

EAST VALLEY TRANSITION FAIR VENDORS

Alexander's Abilities

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Alexander's Abilities Inc. provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities. We provide after school programs, summer programs and weekend camps as well as Day programs and a work skills program for adults. Our store front for the work skills program, Duncan's Gift's is run by the individuals and we are all looking forward to starting our ceramics program. Our programs are goal oriented with an emphasis on community access and integration. We currently have five locations across the valley ranging from East Mesa to Glendale. Home-based services are also available (Respite, Habilitation and Attendant Care).

AmeriCorps

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Serve your country in your community. AmeriCorps is part of a network of national service programs that annually engages over 12,000 people of all ages and abilities in meeting critical needs in education, public safety, homeland security, health and the environment in communities across Arizona. Qualified individuals with disabilities and those from diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. **Reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals are provided.**

In exchange for service to country in your community, all AmeriCorps members receive a living allowance and/or an Education Award (to be used for current and future educational pursuits). Full time AmeriCorps members also qualify for health insurance and are eligible for childcare. With recent changes in federal law, the **AmeriCorps living allowance and the Education Award do not count as income for SSI benefits eligibility.** AmeriCorps member service assignments are flexible and can be structured to accommodate qualified individuals with disabilities. For more information about AmeriCorps in Arizona, please visit http://gocyf.az.gov/CYD/GRT_ASGPrograms.asp

Arc of Tempe, The

501 E. Broadway Rd.
Tempe, AZ 85282
(480) 966-8536
(480) 967-0303 (Thrift Store)

Contacts: Mike Mayhew

Website: www.tempearc.org

The Arc of Tempe Recreation & Life Skills program provides social and enrichment opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities age 17 and up. The program provides a safe and fun learning environment in which to make new friends, learn life-skills and community involvement, and experience the many cultural and entertainment events in metro-Phoenix. Participants in The Arc of Tempe's Recreation & Life Skills program may also participate in the self-advocacy group, the Tempe Arc Ambassadors. Through this group, members learn leadership and teamwork and build confidence as they learn effective ways to 'speak up' for themselves. To learn more about The Arc of Tempe, or to schedule a visit to the recreation center, please contact program director Samantha Mason at 480-966-8536.

Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL)

5025 E. Washington St., Ste. 200

Phoenix, AZ 85034

(602) 256-2245

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Contact: Leanne Murrillo (leanne@abil.org)

Website: www.abil.org

ABIL offers and promotes programs designed to empower people with disabilities to take personal responsibility so they may achieve or continue independent lifestyles within the community.

Arizona Center for Disability Law

5025 E. Washington St., Ste. 202

Phoenix, AZ 85034

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Email: center@azdisabilitylaw.org

Contact: Kathy Roberts

Website: www.azdisabilitylaw.org

Our office is the protection and advocacy agency for persons with disabilities in the state of Arizona. We provide a variety of legal services to people with mental, physical, psychiatric, and sensory disabilities regarding disability related legal issues. Assistance that may be provided includes information and referral, community legal education, individual advocacy, legal advice, and in limited cases, legal representation.

Arizona Department of Education/Exceptional Student Services

Parent Information Network Specialists (PINS)

(480) 607-3030

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Website: www.azed.gov/ess/pinspals

The Parent Information Network Specialists (PINS) are parent consultants with the Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services (ADE/ESS). Their purpose is to provide parents with information

that is essential to actively participate in their child's special education. PINS also provide services to educators, college students, service providers, community agencies, and parent organization.

PIN Specialists provide free consultation, special education related trainings, resources and referral. The PIN offers a quarterly newsletter, *Network News*, which is distributed to over 4000 parents, educators, and agencies throughout the state.

Arizona Relay Customer Service

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Website: azrelay@hamiltonrelay.com

Arizona Relay Service (AZRS) is a public service provided by the State of Arizona that allows people who are Hearing, Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind or Speech Disabled to communicate with each other via the telephone. The service is accessible by dialing 711 and is available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, making communication by telephone easy, reliable and convenient. There is no charge to place or receive calls using AZRS. Long distance charges do apply.

