

Human Services Funding

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Helping individuals and families move out of crisis, establish stability and maintain self-sufficiency.



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REACH SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides crisis intervention, personal advocacy, safety planning, support groups, therapeutic services and connection to resources for victims of past or present sexual violence. REACH serves victims in Maricopa County, including the city of Tempe.

PROGRAM GOALS

Support the rights of victims of sexual violence through coordination and promotion of community services and to promote the healing and empowerment of survivors of sexual violence.

AGENCY INFORMATION

A New Leaf has pursued its mission of "Helping Families... Changing Lives" for more than 50 years, now operating more than 30 programs under seven social service pillars: housing & shelters, domestic violence, mental & physical health, education, financial empowerment, family preservation and foster care. As a non-profit and Joint Commission accredited organization, A New Leaf is working to address the Phoenix Metro community's most challenging issues, making a positive impact in the lives of nearly 25,000 people annually.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Medical and law enforcement accompaniment
- Sexual violence services counselor
- Identification of triggers and healthy coping mechanisms
- Ongoing support and advocacy
- Safety planning
- Long-term trauma-informed care
- Counseling and support groups
- Therapeutic options
- Systems navigations

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SHELTER SERVICES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Offers emergency shelters, basic needs, and essential services for single men at the East Valley Men's Center (EVMC) (110 beds) and families with minor children at La Mesita Family Shelter (16 family units) for up to 120 days.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Provide safe housing and support services to homeless men and families to improve housing stability and self-sustainability
- Support children and youth through an after school program and youth activities staff
- Provide access to medical and behavioral health care for residents at both facilities

AGENCY INFORMATION

A New Leaf, Inc. is a Joint Commission accredited, 501(c)(3) organization committed to its mission of "Helping Families...Changing Lives." Since 1971, the agency has provided vital behavioral health and social services in Maricopa County. A New Leaf collaborates with Tempe's Homeless Outreach Program Effort (HOPE), CARE 7 Crisis Intervention Team, and other Tempe agencies to prioritize referrals and reserve the intake of homeless Tempe residents for up to 10 beds at the EVMC. La Mesita helps homeless families with minor aged children become self-reliant. A New Leaf is working to address most challenging issues, related to homelessness, underlying mental and physical chronic health conditions, and lack of resources due to financial instability.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Housing and shelter
- Domestic violence
- Mental and physical health
- Education and employment development
- Financial empowerment
- Family preservation
- Foster care

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ACCEL



IMPROVING LIVES OF ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES IN TEMPE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

To provide exceptional educational, behavioral, therapeutic, and vocational programs to individuals with special needs and developmental disabilities, to give them the necessary skills to learn, to work, and to live successfully with dignity and independence.

PROGRAM GOAL

- A life of dignity and self-worth
- Offer a day program that aims to bring a sense of community to adults with disabilities, where they can be safe, develop friendships, learn social, communication and vocational skills, and reach goals of independence and autonomy
- Improve independent living skills and autonomy by participating in outings such as grocery shopping, ordering at a restaurant, and riding the city bus to a specific destination
- Improved behavioral health

AGENCY INFORMATION

ACCEL provides comprehensive instructional programming for children and adults who have developmental disabilities. ACCEL is the only private special education school in Arizona nationally accredited by the National Commission for the Accreditation of Special Education Services (NCASES). ACCEL's adult day and vocational programs are designed to ensure the adults served have every opportunity to develop meaningful, independent lives.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Adult day program
- Vocational opportunities and skills
- Life skills
- Trained staff

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AllThrive365 (FSL—Foundation for Senior Living)



TEMPE ADULT DAY HEALTH SERVICES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

To provide home and community-based services and develop energy-efficient, affordable housing, to promote health, independence and dignity for all. Valuing "home," FSL's programs and services promote and support safe aging in place for adults with physical and cognitive conditions that might otherwise require admission to long-term care facilities. Our vision is "A caring community that promotes the health and well-being of all."

