

ARIZONA OIC NEWSLETTER

February 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.



Black History Month

- Host a Black Film Marathon
- Visit Black History or Civil Rights Museum
- Attend a Black culture event
- Mentor a Black child in your neighborhood
- Talk with Black elders about the past
- Learn about unsung hero of Black history
- Host a "read a Black author book" discussion group
- Host a "soul food" cooking class

CONTACT US

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PHOENIX, AZ 85004

PHONE NUMBER:

602-254-5081

OR

602-513-8311

WEBSITE:

WWW.AZOIC.ORG

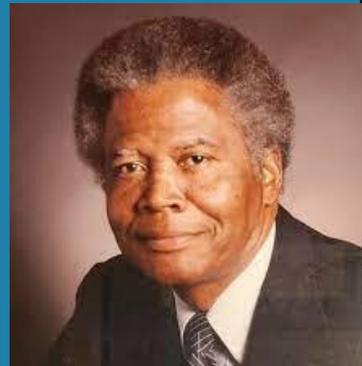
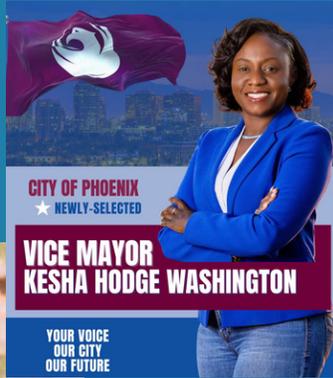
2026 Arizona OIC Services Provided

Enrolled: 198 | Completed: 110 | Placed: 60

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

ARIZONA TRAIL BLAZERS

DO YOU KNOW THEIR STORIES?



EHEL REED MAYNARD
KESHA HODGE WASHINGTON
CORAL EVANS
LATASHA CALSI
KIMBERLY LOVE NESS

LINCOLN RAGSDALE SR.
DR. WINSTON HACKETT
DR. MORRISON WARREN
COY PAYNE
ART HAMILTON



City of Phoenix Street Transportation

Theresa started with the City of Phoenix roughly 25 years ago, in just the last few years becoming a licensed attorney and spending the last year and half here with Street Transportation. Theresa shares that, "Black History Month is a time to honor and uplift the remarkable contributions of Black people who have shaped history despite enduring extraordinary challenges." Theresa says that when she retires from the City, she plans to focus her efforts practicing law full-time. Her two biggest inspirations in life are her father who told her, "You can do anything you set your mind to," and Charlotte E. Ray, who was the first African American woman to graduate from law school and practice law in the United States.

Theresa Harper

Management Assistant II
Street Transportation Director's Office

Years with City of Phoenix: **25**



**Black
History
Month**



VOTE VOTE VOTE

MEET THE 9 BLACK WOMEN RUNNING FOR ELECTED OFFICE IN ARIZONA IN 2026...



**Minority Whip & Rep. Quanta Crews
LD 26**



**Elaissia Sears, JP
West Mesa Justice of the Peace**



Senator Kiana Maria Sears



**Sharron Sauls
Kyrene Precinct Judge**



**Councilmember Khara House
Flagstaff, Arizona**



**Mahogany Kennedy
South Mountain Constable**



**Joysaphine Waitman-Powell
Peoria Pine District**



**Sandra Kennedy
SRP Board President**



**Dr. Racquel (Rockee) Armstrong
LD 13 Chandler, Gilbert & Sun Lakes**



STUDENTS *of* AZOIC

BARISTA CLASS





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 Date
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 Date 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

Faith Missionary Baptist Church | Neighborhood Association, City of Phoenix Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program, & Vessels of Possibilities, Inc.

COMMUNITY HEALTH, WELLNESS & SAFETY RESOURCE EXPO

Calling all community members, families, and friends to join us for our 15th Annual Health and Safety Resource Fair! Get ready for a day of resources, screenings, music, fun, food, & laughter all at a one-stop location.

Vendors Register by March 1, 2026 by 5pm.

Outdoors Event | Plan accordingly! | canopies, hats, sunscreen, etc...

SATURDAY
14 MARCH 2026

START & END
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

ARIZONA
5802 SOUTH 7TH AVENUE - PHOENIX, 85041

For More Information, please contact Ms. Tracy Hudson
trahud45@gmail.com

602-730-5536

<https://forms.gle/hnXeeXfR0o0BXC9>

In partnership with NAU Doctor of Physical Therapy Students

Hustle for HUG

5K OR 1.5 MILE FUN RUN / WALK

To benefit the HUG Clinic, GateWay's FREE specialty healthcare clinic.