Arizona Spinal Cord Injury Association

5025 E. Washington St., Ste. 110

Phoenix, AZ 85034

(602) 507-4209

Email: info@azspinal.org

Contact: Paul Mortensen

Website: www.azspinal.org

The mission of the Arizona United Spinal Cord Injury Association is to enhance the lives of individuals and family members, statewide, as they deal with spinal cord injuries-to ensure the maximum possible physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, and social recovery.

The Association's focus is on the concepts of peer support, family support, education of consumers, families and professionals and providing vocational, social and recreational resource linkages.

Arizona State University Disability Resources Center

Matthew Center, 1st Floor Rm. 145

P.O. Box 873202

Tempe, AZ 85287-3202

(480) 965-1234

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Contact: Phyllis Jones

Website: www.asu.edu/drc

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) facilitates equal access for qualified students with disabilities through the provision of reasonable and effective accommodations, and serves as an information hub

for ASU and the community. Students are encouraged to visit the DRC and make it an integral part of their educational pursuits.

Arizona Technology Access Program (AzTAP)

2400 N. Central Ave., Ste. 300

Phoenix, AZ 85004

(602) 728-9534

Email: Martha.Lewis@nau.edu

Contact: Mellowdee Brooks

Website: www.nau.edu/aztap

The Arizona Technology Access Program (AzTAP) is a statewide, Phoenix-based Program of the Northern Arizona University's Institute for Higher Development. AzTAP was created in 1994 and operates under the mandate of the Assistive Technology Act of 1998 as amended (P.L. 108-364). AzTAP is funded by the US Department of Education and Rehabilitation Services Administration. Our mission is to promote awareness of, access to and acquisition of assistive technology for persons with disabilities.

As required by the Assistive Technology Act, our services encompass seven key activities including, but not limited to (1) Equipment Demonstrations; (2) Short-term Equipment Loans; (3) Equipment Reutilization; (4) Alternative Financing; (5) Public Awareness; (6) Training and Technical Assistance (including an emphasis on AT-related transition issues); and, (7) Interagency Coordination/Collaboration.

Specific AzTAP Services and Activities

- Aging Initiatives
- Alternative Financing Programs-Arizona Loans for Assistive Technology/ Telework
- AT and Disability-Legislative & Policy Initiatives
- Equipment Demonstration Programs
- Equipment Loan Programs Short-term
- Equipment Reutilization-AZ Assistive Technology Exchange (AZATEX change)
- Information and Referral
- Interagency Collaboration
- Microsoft Accessibility Resource Center
- Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program
- Training/Technical Assistance
- Newsletter

AZ ASSIST, Inc. (Autism Spectrum Support Information Strategies for Transition)

1943 E. Carmen

Tempe, AZ 85283

(480) 200-0713

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Contact: Cinder McDonald

Website: www.azassist.com

AZ ASSIST, Inc. is a family-run group of Greater Phoenix families of teens and young adults on the Autism Spectrum who ASSIST each other through the Transition years. We offer education and support for parents plus socialization opportunities for youth ages 14-24.

Brain Injury Association of Arizona

5025 E. Washington St., Ste 108

Phoenix, AZ 85034

(602) 508-8024

Email: info@biaaz.org

Contact: Mattie Cummins

Website: www.biaaz.org

The Brain Injury Association of Arizona is a statewide organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of individuals with brain injuries and their families. We are the only statewide organization in Arizona that addresses education, information, referrals, support and advocacy for *all* types of brain injuries. Services include an online resource directory; live Help Line; mentor program; camp for adult survivors of brain injury and their families; prevention and advocacy trainings; and educational trainings for professionals who wish to learn more about brain injury.