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide an alternative to long-term institutional placement and enable participants to safely age in place. This is accomplished by helping participants maintain or improve their ability to perform activities of daily living and providing the support and respite families and caregivers desperately need.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Since 1974, FSL has offered a robust menu of services to older adults, adults with disabilities, and other vulnerable individuals such as adults with severe mental illnesses. FSL partners with mission-aligned organizations, such as the Area Agency on Aging and Dignity Health, to promote its services. FSL also coordinates with senior centers and other nonprofit organizations to promote our services. In 2025, FSL has been utilizing a new name and logo—AllThrive365.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Adult Day Health Services program
- Resource navigation
- Music therapy
- Caregiver support

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Aster Aging



OLDER ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Helps Tempe seniors remain independent by providing: individualized inhome assessments to identify strengths and needs; resource navigation to connect seniors and their families with benefits, health care, housing alternatives, transportation options, and other community services; chronic disease self- management education; and, in-home support services including respite, housekeeping, and personal care.

PROGRAM GOAL

To ensure Tempe older and disabled adults remain independent through inhome resource navigation and benefits enrollment coupled with the availability of home care provided by certified aides to offer critical assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) as needed.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Founded in 1979 with the mission to empower and support East Valley older adults and their families to remain independent and engaged in their communities, Aster Aging offers a comprehensive range of community-based and in-home programs and services aimed at "independence with dignity as vulnerable older adults navigate the sometimes-challenging journey of aging." Their vision is to be a leader in providing direct services and mobilizing resources that support the changing needs of our older adult population.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Senior nutrition congregate meals
- Health and wellness support
- Education programs
- Social activities
- Meals on Wheels
- In-home support
- Home care
- Outreach and social services

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Azura (Mesa United Way)



SERVING TEMPE MILITARY VETERANS & FAMILIES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides a centralized location for military veterans and families, offering comprehensive resources to access services and personal assistance such as employment assistance, housing and rental assistance. Also provided is extensive case management from a trauma-informed care approach guided by peers. Staff works one-on-one with client to get to know their capacity, identify root cause of any issues and set plans to achieve goals. Veteran's are linked to extensive list of partners and resources for success.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Utilize a six-step case management system to identify veteran needs and support them or their family members who seek support, or has unique requests and concerns
- Ensure no veteran or veteran family is left homeless, financially troubled, unemployed, or living through a crisis alone

AGENCY INFORMATION

Mesa United Way has operated in Mesa and the Greater Phoenix area for 100 years, creating solutions and innovated program to find gaps in service and solve unresolved problems. Their mission is to fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in the community. They have four program areas: foster children and the needs of youth aging out of the foster system; veterans through holistic case management at the Mesa Veterans Resource Center (aka Azura Veterans Coalition); literacy programs; and poverty alleviation.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Veteran-focused support groups
- Case management, navigation for housing and rental assistance
- Mental health, addiction and benefits counseling
- Health care, employment, resume and transportation assistance
- Soft skills training, interactive classes
- Mobile preventive and wellness care
- Pet intake and adoption services for those in crisis

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Best Buddies



BEST BUDDIES INCLUSION PROJECT

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Serves children, youth, and adults with and without intellectual and development disabilities (IDD) in elementary, middle, high school, and college chapters in Tempe. The school-based inclusion programs operate as school clubs that provide opportunities for meaningful social interactions between students with IDD and their typical peers, hosting inclusive group activities, and training student leaders with and without IDD to successfully lead inclusion programs at their school.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Promote one-to-one friendship opportunities between participants with and without IDD
- Develop leadership skills among participants with IDD and typical peers so that they can lead the inclusion movement
- Transform attitudes about the needs and abilities of people with IDD through program participation
- Develop social skills among participants with IDD that aid in their employment, independence, and community integration.
- Empower those with IDD special disabilities by creating meaningful friendships secure successful jobs, live independently, improve public speaking, self-advocacy and communication skills, and feel valued by society

AGENCY INFORMATION

A nonprofit organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with IDD.

SERVICES OFFERED

- One-to-one friendships
- Integrated employment
- Leadership development
- Inclusive living

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona



MENTORING PROGRAM

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of Tempe youth. The program guides high-risk, low-income children to become productive members of the community by learning from the positive examples set by professionally-trained mentors.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Increase one-to-one mentoring services for at-risk youth in Tempe
- Increase self-confidence, academic outcomes, and school retention rates among at-risk Tempe youth
- Decrease high-risk behaviors such as drug and alcohol use among Tempe youth as compared to their non-participating peer groups

