



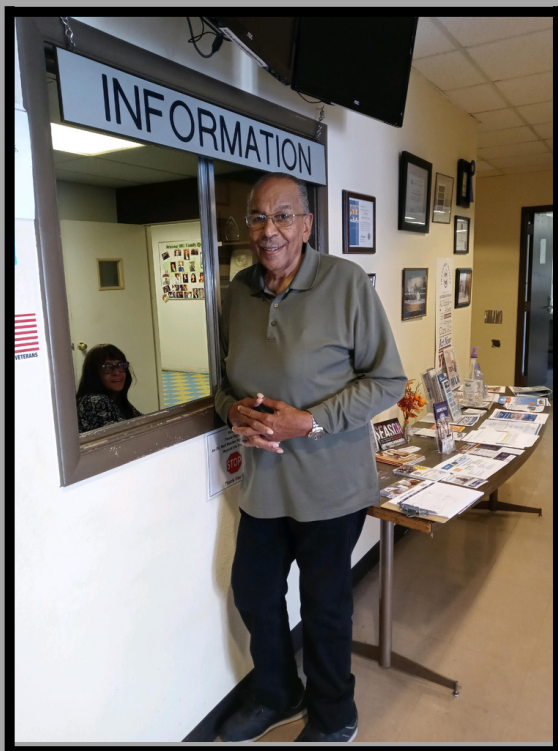
VIEWS FROM JACKSON STREET

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Regardless of how negative conversation sounds or troubling actions appear; Truth will survive and prevail.....

"God has it under control"

-Dr. Gene C. Blue



Thank You

DEPUTY JANET SHINES

for 36 years of service.

Your commitment and dedication to AZOIC over the years are unmatched.

We appreciate you!



## THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATIONS

There has been confusion and misunderstandings about vaccines. But vaccinations are an important part of family and public health. Vaccines prevent the spread of contagious, dangerous, and deadly diseases. These include measles, polio, mumps, chicken pox, whooping cough, diphtheria, and HPV. A vaccine (or immunization) is a way to build your body's natural immunity to a disease before you get sick. This keeps you from getting and spreading the disease. For most vaccines, a weakened form of the disease germ is injected into your body. This is usually done with a shot in the leg or arm. Your body detects the invading germs (antigens) and produces antibodies to fight them. Those antibodies then stay in your body for a long time. In many cases, they stay for the rest of your life. If you're ever exposed to the disease again, your body will fight it off without you ever getting the disease. Everyone needs vaccines. They are recommended for infants, children, teenagers, and adults. There are widely accepted immunization schedules available. They list what vaccines are needed, and at what age they should be given. Most vaccines are given to children. It's recommended they receive 14 different vaccines by their 6th birthday. Some of these come in a series of shots. Some vaccines are combined so they can be given together with fewer shots. Vaccines are safe. The benefits of their use far outweigh any risks of side effects.

## Monkeypox Symptoms

People with monkeypox get a rash that may be located on or near the genitals (penis, testicles, labia, and vagina) or anus (butthole) and could be on other areas like the hands, feet, chest, face, or mouth.

- The rash will go through several stages, including scabs, before healing.
- The rash can initially look like pimples or blisters and may be painful or itchy.

Other symptoms of monkeypox can include:

- Fever
- Chills
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Exhaustion
- Muscle aches and backache
- Headache
- Respiratory symptoms (e.g. sore throat, nasal congestion, or cough)

You may experience all or only a few symptoms

- Sometimes, people have flu-like symptoms before the rash.
- Some people get a rash first, followed by other symptoms.
- Others only experience a rash.

*For more information, visit the CDC web page by scanning the QR code.*

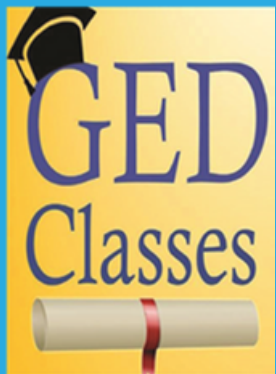


# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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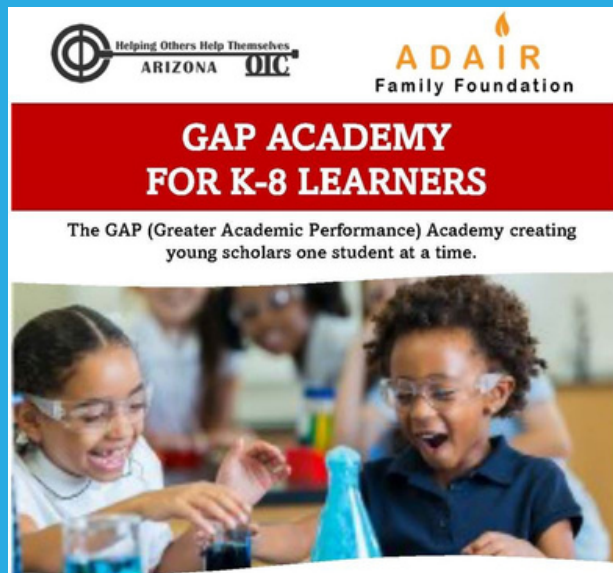
**Tuesday & Thursday**

**9:00am - 12:00pm**



**Coming in 2023**

The Stay in School initiative is intended to improve high school graduation rates for students. The GED program will help prepare students for success through high school level education and better their graduation as well as future career success. 96% of the students who take the GED test have been successful due to this course. Full scholarships are available for dedicated students. Come into the office to fill out an application and register for this class.



## **Sullivan's Place: A Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Veterans**

The mission of the Arizona Opportunities Industrialization Center through Sullivan's Place is to assist veterans and their families in attaining self-sufficiency through the provision of dignified housing and supportive services.

To accommodate the diverse veteran population in the Phoenix area, two houses are designed for four single males, one house for four single females, and one house for a married, four-person family. Occupants of Sullivan's Place will also benefit from access to mentoring programs, skills training, and job placement services to help them better attain sustainable self-sufficiency





# 1ST ANNUAL MLK RECIPIENT DINNER October 14, 2022



Hosted by Dr. Wooten and AZOIC  
Expect next level entertainment!



## Arizona Primary Election Results 2022

*Visit the  
Maricopa County Recorder's page  
by scanning the QR code.*



Are you a member or leader of a local faith-based organization that would like us to share your upcoming news and events? Contact us today! Arizona OIC works closely with many local faith organizations that help accomplish and support our mission to **help people help themselves**.

We value our partnerships with organizations of many different backgrounds. Send us your information by contacting us.

**\*\*gene.blue@azoic.org or call our office at 602-513-8311\*\***



As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, Arizona OIC relies on donations, private sector funding, and special events for its operations. While grants were available when Arizona OIC was founded many years ago, over the past several decades public funding and grants have been disappearing. As a result, Arizona OIC has been actively developing its private sector relationships and partnerships, whereby companies rely on Arizona OIC to train their entry-level workforce. If your organization is interested in becoming involved as a Corporate Sponsor of OIC, please contact us at [gene.blue@azoic.org](mailto:gene.blue@azoic.org) or contact our office at 605-513-8311.

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