Centers for Habilitation, The (TCH)

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Tempe, AZ 85283

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Contact: Amy Boyer

Welcome to The Centers for Habilitation, where we have been empowering people with disabilities since 1967. At TCH we offer a variety of support services through our Employment Services Department which include center-based employment in our sheltered work center, enclave employment in the community accompanied by a job coach, and community job coaching support. Our ultimate goal is to create meaningful, lasting employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

TCH owns and operates several businesses where our Training Associates have many different employment options from sorting and shredding paper to food preparation and vending services. TCH is contracted to provide janitorial services at Luke AFB, food service at Davis Monthan AFB, and landscaping at Yuma Marine Base. Other services we provide include transportation, job searching, and on-the-job coaching services. We act as liaisons between clients and their employers by attending reviews, counseling sessions, and targeting areas of performance that need improvement.

Chandler/Gilbert Arc

3250 N. San Marcos Pl.

Chandler, AZ 85224

(480) 892-9707

Contacts: John Perkins

Website: www.cgarc.org

Chandler/Gilbert Arc provides the following programs: community living, therapeutic day treatment, as well as employment training. Included in the employment-training program is a High School Transition Program that provides paid work experience during students' senior year of school.

Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Disability Resources and Services

2626 E. Pecos Rd.

Chandler, AZ 85225

(480) 857-5187

Contact: Brenna Peck

Website: www.cgc.maricopa.edu/disability

The Disability Resources and Services (DRS) office serves students who have documented disabilities that may need accommodations and ongoing support. The DRS staff provides information, individual, and group support, review of documentation, implementation, and monitoring of accommodations, academic progress and advocacy. Information is available to assist students with disabilities in pursuing their academic goals at Chandler-Gilbert Community College.

Civitan Foundation, Inc.

3509 E. Shea Blvd., Ste. 117

Phoenix, AZ 85028

(602) 953-2944

Contact: Noreen Crane

Website: www.campcivitan.org

Civitan provides our communities an accessible, safe and affordable environment while delivering superior life experiences to enhance the quality of life to individuals with developmental disabilities of all ages.

Camp Civitan offers week-long camp sessions throughout the summer and weekend adventures once a month the balance of the year. Camp Civitan is a 15 acre, wheelchair accessible, facility for developmentally disabled children and adults located in the cool pine country of Northern Arizona in the town of Williams. This program offers campers a variety of enriching and fun experiences that promote positive self-esteem, teamwork, socialization, and healthy activities.

Camp rental is available to groups (up to 75 people) depending on availability.

Home & Community Based Services (HSBS) provides individualized services to clients with special needs in their homes. Many of these services focus on helping clients complete routine daily living skills, teaching them to be more self-sufficient, and providing the family with respite opportunities.

Respite & Enrichment Programs are designed to promote and increase leisure opportunities, community functioning, and social skills through recreation, education, social activities, and special interest classes.

“Our Nights Out” programs were established to provide an “our night out” for parents to have time alone or with other family members who are often in the second seat for attention. These unique programs are three hours of respite for each meeting. Please contact us for upcoming dates and locations.

Typically an Enrichment Program is provided in 4-session blocks. Participants use three hours of respite to cover each session or a total of 12 hours per Enrichment Program. A minimal activity fee is charged per session. We are currently offering Enrichment Programs to various communities in the

following subjects: Art Classes, Ballroom Dancing, Gourmet Cooking, Introduction to Performing and Entertaining, Photography and Scrapbooking

Adult Day Treatment and Training Services (DTA) are offered Monday through Friday, seven hours per day with activities that increase and maintain self help, socialization and adaptive skills, community survival skills, access and use of community resources, develop personal relationships, and provide opportunities for meaningful activities and new experiences.

Cutty Legacy Foundation, The

215 West Lodge Drive

Tempe, Arizona 85283-3652

Contact: Margaret "Midge" White, M.Ed., CCD

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The Cutty Legacy Foundation serves people with disabilities in the area of Life Planning. We provide general education workshops on the following areas:

1. General Overview of Life Planning - including government services, (MAP's) futures planning, letter of intent, guardianship, wills and trusts, health care directives, home of your own, etc.
2. Options for Decision Making - including guardianship, conservatorship, power of attorney, representatives, etc.
3. Overview of Wills and Trusts - including general information about the types of trusts and the need for a trust, will, etc.
4. Health Care Directives - including medical power of attorney, living will, pre-hospital medical directives, and registration of directives, etc.

