

# ARIZONA OIC NEWSLETTER

January 2026

*"Making a Difference Since 1967"*

## OUR MISSION

It is Arizona OIC's mission to help people help themselves through accessible education, career preparation, skills training, and job placement assistance. Through our services we seek to develop the "whole person" with the goal of self-sufficiency.

Arizona OIC's programs and facilities have provided recruitment, training, job placement assistance, and employee services to the unemployed, underemployed, unskilled, and dislocated worker for more than 58 years.



Happy  
New Year  
2026

## MLK Special Edition

### CONTACT US

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701 South Central Ave  
PHOENIX, AZ 85004

#### PHONE NUMBER:

602-254-5081

OR

602- 513- 8311

#### WEBSITE:

[WWW.AZOIC.ORG](http://WWW.AZOIC.ORG)

### 2026 Arizona OIC Services Provided

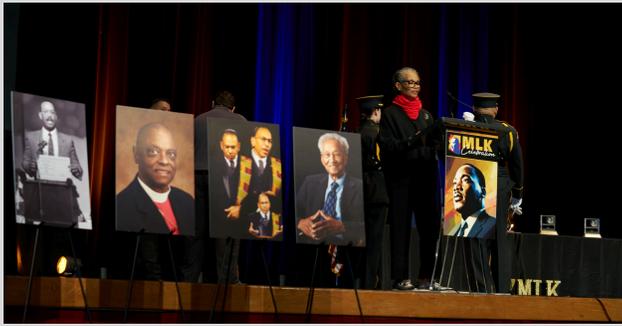
Enrolled: 182 | Completed: 110 | Placed: 28

G.E.D., Hospitality, ESL, Job Placement

# 40th Anniversary MLK CELEBRATION 2026

AZOIC IS THE PROUD PARENT ORGANIZATION OF THE AZ DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATIONS

## Living the Dream Awards Breakfast



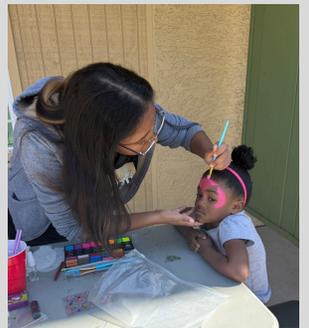
40th Anniversary  
**MLK**  
CELEBRATION 2026

*Basketball Tournament*



40th Anniversary  
**MLK**  
CELEBRATION 2026

*Community Day of Service*



40th Anniversary  
**MLK**  
CELEBRATION 2026

*Commemorative Candlelight Service*



40th Anniversary  
**MLK**  
CELEBRATION 2026

*Commemorative March and Festival*



40th Anniversary  
**MLK**  
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40th Anniversary  
**MLK**  
CELEBRATION 2026  
*Youth Rally*





Free and open to all students 16 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, AZ Identification Card, U.S. Passport or Permanent Resident Card

## WHAT WE OFFER

Adult Basic Education

Work Readiness Skills

G.E.D. Preparation Course

Hospitality Courses

Vocational Counseling

Administration Office Skills

Financial Literacy

ESL Classes

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

**REGISTER TODAY**

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

Scan the QR Code to  
Learn More & Register



**2-week hands-on course**  
with certified chefs covering food science,  
kitchen skills, safety, and menu creation



**Future Class Dates**  
February 16 - 27  
March 23 - April 3

## ARIZONA OIC HOSPITALITY ACADEMY

**Participants will receive an AZ food handlers card upon completion & your own logoed chef coat.**  
We help students update resumes, build interview skills, and find entry-level culinary jobs.

**701 SOUTH CENTRAL AVE. PHOENIX, AZ 85004 | FOR MORE INFO CALL: 602.254.5081**



**FUNDAMENTAL**  
Hospitality



**FOOD SAFETY**  
& Sanitation



**TEAM CULTURE**  
& Kitchen Tradition

**KITCHEN 101**  
Equipment & Lay Out

**INGREDIENT IDENTIFICATION**  
& Types Of Cuisine

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**  
Basic Cuts & Techniques

Participants must be 18 years of age or older.

This project received \$1,200,000 (22% of its total cost) from a grant awarded under the Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending grant, as implemented by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration. \$4,300,000 (78% of its total cost) of the project is financed by AZ State Office of the Governor.

This Program is an "equal opportunity employer/program," and "auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

# AZOIC BARISTA TRAINING

*1 week session Monday - Friday  
1:00pm - 3:30pm*

*Future Class Dates  
February 2 - 6 / March 9 - 13*





# 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**

# AROUND THE VALLEY



## BISHOP HENRY L. BARNWELL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

### BISHOP HENRY L. BARNWELL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee will award scholarships to students attending an accredited higher learning institution in financial need. Eligible students must show how they promoted the principles of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through their participation in school, community, and/or faith-based events within the last year.