AGENCY INFORMATION

Big Brothers Big Sisters' of Central Arizona (BBSAZ) mission is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. BBBSAZ focuses on facilitating mentoring relationships between adults and at-risk youth in the community. They match children ("Littles"), ages 6-18, with caring, responsible adult mentors ("Bigs") who guide youth to become contributing members of society by helping them avoid risky behaviors, poor school performance, and by inspiring them through acceptance and encouragement to define and achieve their personal goals.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Specialized training
- Education
- Guidance & support
- National standards for mentoring youth
- Trauma-informed approach
- "Tried and True" program that is divided into three main phases : enrollment of youth, matching mentors, and support through case management

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Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL WELLNESS FOR TEMPE YOUTH

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides programming for thousands of Tempe youth and teens each year, offering daily after-school programs, summer day camps, and dedicated teen centers that provide Tempe youth with a safe, positive place to spend their out-of-school-time.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Improve the academic achievement, self-confidence, life skills, and health of at-risk and other youth
- Ensure youth served stay in school through graduation
- Prepare high school seniors for post-secondary education
- Empower young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible members of the community

AGENCY INFORMATION

The mission of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley (BGCAZ) is to empower all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible members of the community. For 75 years, BGCAZ has been creating equity and opportunity for youth through academic, social, and workforce opportunities. They help young people make healthy decisions and focus on social and emotional development to build resilient young adults. Most importantly, they work to develop strong character and leadership skills by creating positive connections to caring adults and their community.

SERVICES OFFERED

- High-yield learning activities and targeted programs
- Dedicated time and assistance with homework
- Education programs
- Daily academic enrichment activities
- Career Pathways
- Leadership and Good Character education
- Health and wellness activities
- Social emotional development and coping skills

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Catholic Charities Community Services



SAFE HAVEN: ENHANCING SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN TEMPE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

A 30-bed shelter offering safety and healing for women, men, and children fleeing domestic violence. Each year, MSP offers over 10,000 nights of shelter, more than 30,000 meals and a range of services that promote clients' independence, well-being, and successful achievement of their goals.

PROGRAM GOAL

Protect and nurture children, strengthen families, shelter the homeless and abused, support survivors of sex-trafficking, welcome and assist refugees, aid those in crisis, empower veterans and help the impoverished.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Catholic Charities Community Services' (CCCS) mission is to help the community's most vulnerable with solutions that permanently improve lives. People of all faiths, backgrounds and abilities are served through 22 programs in seven counties across central and northern Arizona. CCCS is held to the highest standard of service through the Council on Accreditation and leverages partner agencies and resources to create the greatest impact possible in an effective, efficient manner.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Safety and after-care planning
- Case management and skill/resource building
- Foster care, adoption, pregnancy counseling and early childhood education
- Employment assistance
- Information and referral to transitional programs
- Affordable housing and furniture
- Counseling
- Financial education

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Central Arizona Shelter Services



EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR TEMPE RESIDENTS, CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND SENIORS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Offers safe shelter, diverse case management services, educational programs, life skills training, and a comprehensive range of housing services to Tempe residents. Services are provided for single adult, family, and older adults.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Improve outcomes for people experiencing homelessness
- Address client barriers to help an individual get housing-ready
- Help get people back into housing quickly, using Housing First principles
- Commitment to ending homelessness among individuals and families in Tempe, while advancing compassionate community solutions

AGENCY INFORMATION

Founded in 1984 to address the homelessness crisis in Phoenix, CASS is Arizona's largest, longest serving, and most experienced emergency shelter provider. CASS annually serves thousands of adults and families with shelter, case management, an array of housing services as well as extensive wraparound services in coordination with other agencies. Adult and family shelters operate at full capacity 24/7, 365 days a year. CASS also provides specialty services for older adults at the Senior Haven hotel shelter.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Temporary housing/shelter
- Three meals daily
- Recreational and therapeutic programming
- Dining rooms
- Laundry facilities
- Clothing closet
- Outdoor spaces with activities
- Case management
- Housing services

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Child Crisis Arizona



FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION SERVICES IN TEMPE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Recruits, trains, licenses/certifies, and monitors foster and adoptive homes (resource homes) for foster children from Maricopa County. Provides best-practice congregate facilities and longer-term care and stabilization with support for foster children and foster parents.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Children served in will show improvement in medical health
- Children placed in foster homes will experience stability of placement
- Ensure children/youth are safe, have needs met, and are supported in addressing early trauma to be able to move forward into a thriving life

AGENCY INFORMATION

Child Crisis Arizona exists to provide children and youth in Arizona a safe environment, free from abuse and neglect, by creating strong and successful families. Their vision for the community is "Safe Kids. Strong Families." Their work falls into three general areas: child abuse prevention, intervention when child abuse or neglect has occurred, and early childhood education.