We are working with attorneys knowledgeable in special needs "Life Planning" in regard to a referral service and looking at developing a pooled trust for people with developmental disabilities in Arizona in the future." We also meet with families individually, as time permits, to assist them in general education in the above areas.

DES/DDD Department of Economic Security

Division of Developmental Disabilities

2288 W. Guadalupe, Bldg. 2

Gilbert, AZ 85233

(480) 831-1009

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) within the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) provides services and programs to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities. The Division believes individuals can best be served in integrated community settings. Thus, the majority of programs and services are tailored to meet individual needs at home and in community-based settings.

DriveAble Solutions, Inc.

4120 n. 20th St. Ste. G

Phoenix, AZ 85018

(602) 840-2323

Email: lynn@hedrick.com

Contact: Lynn Hedrick

Website: driveablesolutions.com

Lynn Hedrick, Certified Driving Rehabilitation Specialist, has 24 years of medical experience serving people with disabilities. As a Speech Pathologist, she applies her special skills in cognition, executive functions, visual perception and communication as it relates to driving.

She is an active member of the Association for Driver Rehabilitation Specialists as ADED. She has an Arizona Teaching Certificate and has taught for Tucson Unified School District in Special Education. She also served as President and CEO of Easter Seals for the state of Utah for 10 years.

Driving to Independence

1414 W. Broadway Rd. Ste. 218

Tempe, AZ 85282

(480) 449-3331 Fax: (480) 753-9428

Contact: Jenny Nordine

Email: Jenny@DrivingToIndependence.com

Are you ready to drive? Driving to Independence specializes in adaptive driving assessments. You will be assessed in the clinic to determine your visual acuity, cognition, visual perception status, physical status, etc. A behind the wheel assessment will determine your driving experience and goals for driving. Classroom driver education is an excellent place to start as a learner's permit will be required to participate in your assessment. As occupational therapists and adaptive driving evaluators, we will provide you with a comprehensive assessment and recommendations to begin your safety on the road.

East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT)

1601 W. Main St.

Mesa, AZ 85201

(480) 461-4027

Contact: Janice Parker

Website: www.evit.com

EVIT is a joint technological school district that provides over 35 tuition-free occupation-specific programs to high school students in the East Valley. Students who attend EVIT spend a half-day at their 'home' high school for academic classes and the other half at EVIT for their rigorous hands-on elective credit courses. Continuing education classes, with applicable tuition, are also offered to adults.

East Valley Special Olympics (EVSO): Arizona Disabled Sports

200 S Center St., Bld. #1

Mesa, AZ 85210

www.specialolympicsarizona.org

Contacts:

Jim Rudow: East Valley Special Olympics Coordinator and Arizona Disabled Sports:

jimrudow@mesaaz.org (480) 644-4126

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Eve Vance: Gilbert Head of Delegation-Unified Sports: eve@gilbertroadrunners.com

Special Olympics is an unprecedented global movement that, through quality sport training and competition, improves the lives of people with intellectual disability. In turn, the lives of everyone they touch are improved as well. Special Olympics empowers people with intellectual disabilities to realize their full potential and develop their skills through year-round sports training and competition. As a result, Special Olympics athletes become fulfilled and productive members of the communities in which they live. Special Olympics is an experience that is energizing, healthy, skillful, welcoming, and joyful.

