

MAY 2024

# COMMUNITY

NEWSLETTER

# ARIZONA



“Helping People Help Themselves”

## Making a Difference Since 1967

With more than 57 years of helping others to help themselves, OIC's have served over 4 million clients with a placement rate better than 75% in full-time positions.



May 5, 2024

May 12, 2024



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



**SHANIA LOWERY**

Hi my name is Shania Lowery, and I am a young lady currently pursuing my education at Red Mountain High School. In 2022, I had the opportunity to participate in the summer youth program at AZOIC. Through this experience, I learned invaluable leadership skills that have left a lasting impact on my personal and professional development.

Two of the highlights of my time at AZOIC was learning how to write a resume and sign my name in cursive! Those skills have proven to be instrumental in my journey towards securing meaningful employment opportunities.

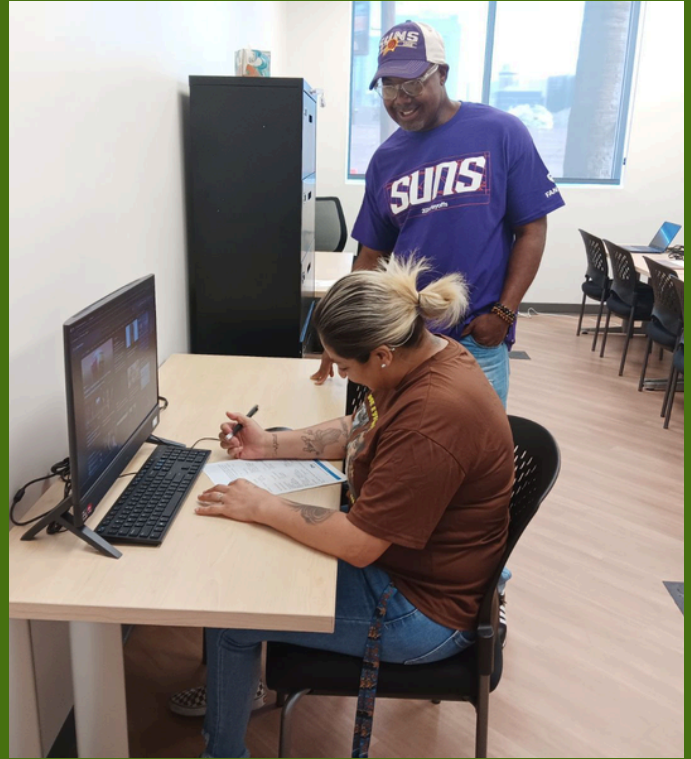
Thanks to the guidance and support I received from AZOIC, I successfully landed my first job at McDonald's, marking a significant milestone in my career path.

I am grateful for the experience and the support I received from AZOIC.

# EMPOWERING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION

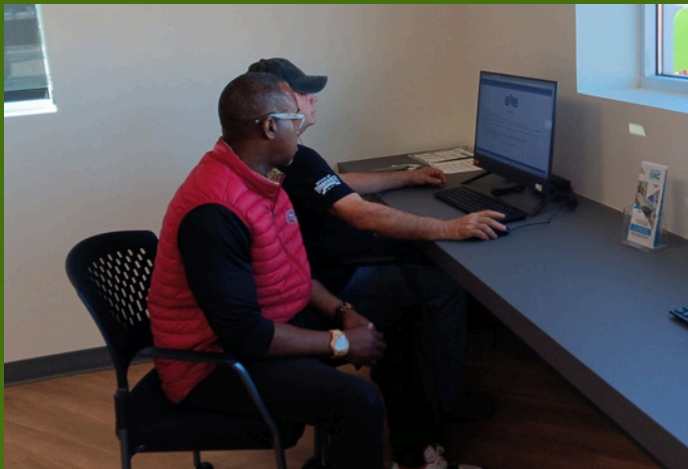


We are thrilled to continue offering educational opportunities to members of our community. It's with great pride that we recognize their dedication and commitment to achieving their goals, particularly in obtaining their GEDs.