Prevention services include the Family Education Program designed to increase parenting skills, build strong families, and reduce the possibility of child abuse or neglect. Intervention services are Emergency Children's Placement Services comprised of the Emergency Children's Shelter and Foster Care and Adoption. Early Education services includes two Early Head Start programs (Phoenix and Mesa) and a preschool located on their Phoenix campus.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Emergency children's shelter
- Foster care and adoption
- Group home
- Independent living
- Counseling program
- Early education services

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Circle the City



EAST VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides mobile medical services in Tempe and Mesa to bridge care to the hardest to reach and most-marginalized homeless populations. The East Valley Neighborhood Partnership (EVNP) mobile medical clinic strives to reduce economic, geographic, and psychosocial barriers to care in an accessible and welcoming way for those who are either unable or unwilling to access fixed-site clinics. The EVNP program strives to offer a temporary medical home and comprehensive services until clients can be linked with a fixed-site clinic where care can be delivered more efficiently.

PROGRAM GOAL

Improve patient health outcomes and provide Integrated primary healthcare services to an under-served/homeless population of patients who would otherwise rely on hospital emergency department visits for routine or non-emergent medical care. This includes case management services, connecting clients with community resources such as AHCCCS, SSI, SSDI, and housing; and outreach services addressing behavioral health and substance abuse issues.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Circle the City was established to create and deliver innovative healthcare solutions that compassionately address the needs of men, women, and children facing homelessness. Through ENVP, Circle the City fulfills its mission by providing compassionate, culturally competent outreach; helping with transportation to clinics; supplying other incentives to promote engagement in a therapeutic relationship and offering a consistent mobile service schedule as well as assistance in applying for public benefits.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Temporary medical home
- Transportation
- Hygiene kits
- Clothing
- Case management services

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Community Legal Services



LEGAL ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION FOR LOW-INCOME TEMPE RESIDENTS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provide no-cost legal services to the residents of Tempe including legal education and advocacy, brief advice, and direct representation.

PROGRAM GOAL

Increase access to the civil justice system for low-income Tempe residents who cannot afford an attorney. Community Legal Services (CLS) attorneys will help resolve legal issues impacting basic human survival needs in which positive changes will be made to a clients' personal safety, living and housing and economic conditions. Living conditions will be improved and the number of Tempe resident facing homelessness will be reduced.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Community Legal Services ("CLS"), a non-profit, civil law firm in the Arizona counties of La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Yavapai and Yuma. CLS is committed to increasing fairness in the civil justice system by advocating, litigating, and educating on behalf of Arizona's most underserved communities.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Virtual workshops
- Assistance with employment cases
- Preventing homelessness
- Reducing evictions
- Addressing fair housing complaints
- Consumer issues
- Other civil legal aid to families and individuals

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Duet: Partners in Health and Aging



STRENGTHENING KINSHIP FAMILIES IN TEMPE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides services that serve and engage children and support and equip their grandparents. These services empower grandparents and kinship caregivers with the tools they need to build healthy self-sufficient families and improve the health, wellbeing, and lives of Tempe grandfamilies.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Kinship caregivers will reduce their stress levels of/towards supporting the mental well-being of children in their care, while benefiting from long-term supports that will increase their self-sufficiency and improve their and the children's mental well-being.
- Increase social connections by participating in support groups, educational workshops, and social events, leading to stronger peer support networks and reduced feelings of loneliness and isolation.
- Increase confidence of caregivers through educational workshops, access to resources, and support services, leading to enhanced caregiving abilities.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Duet's mission is to promote health and wellbeing through vitally needed services for grandparents raising grandchildren due to parental abuse or neglect, low-income homebound adults, and family caregivers. Duet's vision is, "A community where every person ages with compassion, dignity, and hope."

SERVICES OFFERED

- Conducting Grandkin Cafés
- Conducting educational workshops
- Offering legal assistance
- Conducting grandfamily social outings
- Ongoing family support

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EMPACT Suicide **Prevention** Center (LaFrontera)



BUILDING RESILIENCY IN YOUTH

PROGRAM INFORMATION

School-based primary prevention program which utilizes the "I Can Problem Solve" curriculum which offers practical skills for helping children learn how to think through and resolve everyday conflicts. Children learn interpersonal cognitive problem-solving skills including the ability to identify a problem; recognize thoughts, feelings and motives that generate interpersonal problem situations; generate alternative solutions to problems; and consider the consequences for these solutions.