Elite Community Services

3651 E. Baseline Rd. Ste. E-222

Gilbert, AZ 85234

(480) 558-1275

Contact: Rogelio Ivan Perez

Website: www.ecsaz.org

Elite Community Services is a Vocational and Skills Training Agency. We work closely with Vocational Rehabilitation through DES. For those individuals involved with Vocational Rehabilitation- it is a service provided at no cost to the consumer. We offer Job Development and Placement, Short and Long Term Job Coaching, Work Adjustment Training, Supported Employment, Computer Training and HCBS services. We work one-on-one with the individuals that we serve to assist them with obtaining their personal and vocational goals.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: Phoenix Office

3300 N. Central Ave, Ste 690

Phoenix, AZ 85012

(602) 640-5000

Email: Krista.Watson@eeoc.gov

Contact: Krista Watson

EEOC is the federal agency that enforces the laws against job discrimination. Each year, we process 80,000 job discrimination complaints. We also work with about 90 state and local agencies that investigate additional 50,000 job discrimination complaints. Employers may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, pregnancy, age (40 and older), or disability. The law also protects individuals from being retaliated against for filing a charge of discrimination, participating in an investigation, or opposing discriminatory practices.

Gryphen Specialty Products and Services (GSPS)

1301 E. University Dr. Ste. 130

Tempe, AZ 85281

(480) 966-9500

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Contact: Shanna Unger

Website: www.gryphensps.com

Gryphen Specialty Products and Services provide a variety of meaningful day options to individuals with developmental disabilities. Our goal is to help each individual strive towards independence to

the best of their capabilities. The services we provide include supported employment, daily living skills, interactive meaningful activities and job training skills. We also offer paid integrated jobs and structured work opportunities in order to develop positive work attributes allowing each individual to develop to their fullest potential and become more marketable for future employment.

Life Development Institute

18001 N. 79th Ave., Ste. E-71

Glendale, AZ 85308

(623) 773-2774 x208

Contact: Justin Collier

Website: www.lifedevelopmentinstitute.org

Life Development Institute is a private program located in Glendale, Arizona. The Institute is fully accredited through the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement that has been helping young adults and families since 1983.

The program addresses a variety of learning, neurological, and psychological conditions referred to as "hidden disabilities" including LD, ADHDF, Asperger's Syndrome, depression, bipolar, anxiety etc.

Our instruction, community linkages, employability and career development strategies relate to the actual marketplace conditions of the world of work and adult living. Thus, they are not purely academic, disability-oriented or treatment-centered in focus. Rather, the class and community approach used by LDI embraces personal development/competency through and in the adult community.

Marc Center of Mesa, Inc.

924 N. Country Club Dr.

Mesa, AZ 85201

(480) 969-3800 X101

Contact: Joy Mullins

Website: www.marccenter.com

Marc Center of Mesa, Inc. is a private not-for-profit corporation that provides educational, therapeutic, rehabilitation and social services to children and adults with developmental, physical and mental disabilities. Our motto is "Marc Center provides opportunities for people to be actively involved in determining where and how they live, learn, work and play." Marc Center has contracts with several different funding sources, including the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), Rehabilitation Services Administration/Vocational Rehabilitation (RSA/VR), Magellan Health Services and several ALTCS/AHCCCS health plans. If an individual does not have a funding source, private pay may be negotiated as well. We have been serving people with disabilities since 1957, and some of our departments include:

Community Living Services (CLS)

Contact Person: Sheila Davis, CLS Program Manager, (480) 969-3800 x 171

Community Day Services (CDS)

Contact person: Kay Moore, Chief Operations Officer of DD Programs/Interim CDS Director, (480) 969-3800 x 256

Community Support Services (CSS)

Contact Person: Melany Taylor, CSS Program Manager, (480) 969-3800 x 118

Employment Related Services (ERS)

Contact Person: Janey Durham, ERS Executive Vice President, (480) 969-3800 x 278

Maricopa Workforce Connections

735 N. Gilbert Rd.

Gilbert, AZ 85234

(480) 497-0350 x237

The Maricopa Workforce Connections mission is to promote workforce excellence by developing and providing qualified individuals and other resources to employers.