#### Eligibility

- Need-Based
- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- African American or African Heritage
- Maricopa County State of Residence

### JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Work on your application with support from ACF's scholarship team.

February 12, 2026  
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
March 5, 2026  
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
March 26, 2026  
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Workshops are hosted through Zoom!  
Register for the dates that you'd like to attend at <https://acf.cventevents.com/acfscholarships2026>

ACF's one application allows you to be matched with more than 160 scholarships.

High school seniors, current college students, and adult re-entry students attending any type of accredited postsecondary school may apply. Applications open in January and closes on May!



There's something for you at [azfoundation.org/scholarships](http://azfoundation.org/scholarships)  
For more information, email [scholarship@azfoundation.org](mailto:scholarship@azfoundation.org)

**PILGRIM REST MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**  
SAT., JANUARY 24TH 11 AM - 1 PM  
**FREE FOOD FOR ALL**  
NO INCOME REQUIREMENT. WE CAN SERVE YOU VIA DRIVE THRU OR WALK UP. PHOTO ID REQUIRED. WAGGERS: PLEASE CHECK IN PURPOSE ONLY!  
1401 E. JEFFERSON ST. PHOENIX, AZ 85034

### NEW YEAR...NEW BLESSINGS

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church IS Doing **More** in 2026!

Presented by the Outreach Ministry and Pilgrim Rest Foundation

Two (2) Mobile Pantries Monthly  
Every 2nd & 4th Saturday  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



## South Phoenix Healthy Start Community Consortium Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 11AM-1PM  
Cesar Chavez Community Center  
7858 S 35th Ave, Laveen Village, AZ 85339

Virtual Meeting Starts at 11:15am. Join live [HERE](#)

Register [HERE](#) for in person.

Please complete our Community Consortium Network Meeting Survey prior to the consortium meeting. Click [HERE!](#)

Lunch is provided!

# PHXWorks

at Phoenix Public Library

## ARIZONA @ WORK

HARMON LIBRARY | 1325 S. 5th Avenue  
Tuesdays, beginning January 13, 2026  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Experts from Arizona@Work will be available to provide one-on-one employment assistance.

- Interview Preparation
- Job Search Assistance
- Resume Building

ARIZONA@WORK  
CITY OF PHOENIX  
A proud partner of the [americanjobcenter](#) network

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

## CALLING ARIZONA FATHERS!

Join Let's Talk Dads to build your child's brain!

Dads with kids under 4, explore your vital role in early brain development.

Join **Let's Talk Dads**, a free six-week online program. Connect with other fathers, discuss practical strategies, and boost your child's language and literacy skills.

**This FREE Six-Week Virtual Program Includes:**

- New research
- Video examples
- Group discussion
- Matching father and child t-shirts
- 12 high-quality children's books

"Learning that simply talking and engaging with my kids purposefully was the best brain-building tool out there was so empowering to me as a dad!"  
-Steve Nash  
The Steve Nash Foundation

**ENROLL TODAY!**  
SWHB.ORG/LETSTALKDADS  
or Call (602) 884-5388



Make a Difference in Your Community

Join our AmeriCorps team!  
Serving older adults in Maricopa County

The Area Agency on Aging's AmeriCorps program is looking for positive, energetic adults age 55 and older.

MEMBERS ASSIST OLDER ADULTS WITH:

- Grocery Shopping
- Medical Transportation
- Companionship

For more information call 602-283-5704 or visit [aaaphx.org](http://aaaphx.org) to learn more



LEAD. INSPIRE. WIN BIG.

Pay to the order of AN OUTSTANDING LEADER \$3,000.00  
for Three Thousand and 00/100 Dollars  
Outstanding Phoenix Youth Leader 2025



## YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Phoenix highschoolers can apply to win up to \$3000 in scholarships for overcoming adversity and giving back to the community. Apply for the Outstanding Phoenix Youth Leader Award by March 1.

[Phoenix.gov/education](http://Phoenix.gov/education)



MONDAY JANUARY 26, 2026 6:00PM

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

# COMMUNITY Conversation LISTENING SESSION

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

**TOPICS:**

- Are there opportunities for community members to observe court proceedings and learn about the justice system?
- Can you explain the process for the restoration of civil rights (e.g. voting rights) or setting aside a criminal conviction?
- How does the court balance public safety with individuals' constitutional rights?

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- Overview of the Judicial Branch of Arizona in Maricopa County
- Breakout Session
- Candid conversation in a safe space

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY LIBRARY**  
7050 S. 24TH STREET  
PHOENIX, AZ 85042  
ROOMS L162/L163

To Register Contact:  
A PERMANENT VOICE  
[permanentlyoice@gmail.com](mailto:permanentlyoice@gmail.com)  
602.341.4042

\*\*\*ALL ATTENDEES MUST PRE-REGISTER\*\*\*  
RSVP BY 5PM FRIDAY JANUARY 23, 2026

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