PROGRAM GOAL

To increase children's resiliency by promoting skills that decrease inhibited classroom behavior, increase problem solving, and improve positive, prosocial behaviors and healthy relationships with peers.

AGENCY INFORMATION

La Frontera EMPACT-Suicide Prevention Center (EMPACT-SPC) is a nonprofit behavioral health agency that provides a comprehensive, crisisfocused continuum of care. With roots in suicide prevention, EMPACT-SPC runs numerous programs dedicated to supporting people in crisis, including several 24/7/365 telephone hotlines, outpatient behavioral health services and substance abuse treatment, and prevention services in the community that serve youth, families, adults, and older adults.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Adult programs
- Child and family program
- Crisis services
- Rally Point AZ (military service, veterans & families)
- Suicide prevention
- Trauma healing services
- Mobile crisis intervention
- Crisis hotline
- Individual counseling for youth and adults

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EMPACT
Suicide
Prevention
Center
(LaFrontera)



SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

A community-based program intended for those whose common bond is the loss of a loved one to suicide. The program offers participants assistance in dealing with survivor grief.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Decrease stigma associated with being a Survivor of Suicide by providing educational materials and counseling resources/support to friends and family members after a suicide occurs so they are better prepared to deal with the loss of their loved one.
- Decrease the risk of suicidal behavior by providing Survivors of Suicide the counseling and support resources needed to develop healthy coping skills.

AGENCY INFORMATION

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SERVICES OFFERED

- Weekly support groups to provide a safe place where survivors can share experiences and support each other in their healing journey
- Individual support to help clients who are new in their grief and not yet able to join one of the support groups due to their current emotional state
- LOSS (Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors) Team who provides immediate support to new survivors, at the scene of a suicide or within 24-72 hours after the suicide
- Annual SOS Walk and SOS Conference to further support survivors in their healing journey

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Encircle Families (formerly Raising Special Kids)



MENTORING & PARENT SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE DISABILITIES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Helps families navigate the complex education and health care systems and resources that are needed to ensure the health and success of their child with a disability or suspected disability.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Achieve Improved parental knowledge of how to access various specialty care and services by navigating health care and insurance systems
- Gain individualized intervention, support, and/or special education services for their child through learned advocacy skills
- Long-term families will gain better physical and mental health outcomes, positive post-secondary education, employment, and successful living outcomes for their child(ren)

AGENCY INFORMATION

Established in 1979, Raising Special Kids' (RSK) mission is to strengthen families and systems of care to improve outcomes for children who have disabilities and special health care needs. Their vision is to ensure families of children with disabilities and special health care needs have the support, information, training, and hope they need to raise their child to reach their highest potential. Programs are offered in English and Spanish at an not cost to families. Each year they receive more than 11,000 calls and touch the lives of more than 9,000 families and 2,000 professionals throughout Arizona. In May 2025, Raising Special Kids formally changed their organization name to Encircle Families.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Individual consultation
- Problem resolution for special education
- Parent education on rights and responsibilities
- Parent-parent support
- Parent workshops and advocacy training
- Assistance navigating health care systems
- Referrals

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THE HAPI SCHOOL

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides intensive training in the English language, digital literacy and civic engagement. This program is specifically designed to transition Latino families out of poverty and into stability by increasing their preparation for a living wage job.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Empower men and women to breakthrough the language barrier and achieve stability for themselves and their families
- Boost employability, increase likelihood of stable income, and transition out of poverty

AGENCY INFORMATION

Created in 2013 and located in Tempe, Arizona, the HAPI school is a womenled educational organization with a vision to foster an inclusive and diverse community where everyone feels they belong and are empowered to reach their highest potential. HAPI stands for "Hablar Para Integrar," which in English means "Speak to Integrate." Their mission is to enable underserved members of the community to attain their personal and professional goals for themselves and their families, hence directly contributing to Arizona's diversity and economic growth,.