Disability Program Navigators help individuals with disabilities seeking employment to navigate the many systems that provide services and supports needed to get a job and stay employed. They also provide a valuable grass-roots perspective on current barriers to employment, and feedback to the policy forum of the One Stop Career Centers.

Mesa Community College Disability Resources and Services

1833 W. Southern Ave.

Mesa, AZ 85202

(480) 461-7447

Email: winkharner@mcmail.maricopa.edu

Contact: Wink Harner

Website: www.mc.maricopa.edu/services/disability

Disability Resources and Services (DRS) is the Student Services department providing comprehensive services for students with disabilities at Mesa Community College. With ongoing support of MCC's faculty and administration, DRS assist students to fully participate in campus life by providing advisement, and academic adjustment and accommodations in compliance with the Americans with Disability Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitative Act of 1973. The office currently serves more than 750 students. Although DRS is located at Southern and Dobson campus, services for students with disabilities are available at all campuses. Mesa Community College, through the Disability Resources and Services, supports universal design in its buildings and campuses and accessible programs and services for all students.

Metro Care Services, Inc.

22719 S. Ellsworth Rd. Ste. C-104

Queen Creek, AZ 85142

(480) 507-8831

Contact: Tosha Jacobs

At Metro Care Services, our mission is to provide superior services which enhance the quality of life for every person we support. We offer individualized supports to children and adults with developmental disabilities and/or behavioral health needs and their families, in their homes and in their communities. We believe in using a person-centered approach that is grounded in the strengths, wants and needs, goals and dreams of every person we serve. At Metro Care Services, we welcome a collaborative partnership and look forward to making a positive difference in each other's lives. We

provide a variety of services including Habilitation, Respite, Attendant Care and Housekeeping.

Mosaic

2226 W. Northern Ave Ste C140

Phoenix, AZ 85021

(602) 864.6030

Contact: Brandon Ramsey

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Website: www.mosaicinfo.org

Mosaic is a non-profit organization providing quality services and supports for people with disabilities in the valley for over 20 years. Respite, Habilitation, Residential Homes, Adult Development Homes and Early Intervention services are available.

Phoenix Job Corps

518 S. 3rd St.

Phoenix, AZ 85004

(602) 322-2286

Contact: Philip Popovich

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Website: www.recruiting.jobcorps.gov

The Phoenix Job Corps offers NO-COST career training for young men and women ages 16 to 24 in over 10 fields with immediate openings in our Construction Trades and High School / GED Preparation Programs. Qualifying students receive a twelve hundred dollar bonus completion and career or college placement. Free parking and bus passes are available for commuters based on enrollment criteria.

Raising Special Kids

5025 E. Washington St., Ste. 204

Phoenix, AZ 85034

(602) 242-4366

Contact: Jana Murrell

Website: www.raisingpecialkids.org

Raising Special Kids is a non-profit organization serving families of children with disabilities and special health care needs in central and northern Arizona. All programs and services are provided to families free of charge. At all ages and stages of a child's development, Raising Special Kids supports parents through:

- * Parent-to-parent programs match new families with experienced parents through trained volunteer network
- * Special Education information, individual IEP consultation, workshop, and problem-solving support
- * Parent leadership development opportunities, Family faculty support the training of health professionals; serve on boards, councils, and commissions to represent the family perspective
- * Community Outreach supports families of diverse language and culture with services in rural areas and for tribal families. Newsletters are distributed to 11,000 parents and professionals.

* Partnerships between parents and professionals including information and training on family-center care, and other programs that support professional in health, education and social services...and more

Rehabilitation Services Administration, Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

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Mesa. AZ 85201
(480) 890-7357
Contacts: Ellen Boyd
Email: eboyd@azdes.gov**

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is a federally mandated EMPLOYMENT program for persons with disabilities. VR provides technical assistance and community resource information for IEP transition planning to the extent possible. VR may work with students during high school to help them to explore vocational needs, learn how their disability may affect them on the job, the supports or accommodations they may need for employment, and how to seek the supports or accommodations needed for successful employment. Individuals may be referred for VR services by a teacher or other staff person at their high school, by another social services agency, or may self-refer.

