



Did you know:

32 million Americans live with food allergies

There is no cure for allergies. You can manage allergies with prevention and treatment. It is among the country's most common, but overlooked, diseases

Every 3 minutes, a severe allergic reaction to food sends someone to the emergency room

One in thirteen children suffers from food allergies, and that number is on the rise

EpiPens must be administered within minutes of anaphylaxis to be successful and they are the only available treatment for severe allergy reactions

25% of anaphylaxis reactions at school occur in students previously undiagnosed with a severe allergy to food, insect venom, latex or medication

Our supporters:



In August 2019, the [Kyah Rayne Foundation](#) was launched to honor 21-year-old Kyah, who died of anaphylactic shock within minutes.

WE CAN PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING

Our mission is to bring awareness of the dangers of food allergies, promote legislation that supports emergency allergy treatment programs, and develop online educational training to support families in Arizona living with food allergies with a goal of saving lives.

A food allergy happens when your immune system overreacts to what should be a harmless food protein – an allergen. Food Allergies are potentially life-threatening and frequently life-altering. Anyone who has a food allergy can succumb to Anaphylaxis (pronounced an-uh-fil-LAX-is), a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. Anaphylaxis comes on quickly and may cause death.

THE KYAH RAYNE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS AND LEGISLATION

The federal School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act provides a financial incentive for states to enact their own laws requiring schools to keep non-student specific epinephrine auto-injectors in case of emergency. Arizona State Law in 2013, House Bill 2085 and subsequent Arizona School Board of Education ruling now make it possible for public and charter schools to administer emergency auto-injectable Epinephrine. Supporting the Maricopa County Department of Public Health to pass the School Surveillance and Medication Program (SSMP) will implement standing orders for stock auto-injectable Epinephrine in public and charter schools (ARS § 15-157 and Arizona Administrative Code R7-2-809) must be enforced. Encourage your school to apply at [School Surveillance and Medication Program \(SSMP\) web application.](#)

We are promoting a new House Bill that provides Emergency Use Auto Injectable Epinephrine Program for Food Service facilities at Institutions of Higher Education in Arizona. Maryland House Bill 1473 was passed in 2018. We hope to be the second state in the nation to follow with this new lifesaving Auto Injectable Epinephrine protocol.

THE KYAH RAYNE FOUNDATION CAMPAIGN SUPPORTS FAMILIES LIVING WITH FOOD ALLERGIES AND EDUCATING ALL COMMUNITIES ABOUT THE DISEASE

To fulfill this mission, we have established the Kyah Rayne Foundation as a local non-profit organization with 501(c)3 status under TAPAZ, Technical Assistance Partnership of Arizona which is an affiliate of the Vitalyst Health Foundation.

Please visit www.KyahRayneFoundation.org for more information.

Through fundraising efforts and policy change we will honor Kyah Rayne by dramatically improving the quality of life for those affected by food allergies so no one else has to suffer life changing tragedies like the one that took Kyah Rayne.

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