

ARIZONA OIC NEWSLETTER

May 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 59 years.



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2026 Arizona OIC Services Provided

Enrolled: 254 | Completed: 187 | Placed: 76

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

SERVICES HONORING

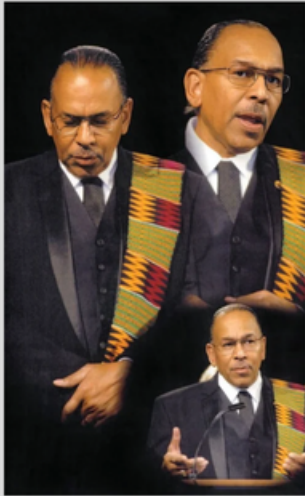
Dr. Gene C. Blue

MAY 15, 2026

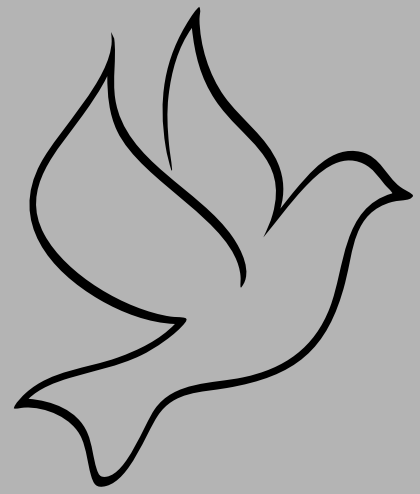
PILGRAM REST BAPTIST CHURCH
1401 E JEFFERSON STREET
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85034

VIEWING 10AM
SERVICE STARTS AT 11 AM

BURIAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE
NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY
(MILITARY CEMETERY)



In lieu of flowers, the family warmly invites you to honor Dr. Blue's life and legacy by making a donation to Arizona OIC. For more than 55 years, Dr. Blue devoted himself to serving this community and uplifting others through a mission of helping people help themselves. Your support will carry that work forward and continue to touch lives in the way he so deeply believed in.



Thank you

April 20, 2026, Arizona Representative Greg Stanton honored Dr. Blue and his incredible legacy on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Representative Stanton's thoughtful words meant a great deal to all who were inspired by Dr. Blue's leadership.



May 5, 2026, In honor of the passing of Dr. Blue, Governor Katie Hobbs ordered the State flag to be lowered to half-staff in recognition of his lasting impact, service, and dedication to the community.

From the desk of
Walter Reed,
GED Instructor

Congratulations

Imelda Manonsong enrolled in AZOIC's GED prep course in May 2024. Her goal was to receive her GED diploma to improve her employment opportunities. Imelda's native language is Filipino, so she also enrolled in AZOIC's ESL course in August 2025. In May 2026, she will return to begin the "Basic Kitchen Skills" class.

Imelda was very dedicated and took full advantage of the opportunities given at AZOIC. Unfortunately, due to an injury, Imelda wasn't physically able to attend courses on campus. However, she stayed committed to her goal. She was able to communicate with the ESL and GED instructors via Zoom and received study materials online so that she could continue the program courses.

After recovering, Imelda completed her GED program and received her diploma on November 7th, 2025. During this time, she also received a job promotion from her current employer.



Princeya Price enrolled in AZOIC's GED prep course in September 2025. Her goal was to complete her GED program and receive her diploma by the end of December 2025. At the time, Princeya was an unemployed, single mother aiming to improve her life skills and enhance her education to seek better employment opportunities.

In addition to the GED course, AZOIC was able to assist Princeya with writing her resume, job search, and life skills. She was determined to achieve her goals and begin a new chapter in her life.

Princeya faced daily obstacles and challenges, but her persistence and willpower to push forward were unmatched. During this time, she learned a lot about herself and gained life lessons.

On December 21, 2025, Princeya completed her GED program and received her diploma. She was approved to move into a two-bedroom apartment, and on January 25, 2026, she began working full-time for Maricopa County.



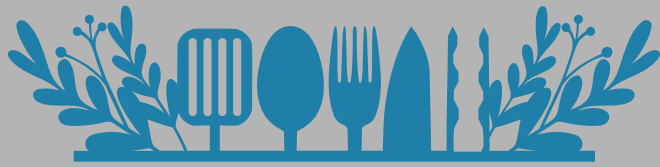
OUTREACH

Through its partnership with ARIZONA@WORK, AZOIC had the opportunity to share information about our services with participants in the Arizona Department of Corrections Second Chance Program. These individuals have successfully completed their programming and are preparing to return home job ready and eager to transition into stable employment. We wish each of them continued success and the very best as they begin this next chapter.



We had an amazing time at the Cinco De Mayo Block Party last weekend! We loved connecting with the community surrounding our agency while serving up cold, barista crafted drinks. It was a great opportunity to make new connections, welcome potential participants to our office, and share more about what we do. We're grateful for everyone who stopped by and look forward to the next Grant St. community event!





HOSPITALITY ACADEMY



Barista Training





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



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.



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

A PERMANENT VOICE IN COLLABORATION WITH CAN COMMUNITY HEALTH PRESENTS

A Mother's Day

HIV / AIDS STORYTELLING EVENT & HEALTH SCREENING
~ A Mother's Strength! ~

STORYTELLING FOCUSED ON:

- Reducing Stigma
- Addressing Marginalization
- Intergenerational Stories of Survival & Resilience

FRIDAY MAY 8 2026
11AM - 3PM

CAN Community Health Will Offer **FREE Health Screenings** that will include:

- Rapid HIV Testing
- Rapid Hepatitis C Testing
- Full STI Panel (Results in 3-5 Days)

TO REGISTER FOR THE STORYTELLING EVENT TEXT, A PERMANENT VOICE 602.341.4042

Location: South Mountain Community Library
7050 S. 24th Street, Rooms 1, 102, 103 Phoenix, AZ 85042

Proverbs 31:25
"Strength and Honor are her clothing, And she shall rejoice in time to come."