Rise Services Inc.

**4554 E. Inverness Ave.
Mesa, AZ 85206
(480) 497-1889
Contact: Sandra Rivera
Website: www.riseservicesinc.org**

RISE Services Inc. is Arizona's Resource for Interdependence and Self-Empowerment, an agency that values equality, choice and service above self. As a non-profit agency, RISE began services to individuals with disabilities over 20 years ago in the state of Arizona. Since that time, services have grown to support children and adults with a variety of needs and include the following:

- Home and Community Based Services
- Habilitation, Respite and Attendant Care.
- Day Programs
- Supported and Customized Employment
- Group Homes
- Foster Care and Adoption Services
- Developmental Foster Homes
- Early Intervention Services
- Managed Care

Safeway, Inc

**2750 S. Priest Dr.
Tempe, AZ 85282
(480) 894-4101 x6304
Contact: LaArnie Lucas
Website: www.safeway.com**

In partnership with the East Valley Safeway Inc., Safeway offers jobs in retail at our stores.

Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services (STARS)

7507 E. Osborn Rd.

Scottsdale, AZ 85251

(480) 994-5704

Email: ggriffiths@starsaz.org

Contact: Gina Griffiths

Website: www.starsaz.org

Cholla Campus

11130 E. Cholla St.

Scottsdale, AZ 85259

(480) 607-1301

Founded in 1973, Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services (STARS), formerly known as Scottsdale Foundation for the Handicapped, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, has been committed to providing exceptional services to adults with disabilities throughout the metro-Phoenix area. STARS participants each have individual needs and circumstances, including developmental and learning disabilities, traumatic brain injury, autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, seizure disorders or other cognitive, physical, and sensory challenges. STARS serves as a lifetime support system for the individuals served and their families. With a mission *to improve the lives of individuals with developmental and cognitive disabilities* STARS provides: community-based employment opportunities, vocational work centers and adult day programs. With the grand opening of the new Cholla campus, STARS has opened a Community Resource Center, a day program specializing in services to individuals with Autism and a vocational after school program for youth in high school.

Social Security Administration

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Mesa, AZ 85210

253 W. Superstition Blvd.

Apache Junction, AZ 85220

16241 N. Tatum Blvd.

Phoenix, AZ 85032

250 N. 7th Ave., Ste. 100

Phoenix, AZ 85007

1-800-772-1213

Website: socialsecurity.gov

Social Security offers monthly cash benefits and medical assistance under the Social Security Act and Supplemental Security Income programs. Medical coverage may be from Medicare and/or AHCCCS. Monthly cash benefits under Social Security are available to retired or disabled workers and their families and survivors of deceased workers. Supplemental Security Income benefits are available to blind or disabled children, blind or disabled adults of any age, and the aged (65 and over). Financial need is the criterion for SSI.

Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARRC)

300 N. 18th St.

Phoenix, AZ 85006

(602) 340-8717

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Website: autismcenter.org

Mission: To maximize independence, productivity and enjoyment of the lives of young adults and adults with autism and related developmental disorders through ongoing education and training related to vocational and independent daily living skills, supported employment, and interest based career and job development.

Description: The Academy is designed to help young adults and adults with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) express interest in potential careers while learning necessary life skills that will enhance their ability to live and work more independently. The academy will provide pre-vocational, vocational, life and leadership skills development along with instruction, practicum opportunities and training programs for individual's ages 13 and older.

Tetra Services

2222 N. 24th St.

Phoenix, AZ 85008

(602) 685-9703

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Website: www.tetraservices.org

Tetra Services works with individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment to promote independence, remove barriers, obtain and maintain employment, and increase self-sufficiency. With client choice at the core of services, persons receiving services identify barriers, set goals, and receive supportive services to help them achieve their goals.

