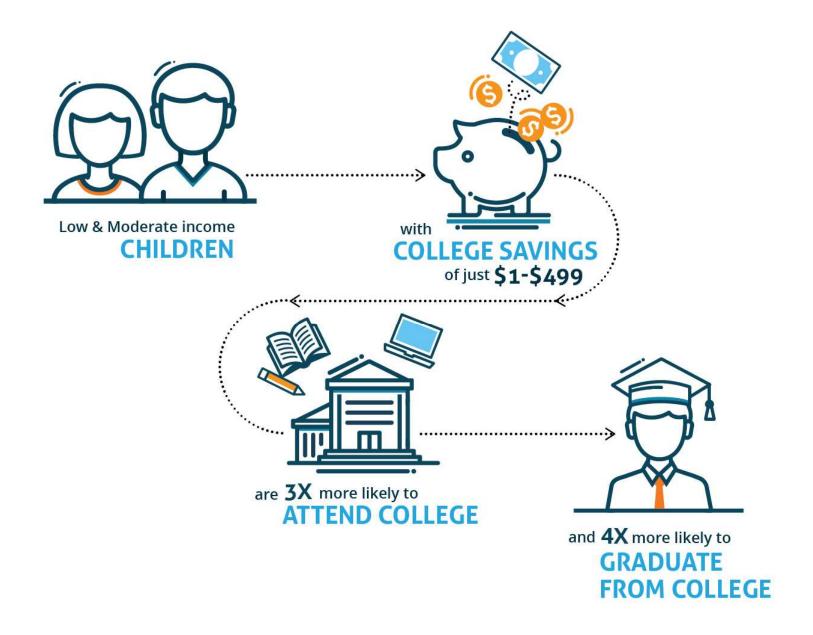
Savings help pay for postsecondary education.



### GRADUATE

Children with a college account with \$500 or less are 4x more likely to graduate.









- Pilot a CSA Program
- Enroll Head Start Students in 2020/2021 school year
- Provide a custodial savings account or 529 account and a seed deposit
- Coordinate college planning and readiness information for parents and students
- Evaluate program metrics and outcomes