SERVICES OFFERED

- English language education
- Critical thinking
- Social and professional codes of conduct
- Digital literacy
- American civics

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Homeless Youth Connection



EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR THE FUTURE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Engages high school-aged and transition-aged youth experiencing homelessness in trauma-informed, client-led, strengths-based interventions to provide basic needs and educational resources at no cost. Youth coaches use a life skills curriculum to help youth identify and achieve a series of short-term goals that assist them in attaining the longer-term goal of self-sufficiency and remove barriers to help them achieve academic success and graduation.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Increase the number of youth who complete their school year courses.
- Increase independent living skills of youth.
- Ensure youth have an established a plan after high school that includes a healthy support network.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Founded in 2009, Homeless Youth Connection's mission is to eliminate barriers to graduation for homeless youth and create lasting solutions for a successful future through community support and increased awareness. Their vision is that homelessness will not limit a youth's opportunity for a successful future.

SERVICES OFFERED

Comprehensive social services program assessment to assist with:

- Case management
- Housing assistance and referrals
- Educational resources, school supplies and post-graduation assistance
- Basic needs (food, clothing, hygiene items, transportation)
- Employment resources
- Vital documents
- Health insurance enrollment, medical co-pays and prescriptions
- Youth coaches
- Social-emotional wellness support

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Junior Achievement of Arizona



PREPARING TEMPE KIDS TO SUCCESS IN WORK AND LIFE READINESS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Teaches students through age-based and grade-based lessons that are developed at a national level by leading education experts in partnership with Junior Achievement USA. Students are taught basic financial concepts and money management skills such as budgeting, saving, and the responsible use of credit.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Improved student confidence in new situations
- Increases number of new businesses started by students
- Increased money management skills
- Increased confidence in students' ability to meet goals
- Increased earnings
- Increased higher critical-thinking skills

AGENCY INFORMATION

Junior Achievement was founded in 1919 by New England visionaries Theodore Vale, President of American Telephone & Telegraph; Horace Moses, president of Strathmore Paper Co.; and Senator Murray Crane of Massachusetts. They wanted to teach kids about business and how the US economy functioned. The first JA program, The Company Program, was offered to high school students after school. Under the guidance of business mentors, students set up their own businesses and then manufactured and sold products and services. In 1957, Junior Achievement came to Arizona, launching its first office in Tucson. Many of Arizona's top executives and leaders today experienced the JA Company Program as students.

SERVICES OFFERED

- K-12 financial literacy classes
- Workforce readiness classes

SUCCESS STORY

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Maggie's Place



SHELTER SERVICES AT THE ELIZABETH HOUSE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

A family-centered service for pregnant and parenting women and their children by offering a warm and welcoming community, a safe place to live and learn, and ongoing services to help them become self-sufficient.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Provide for the immediate physical and emotional needs of women in crisis, including shelter, food, clothing, transportation, and a supporting community
- Assist women in crisis transition to self-sufficiency and independence by connecting them to community resources, including health insurance, affordable housing, and education/job training/workforce development opportunities

AGENCY INFORMATION

Founded in 2000 on Mother's Day, Maggie's Place has gifted healing and hope to hundreds of homeless pregnant women and their babies over the years, helping them become independent and contributing members of the community. The mission of Maggie's Place is to provide houses of hospitality and ongoing support to help pregnant and parenting women in need reach their goals, and welcome them into a community filled with love and dignity. Maggie's Place's model program for homeless pregnant women has been operating successfully for 21 years, and continues to meet the needs of the community by building more homes and serving more women and infants.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Emergency shelter, food, clothing, transportation
- Community resource referrals
- Medical/dental care
- Counseling and family coaching
- Maggie's Place Family Success Center
- Life skills/job training
- GED prep course

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Matthew's Crossing



MEALS TO GROW

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides hungry students with access to food, through food closets and weekend backpacks. We know that children who are well nourished will be emotionally and physically healthier and will do better in school.