**"EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD."**

*Nelson Mandela*



# MEETING TIME!



**AZOIC and Transdev, collaborating for over two decades, convene with Councilwoman Kesha Hodge Washington.**

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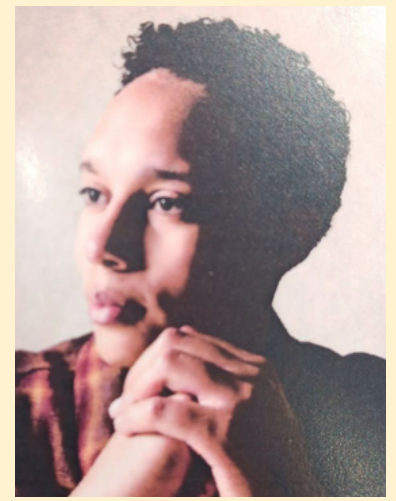


Introducing our latest collaborator, Smiling Spirits Native American Wellness, joining forces with us!



Our partners  
Thunderbird Legacy Group

# NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner & Community Awards Program



Keynote Speaker – Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett 30th District of Texas  
President’s Award - Brittney Griner, NCAA Champion, WNBA Champion, and 2x Olympic Gold Medalist



**APS**  
**Community Partner**



**Mayor Kate Gallegos**



**Ceremony for Officer David Lee “Star” Johnson**



ARIZONA INFORMANT FOUNDATION PRESENTS

FREE  
HELMETS  
while supplies last

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Thank you



MEET ROBERT WOOTEN, THE CORNERSTONE OF CURRY, PEARSON & WOOTEN, PLC, SERVING AS OUR TRUSTED ATTORNEY. WITH HIS EXPERTISE, WE NAVIGATE LEGAL MATTERS WITH CONFIDENCE.. THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS!





Celebrating a Legacy of Culture Heritage Freedom

presents the annual valley of the sun

# Juneteenth

celebration  
eastlakepark  
communitycenter

5-10pm | sat june 15 2024



- WORKSHOPS
- PRESENTATIONS
- RESOURCE & RETAIL VENDORS
- HEALTH SCREENINGS
- FOOD
- MUSIC
- PERFORMANCES
- KIDS ZONE

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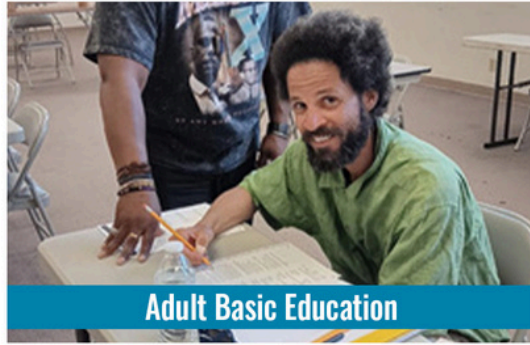
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call 623-282-1555 or email [info@phxjuneteenth.com](mailto:info@phxjuneteenth.com)



**G.E.D. Preparation Course**



**Adult Basic Education**



**Administration Office Skills**



**Vocational Counseling**



**Work Readiness Skills**



**Financial Literacy**

Program Classes will be held at our "NEW" location, 701 South Central Avenue. Phoenix, Arizona 85004  
 Free and open to all students 18 years of age or older with proof of residence. All students must present proof of lawful presence in the United States. Examples include AZ Driver's License, Arizona Identification Card, U.S. Passport or Permanent Resident Card

**THE NEXT 10 STUDENTS TO REGISTER FOR THE GED PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE A \$50 SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE GED PROGRAM**



**ARIZONA HOSPITALITY ACADEMY**

**COMING SOON**

**GAP ACADEMY**

**KIDS CAN CODE**

OPEN TO GRADES 6TH-8TH

gapkidscancode@gmail.com

**GAP ACADEMY FOR K-8 LEARNERS**

The GAP (Greater Academic Performance) Academy creating young scholars one student at a time.



**REGISTER TODAY**

**CALL 602-254-5081 OR 602-513-8311**

**8:00am - 4:00pm.**



# NOW HIRING



**BUS DRIVERS**



**DIESEL  
MECHANICS**



**MAINTENANCE PARTS  
MANAGER**



**APPLY**

**Using the QR Codes  
online @**

**<https://transdevna.jobs/>**

**or in person at:**

**South Garage -**

**2225 W. Lower Buckeye,  
Phoenix, AZ 85009**

**TIRE HANDLER**



**SERVICE ATTENDANTS**



**Questions? Call 602-229-4700**

# HAPPENING IN THE VALLEY OF THE SUN

**COMMUNITY Conversation LISTENING SESSION**

MONDAY MAY 13, 2024 6:00PM - 8:30PM

A PERMANENT VOICE IN COLLABORATION WITH US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF ARIZONA PRESENTS

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY LIBRARY**  
7055 S. MOUNTAIN STREET  
PHOENIX, AZ 85042  
ROOMS 102/215/103