WHEN
Saturday, February 28, 2026
9 am. to 12 p.m. (8:30 am. Check in)

WHERE
GateWay Community College
108 N 40th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85034

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER (Cost: \$10)

FOR EVERY \$100 YOU GIVE, YOU ARE HELPING AN UNDERINSURED COMMUNITY MEMBER RECEIVE CARE. YOUR GIFT CAN HELP SAVE A LIFE.

Thrive to 5

southwest human development

PLAYFEST

AN AWESOME DAY OF OUTDOOR PLAY

Sat Feb 28, 2026 • Arizona State Fairgrounds

8:30am - 9:30am: Sensory Hour
9:30am - 1:30pm: General Admission

Free Kids Books • Sensory Play Area • Make & Take Activities
Yard Games • Photo Booth • Multi-Cultural Performances
Touch-A-Truck • Community Resource Fair • And More!

Register at swhd.org/playfest.

Donate \$10 per family to attend or use code **THRIVE2PARTNER** to attend for free.

Presented by Southwest Human Development, Arizona's largest nonprofit dedicated to early childhood development.

Institute for Digital Inclusion Acceleration

Join us at the Hive for our **FREE Workshop**

Build a Soundscape with GarageBand

Ages 10-18

Explore how sounds come together to tell a story. You'll mix beats, loops, and effects to build your own soundscape. Perfect for beginners and anyone curious about music and audio creation.

Feb 28th
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Scan to Sign Up Now!

Visit theidia.eventbrite.com

NO COST TRAINING!

CHICAGO BOYSCOUTS | YOUTHBUILD | Habitat for Humanity

Attention Youth Ages 18-24:

- Are you ready for a change?
- Do you need your high school diploma or GED?
- Are you interested in a construction career?

If you answered yes to all three questions, then YouthBuild Phoenix may have the right opportunity for you!

REQUEST INFO

GED Prep
Construction Training
Job Readiness & Career
Leadership Development
Job Placement Assistance

www.TinyURL.com/cplcyb2025
2830 W Glendale Ave, Phoenix, 85051
602-483-2705
tizeel.barajas@cpic.org

Central City South Community Connection Fair

Connecting People of All Ages

Fun for the whole family! Everyone Welcome!

21st Annual Event

Saturday, February 28, 2026
10:00AM - 1:00PM
Matthew Henson Park*

(8th Avenue between Sherman & Tonto Streets)
*In Case of Rain Fair will be Cancelled

Food & Music Resources
Health Screenings
Arts & Crafts
Free Vendor Space
Volunteer Opportunities
Entertainment
All Ages Welcome

For more information, please call 602-534-2043
Register at: www.phxrevitalization.org/ccf

Too Many Treasures HOARDING PROGRAM

This 14-week Hoarding Therapy Group is for individuals who self-identify with hoarding behaviors.

Participants must:

- Be 60 years of age and older.
- Participate in group interactions and home assignments.

"...I learned that I'm not alone."

Registration open January 5th, 2026
Hoarding Therapy Group via ZOOM
Thursdays: 1:00pm to 2:30pm
February 19th to May 21st

For more information call (602) 241-5577 or email hoarding@caaphx.org

AREA AGENCY ON AGING REGION ONE, INCORPORATED
1366 E Thomas Road, Suite 118, Phoenix, AZ 85014 | 602-264-HELP (4337) | aaaphx.org

First Step To A Fresh Start

Starfish Place is a two-year program with independent apartments, exclusively for female sex trafficking survivors and their minor children. To be eligible to be a resident, applicants must meet the following criteria and be referred by current agency

Please email Dominiqee.roe@asu.edu for a full application to apply

At least 18 years of age, and meet the federal criteria for being a sex trafficking survivor (they exchanged sex for something of value before age 18 and/or after age 18, they had a person (trafficker or pimp) who used force, fraud or coercion to get them to exchange sex for something of value)

They have at least one minor child (under the age of 18) and they have at least 51% physical custody at the time of this application

The applicant acknowledges that to live at Phoenix Starfish Place they will need to be either:
working (part of full time),
in school (at least 2 classes or a training program),
or in an intensive outpatient treatment program within 30 days of moving into Phoenix Starfish Place

ASU Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research
Arizona State University

*Residents are required to pay their own monthly utilities
*Residents are also required to pay monthly rent at a rate of 30% of their gross monthly income or, \$50, whichever is greater
*Residents will be required to attend weekly programming and meet with their case worker multiple times per month
*Applicants MUST also have participated in prior programming

Hosted by: **DIAMOND**

14th ANNUAL KICKBALL GAME AND PICNIC

ESTEBAN PARK | 3345 E ROESER RD, PHOENIX, AZ 85040

FAMILY FRIENDLY | FOOD

FREE

RESOURCES | GAMES

MARCH 7, 2026
10:00AM
Registration 10:00am
Warm up 10:45am
Game Time 11:00am

THANK YOU 2026 PARTICIPANTS!