TRANSITIONS for the Developmentally Disabled

17018 S. 26th St.

Phoenix, AZ 85048

(480) 940-7915

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TRANSITIONS for the Developmentally Disabled was founded to help "transition" individuals with special needs into fuller, more independent lifestyles and help them integrate into the community. By promoting choice as well as individualization, our clients learn to enrich their lives and live more independently in the world. TRANSITIONS offers many kinds of Home-and-Community-Based Services, including the highest-quality Individually Designed Living Facilities (IDLA's) where special individuals get the assistance and support necessary to live as independently as they possibly can. We put on Special Programs such as "Just Friends" Weekend Habilitation Retreat, cooking, arts & crafts, and baking classes, and our Cool Jam sessions. We treat our clients, their families, and our staff as our family and the results can be seen in the smiles and successes of everyone involved in our organization.

Triple R Behavioral Health

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Recovery, Rehabilitation, Renewal. Our Mission is evident in Residential programs that support independence, community integration, and a safe living environment. Triple R Rehabilitation programs share the benefits of employment, education, and giving back to the community. Education is a powerful recovery tool. Our Adult Basic Education, Pre GED, GED, computer training, community education and Peer Training are individualized to help you reach your goals... no matter where you are or where you hope to go. Employment services are varied to meet diverse vocational needs. No two people are alike. No two approaches are alike. A 34 year-old non-profit, Triple R realizes the value of building social supports and providing quality services that help to transform lives.

Tungland Corporation, The

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The Tungland Corporation provides a variety of services including residential group homes, respite, habilitation, attended care, after school and summer programs for children, adult site and community recreational programs and numerous job training and supported employment programs. New programs to the Tungland Corporation are counseling, consulting and elder care.

University of Arizona

SALT Center

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The **SALT Center** is an academic support program that provides a comprehensive range of fee-based services to university students with learning and attention challenges. Services include individualized educational planning, learning strategies instruction, tutoring, writing center, math skill development, assistive technology, workshops, and psychological services. Space is limited in our program and students need to apply and be accepted to receive services. Application information is available at <http://www.salt.arizona.edu/undergrad.php>

Disability Resource Center

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The **Disability Resource Center (DRC)** and the University of Arizona are committed to facilitating full access for students with disabilities through consultation with faculty and the provision of reasonable accommodations. This resource is intended for any student with a disability considering higher education. An Access Consultant will be available for any student with a disability to answer questions regarding academic accommodations, understanding financial aid, how to succeed in college, what to look for in a Disability Resource Center, what you can find at the Disability Resource Center, living on the UA campus and much more.

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Valley Metro, the valley's major transportation system, has a transit education program. We offer classroom presentations to all grade levels. The more students know about their transit system and alternative modes of transportation the better they are prepared to make wise transportation choices. We cover the steps of taking the valley metro bus, planning, fares, signaling your stop, policies, etc. We talk about bike, pedestrian, and personal safety. We go beyond the classroom to offer after-school and summer programs, parks and recreation sites and any other organization that serves young people. Our trip planning office helps plan field trips for groups using local bus routes. Elementary school groups are eligible for a free All-Day Field Trip Pass for a maximum of 35 per bus and the pass must be used between 8:30 AM and 2:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Youth Action Council of Arizona (Southwest Institute for Families and Children)

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The goal of the Southwest Institute for Families and Children (SWI) is to conduct research, demonstration, implementation, and training projects that advance knowledge, change practice, and thereby improve the quality of health education and social services for families and children with special needs. SWI developed the *Fast Track* program to meet the needs of youth as they transition from middle to high school to college or work and beyond. *Fast Track* is a hands-on, activity-centered, self-determination program in which youth use Participatory Action Research (PAR) to select goals and test strategies in health care, education, vocation, housing, money management, transportation and housing. Youth acquire skills to set goals and test strategies for making the transition to all avenues of adult life. Another youth program generated from SWI is the Youth Action Council of Arizona (YAC-AZ)®. The mission is to empower youth to take personal responsibility to improve the quality of their lives, as well as the quality of the lives of other individuals.