PROGRAM GOAL

To reduce food insecurity among vulnerable students throughout the East Valley and neighboring communities including students served at Scales, Thew, Arredondo and Curry elementary schools and Corona del Sol, McClintock, and Tempe high schools as well as Tempe Elementary Native Program on an as needed basis.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Serving the working poor through their food bank, the agency and program help to reduce food insecurity among elementary, junior high and high school students through weekend backpacks, on campus food closets and a summer snack program. Under Meals to Grow, there were 38 weeks of distribution for the 2023/24 school year. On average 909 weekend backpacks are distributed each week. Backpacks include canned meats, ravioli, chili and beans, canned vegetables, cereal, mac and cheese, snack crackers and fruit cups.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Food distribution
- Emergency food boxes
- Weekend backpacks
- Senior food boxes
- Mobile marketplace
- Holiday food boxes
- Homebound deliveries
- Food closets

SUCCESS STORY

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notMYkid



TEEN MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides evidence-based and trauma-informed programs designed to improve the quality of life for children in Tempe. The array of programs and trainings focus on substance use, vaping, bullying, relationships, trauma, body image, mental health, and internet safety for youth, adults, and the community at-large.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Build knowledge and social/emotional competencies to enhance resiliency, confidence, and character
- Educate youth and adults on where to go and how to ask for help if they or someone they know is struggling with a mental or behavioral issues

AGENCY INFORMATION

For more than 20 years, notMYkid has been providing youth, families, schools, and community partners with high impact prevention education and early intervention programs. notMYkid has successfully served over 3 million individuals and continues to reach over 100,000 youth and adults each year. Their team of prevention and behavioral health experts are dedicated to helping youth overcome challenges during their most vulnerable years. Programs are traditionally delivered in schools, community organizations, at the workplace, and direct to devices via our Podcast and webinars.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Youth presentations (in-person or online)
- Professional training for parents/caregivers and schools with up-to-date informational 60-minute training on suicide alertness; depression and mental health issues affecting children; understanding trauma and adverse childhood experiences; teen substance use trends, creating a bully-free environment, and helping youth navigate the internet safely.

SUCCESS STORY

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Paz de Cristo Community Center



RELIEF SERVICES TO EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Long term solution to help reduce poverty conditions that includes offering meals and food assistance, rent and utility assistance, weekly showers, haircare, clothing, assistance with obtaining Arizona identification and birth certificates, a jobs program and one-on-one support.

PROGRAM GOAL

Address the needs of those who are struggling with hunger, poverty, and homelessness through:

- Food Assistance Provide safe and nutritious meals with an emphasis on quality food, respect for guests and a welcoming environment for guests and volunteers.
- Clothing Provide clean clothes, new shoes and new underwear to offer a level of basic dignity and self-respect to guests.
- Empowerment Programs Empower guests to reach their full potential by removing barriers so they may become more self-sufficient.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Founded in 1988, Paz de Cristo's mission is to feed, clothe and empower those in need in the Phoenix East Valley. Paz de Cristo serves as a single resource for the homeless, unemployed, working poor and other residents in need. The vision of Paz is to empower clients to reach their full potential by removing barriers so they may become more self-sufficient. An average of 7,000 visits each month are received from those seeking food, clothing, showers, Arizona identification, government benefits and many other programs help achieve this vision.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Food boxes and daily dinner meal
- Clothing, hot showers, clothes laundry, grooming services
- One-on-one job coaching and bus passes
- Navigation assistance to state and federal benefits, shelter placement, housing assistance, rental and utility assistance, substance abuse and mental health services, as well as onsite mobile medical services

SUCCESS STORY

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Peer Solutions



TRAUMA INFORMED PRIMARY PREVENTION (TIPP)

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides a year-round positive youth development and leadership program designed with evidence-based strategies. Activities are led by trained peer educators at local high schools, middle schools and community centers.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Direct resources toward the health and well-being of Tempe youth
- Address trauma with empathy, kindness, non-judgement and compassion
- Normalize self-advocacy and self-care to cultivate social norms, practices and policies to ensure safety, equity and respect
- Ensure strategies are evidence informed and strive to be inclusive of all identities and abilities
- Build resiliency and protective factors supporting the Social Determinants of Health across the Social Ecological Model

AGENCY INFORMATION

Peer Solutions was founded in 1996 with a mission: peers working with peers to make the world a better place. Their vision is safety, equity, and respect normalized in our hearts, homes, schools, workplaces, communities, governments, and planet. They develop and implement activities with the communities served to establish cultural relevance, retention, and generational, permanent impact. Peer Solutions utilizes the Trauma Informed Primary Prevention (TIPP) model, to redirect resources spent on crisis intervention to investing in the health and well-being of families, schools, workplaces, governments and communities.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Trauma Informed Primary Prevention
- Afterschool and summer education programs
- Community service and projects
- Ongoing training for youth, schools, businesses, etc.
- Weekly youth-led programming

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Save the Family Foundation of Arizona



FAMILIES ADULTS AND CHILDREN EMPOWERMENT SERVICES (FACES)

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Enable clients to achieve permanent housing and income to support self-sufficiency through their housing programs: Rapid-Rehousing, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Step Up to Independence, and Phoenix Scholar House.