Logos: CAN Community Health, Phoenix Public Library

GRAMMY® Nominee

AARON WHITE

HARMON LIBRARY
1325 S. 5TH AVE.
SATURDAY MAY 16, 2026
2 TO 3 P.M.

Navajo-Ute Aaron White will perform the Native American flute, tell stories about his flute songs, and sing traditional songs to the beat of the hand drum.

Phoenix Public Library
Canyon Records
Native American Music Since 1951

For more information or to request an accommodation to participate, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org or call 602-262-4636 (for TTY dial 7-1-1).

Tempe College Connect MARICOPA COUNTY

Youth Job & Volunteer Fair
Volunteer Opportunities for 14+
Job Opportunities for 16+

Wednesday May 6, 2-5 p.m.
Tempe Union High School District Professional Learning Center
490 W. Guadalupe Road in Tempe

Remember to:

- Bring a state-issued photo ID
- Bring copies of your resume
- Dress professionally
- Be prepared to speak directly with employers

Registration required at tempe.gov/CollegeConnect

Logos: Tempe, College Connect, Maricopa County, AccessAbility, NAMI, ASU, YAFSA, etc.

Father Matters

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FREE Parenting Classes for Mothers

Empowering Mothers. Strengthening Families. What You'll Gain:

- Build stronger family bonds with practical skills & resources
- Learn positive parenting strategies and emotional resilience
- Create a safe, stable home environment for your children
- Gain confidence in co-parenting and problem solving

Core Skills You'll Learn

- Active involvement & building consistent routines
- Providing emotional support & financial responsibility
- Healthy co-parenting strategies & overcoming challenges
- Building social connections & community support

Program Highlights FREE classes for mothers and caregivers in Maricopa County. We offer a safe, supportive, and engaging environment on building stronger, healthier families.

Free continental breakfast, lunch included and certificate of completion.

Location: 2020 W. Durango St., Phoenix, AZ 85009, RM 30
Date & Time: Saturday May 23rd 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Cost: FREE Register Today! Call: (602) 774-3298

Together, we can raise strong, resilient, and thriving families.

NO COST BACK-TO-SCHOOL & SPORTS PHYSICALS!

Every physical comes with a **FREE backpack!**

MAY 26 - SEPTEMBER 4

What's included?

- A well-child check up
- Vision and hearing exam
- Sports physical
- And more!

ONLINE SCHEDULING AVAILABLE!

CALL 24/7 (602) 243-7277

Logos: Mountain Park Health Center

SHOW UP! High School Summer Program

Join us this summer and become a Youth Community Health Educator!

June 1st - 25th Monday - Thursday

WHAT WE'LL EXPLORE:

- Fundamentals of Public Health
- Fundamentals of Nonprofits
- Health Needs in Maricopa County
- CPR & First Aid Training
- Teen Mental Health
- Professional Development

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- High School Students in Maricopa County
- Those with an interest in public health and advocating for their communities

Applications close May 25th!
Questions? Email stella@advancecommunity.org

Logos: Advance Community Health

D.A.D. BABY SHOWER

DISCIPLINED, ATTENTIVE, DILIGENT FATHERS

Community baby shower honoring the men as fathers engaged in family enrichment.

SATURDAY JUNE 13, 2026
10 AM TO 2 PM

- Giveaways
- Games
- Meet other fathers
- Career Fair
- Music
- Lunch provided

South Mountain Community Center
212 E Alto Vista Rd. Phoenix AZ 85042

Logos: Healthy Start, Maricopa County Public Health

Second Annual Community Wellness Event

Thriving in Cancer Survivorship: Needs, Gaps, Solutions

Join us for a free, community-focused event dedicated to cancer survivorship.

Hosted by ASU's Cancer Prevention and Control Translational Team in collaboration with community partners, this event is designed for everyone.

You will learn about

- Tools for dealing with anxiety and fear related to recurrence
- Tips from experts in cancer care navigation
- Caregiver support

We also want to learn from you! We will discuss barriers to survivorship support and what you think clinicians and researchers are missing about your cancer survivorship experiences.

Saturday, May 16, 2026
9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Lite breakfast & lunch provided
Flinn Foundation
1802 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004

ASU College of Health Solutions
Arizona State University

Register: https://asuhealthpromotion.csl.i.uca.edu/en/form/SV_5nV6t8tgrUsQ7ydu

NAMI Ending the Silence

National Alliance on Mental Illness

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Building Resilience, Finding Balance

Discover how to take charge of your mental well-being.

This workshop helps you grow resilience, improve emotional awareness, and develop a healthier way of thinking for you and your family.

What is Mental Health?

- Understanding and Managing Stress and Anxiety
- Practical Coping Skills for Daily Life
- Create Supportive and Healthy Habits

Why Join Us?

- Improve emotional wellness
- Build practical tools for daily living
- Be part of a supportive group
- Challenge mental health stigma

Mental Health Workshop
led and Verma Pastor Elementary School
2101 W. Alta Vista Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85041
Thursday, May 14th, 2026
Time: 9:30 AM