To Register Contact:  
**A PERMANENT VOICE**  
apvoice@phoenixpubliclibrary.com  
602.341.4042

\*\*\*ALL ATTENDEES MUST PRE-REGISTER\*\*\*  
**SPM FRI, MAY 10, 2024**

"YOUR CHOICE IS YOUR VOICE"  
Forthright dialogue between Community and Law Enforcement  
"LET'S BRIDGE THE GAP"

**TOPICS:**

- Community's knowledge of the term "speedy trial"?
- What constitutes a speedy trial?
- How does the County Attorney's Office ensure all victims and their support systems have access to victim services and resources?
- If the County Attorney's Office decides not to pursue charges due to lack of evidence, what is the process to have a case reviewed & reopened if additional evidence is presented?

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- Overview of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office
- Breakout sessions
- Candid conversation in a safe space

**DANA L. BURNS**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PhoenixPublicLibrary MARICOPA COUNTY

## Helping Families in Need

**12 p.m. - 4 p.m. every Monday**  
Harmon Library | 1325 S. 5th Ave.

Helping Families in Need (HFNAZ) will be on site at Harmon Library to provide application assistance to families that may be eligible for AHCCCS, SNAP, TANF, KIDSCARE and Marketplace.

Reservations are encouraged. To make a reservation, call 1-800-298-4346. For more information about Helping Families in Need, visit hfinaz.com.

For information about Library programs and services, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org or call 602-262-4636 (for TTY dial 7-1-1).

## PHX Works at Phoenix Public Library

### Ability360 Ticket to Work

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM | Tuesdays  
APRIL 23rd | MAY 21st | JUNE 25th | JULY 23rd  
Burton Barr Central Library | Online Program

Ability360 Ticket to Work program is a free and voluntary program provided by persons with disabilities to assist persons with disabilities seeking gainful employment.

Get the information you need regarding your disability benefits and working from a credible proven source - take the guess work out of the decision making process. Services include things such as resume writing, job search, benefits consulting all designed to help you engage in employment with confidence!

To learn more go to <https://ability360.org/ticket-to-work/>. This program is ONLINE and requires registration on the Phoenix Public Library website. Register for the Ticket to Work Program Presentation here.

To register for a program or for more information, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org or call 602-262-4636 (for TTY dial 7-1-1).



## PHX Monthly Job Fairs COME LAND WITH US 100s

of airport jobs available!

**Upcoming Dates**

- May 7
- June 4
- July 2
- August 6
- September 3
- October 1
- November 5
- December 3

**PHX Sky Train®**  
44th St. Station  
200 South 44th St.  
(Note New Times)  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!**

More info available at [skyharbor.com/jobs](http://skyharbor.com/jobs)

## Opioid Education

**How to Talk To and Support Someone With Substance Use Disorder**

This program will cover what to look for, how to talk to friends/family that might be struggling with substance use disorder, current resources in the community, and where to go for help.

**5:00-6:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 8**  
Harmon Library | 1325 S. 5th Ave., 85003

This program is presented by the City of Phoenix Office of Public Health and Southwest Behavioral Health Services.

For more information or to find additional programs in this series, visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org) or call 602-262-4636 (for TTY use 7-1-1).

Healthy PHX SOUTH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY LIBRARY PhoenixPublicLibrary

## Workforce Center @ MESA

A NEW LEAF • CITY OF MESA • ARIZONA@WORK

### JOB & CAREER FAIR

Meet with businesses hiring now!

Scan the QR Code to register today!

**DATE** Wednesday, May 15th, 2024  
**TIME** 10AM-1PM  
**LOCATION** Workforce Center @ Mesa, 835 E Broadway, Mesa AZ, 85204

Questions? Contact La Tonya at 480-572-1429 or 602-391-0142

University of Arizona-Roosevelt Early Childhood Family Resource Center  
May 2024 Calendar  
Located at 4655 South 22nd Street, Phoenix (Marina Luther King, Jr. School)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Play &amp; Learn 9:30-10:30 (English)</p> <p>Play &amp; Learn 11:00-12:00 (Bilingual)</p>	<p>Play &amp; Learn 9:30-10:30 (English)</p> <p>Play &amp; Learn 11:00-12:00 (Bilingual)</p>	<p>Open Play Family and Children 10:00-11:00</p> <p>Family Night Multilingual (9:30-11:00) (Multi-lingual)</p>	<p>Play &amp; Learn 9:30-10:30 (English)</p> <p>Play &amp; Learn 11:00-12:00 (Bilingual)</p>	<p>HC Closed due to Summer Program</p>	<p>HC Native Program at the Hayden Center 3015 S. Central Avenue Phoenix 85006 Multi-lingual in-person</p>
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Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting 602-390-3852. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Support for the Roosevelt Early Childhood Family Resource Center is provided by a grant from First Things First, which partners with families and communities to give all children the opportunity to arrive at kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed. Learn more at [firstthingsfirst.org](http://firstthingsfirst.org).

In support of Fatherhood of Cooperative Extension work, acts of May 4 and June 30, 1974, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Edward C. Reardon, Director, Extension, Development & Extension, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, The University of Arizona. The University of Arizona is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, or marital status in its programs and activities.

**To Register:**  
Call or stop by the URMAR-Roosevelt Early Childhood Family Resource Center @ Marina Luther King, Jr. School  
4655 South 22nd Street Phoenix, AZ 85006  
602-390-3852  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9:30am - 4:00pm  
Wednesday: 10:30am - 12:30pm  
Friday: 7:30am - 12:30pm

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC.

## GAP ACADEMY

**KIDS CAN CODE**

OPEN TO GRADES 3RD-8TH

Monday - Thursday  
9:00am - 12:00pm

June 3rd - June 21st

701 S. Central Ave  
Phoenix, AZ 85004

[Gapkidsanocode@gmail.com](mailto:Gapkidsanocode@gmail.com)

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Workforce Center @ MESA

## Class Calendars

### MAY & JUNE 2024 Community Class Calendars

- CPR/AED • FIRST AID •
- CPR BLS • ACLS/PALS •
- INSTRUCTOR TRAINING •
- ARTICLE 9 •
- FINGERPRINTING •

American Emergency Response Training  
(623) 561-0068  
[www.ertcpr.com](http://www.ertcpr.com)

**AZOPBS Kids LEARN!**

## WRITING CONTEST

2024

### THE ULTIMATE FIELD TRIP

Enter by May 12

Write and illustrate a story that describes the ultimate field trip you would take with your favorite teacher!

Submit it online and you could win some cool prizes!

VISIT [AZOPBS.org/WRITING](http://AZOPBS.org/WRITING)

Primavera K-12

## South Phoenix Healthy Star

FREE Family Support Program

VISIT THE QR CODE TO: RSVP FOR CLASSES ENROLL VISIT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

We offer a wide variety of classes, one on one education, a community resources.

Childbirth Class  
Newborn to the Delivery Room  
Baby and the Infant Health and Safety  
Partnering Strategies

## SMILING SPIRITS

Why Choose Us?

- Culturally Rooted Interventions
- Evidence based practice of direct trauma, including age cleaning, breathing, and storytelling, comprehensive for modern psychological care.
- Holistic Approach
- We focus on healing the mind, body, and spirit through a blend of traditional medicine, counseling, and wellness activities.
- Community
- Participate in group sessions that foster unity and personal spaces where individuals can reflect and grow.

**OUR SERVICES**

- DUI Education and Treatment
- Domestic Violence Services
- Cultural Integration
- Client Success Coaches
- Community Resource Referral

**MORE INFORMATION**

Call or Text: 480-504-2676  
Location: Tempe, Arizona  
Contact Us: [office.smilingspirits@gmail.com](mailto:office.smilingspirits@gmail.com)

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A PATH TO WELLNESS INSPIRED BY TRADITION  
(480) 504-2676  
Discover your path to wellness.

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY - HEAT RELIEF CENTERS

MARICOPA COUNTY DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS OFFERING FUNDING UP TO \$150,000 TO AGENCIES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS IN MARICOPA COUNTY TO AID IN HEAT RELIEF EFFORTS BY:

- EXTENDING HOURS OF OPERATIONS AT EXISTING COOLING OR RESPITE CENTERS
- OPENING NEW HEAT RELIEF CENTER(S) IN AREAS OF NEED.

DEADLINE: MAY 16, 2024, 2:00 PM (ARIZONA)

QUESTIONS - CONTACT: CHERYL BUCALO  
(602) 506-6886 | [CHERYL.BUCALO@MARICOPA.GOV](mailto:CHERYL.BUCALO@MARICOPA.GOV)

MARICOPA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH  
HEAT RELIEF NETWORK

FOR FULL DETAILS, VISIT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/MCHKATRLC](http://HTTPS://BIT.LY/MCHKATRLC)