PROGRAM GOAL

Assist Tempe families to overcome homelessness utilizing key objectives:

- Ensure parents secure income and permanent housing, learn and practice positive skills and behaviors, and understand the importance of family physical and mental health
- Strengthen children's connections to school and community, including maintaining regular school attendance, showing improved behavior, participation in extracurricular activities and increasing knowledge of available community resources
- Support low-income homeless families to work their way through crisis situations toward life-long housing stability and self-sufficiency.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Save the Family Foundation of Arizona is a leading provider of housing, case management and supportive services to more than 650 homeless and impoverished families annually throughout Maricopa County. Save the Family works to equip families to overcome underlying issues that lead to homelessness – ensuring stable homes, safe children, and strong families.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Housing for families
- Case management
- Youth programs
- Parent support
- Supportive services for homeless families
- Career development services
- Veteran services
- Mental health and substance abuse support

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Sojourner Center



OVERCOMING THE IMPACT OF DV: OUTREACH SERVICES FOR TEMPE SURVIVORS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides services to individuals and families experiencing domestic violence (DV), human trafficking (HT), or sexual assault (SA) who are still residing with an abusive partner, preparing to exit the relations or are currently living in a safe, alternative location such as with family or friends.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Decrease the impacts of domestic violence, one life at a time
- Gain knowledge to plan for continued safety
- Increase knowledge of available services
- Increase feelings of overall well-being
- Achieve clients' goals around safe housing/meaningful employment

AGENCY INFORMATION

Since 1977, Sojourners Center has been a safe haven from domestic violence for women and their children. They were the first domestic violence shelter in Arizona and one of the largest, longest running DV shelters in the U.S. They have expanded programming to include victims of human trafficking and sexual assault, including men. They offer comprehensive and holistic services for the safety, stability, healing, empowerment and self-sufficiency of those served. Sojourner Center has served 1,000+ adults and children.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Crisis shelter
- Basic needs (food, clothing, personal care and hygiene products)
- Case management
- Support in accessing health and on-site child care services
- Community referrals for other health care (traumatic brain injury screening/ and treatment and basic and restorative dental services)
- Goal setting and safety planning
- Behavioral health services (trauma informed) as directed by survivor

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Solari



2-1-1 FOR TEMPE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides health, human, and community information and referral services for the state of Arizona. Arizona 2-1-1 transforms lives by linking individuals and families to vital community services.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Connect individuals to the vital resources they need
- Ensure that Tempe residents are educated about the tools Community Information & Referral Services (CIR) provides to assist those in need

AGENCY INFORMATION

Solari, a trusted, local nonprofit organization that provides access to community resources through Arizona 2-1-1 which links individuals and families to vital health, human, housing, food, employment, and community information and referral services across the state. Solari empowers people to move from hope to health. Their vision is "All Arizonans are easily connected to available health and human services in their communities." Their mission is "to transform lives by linking individuals and families to vital community services throughout Arizona."

SERVICES OFFERED

Referral and information service to access services:

- Food programs
- Basic needs
- Shelters
- Physical and mental health resources
- Crisis intervention services
- Employment support
- Transportation
- Disability services
- Older adult care
- Childcare and youth/family services
- Veteran's assistance

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Sonoran University of Health Sciences



TEMPE ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY CLINIC

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Sonoran University's Tempe Elementary Clinic offers naturopathic healthcare from pediatrics to geriatrics eight hours a week, free of charge for the Tempe Elementary community. Appointments, supplements, lab tests, imaging, and medications are provided at no cost to patients.

PROGRAM GOAL

Improve personal health awareness of clients to increase their overall health.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Sonoran University of Health Sciences (formerly Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine & Health Sciences) is a fully-accredited university dedicated to a comprehensive team approach to health sciences education in the fields of medicine, nutrition, and mental health.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Access to medical care for prevention and early identification of health conditions
- Educational opportunities for children and parents in self-care
- Access to quality care and medicines for children and their families who may have limited transportation

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TCH The Centers for Habilitation



EARNING A PAYCHECK

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Employment Development Center supports adults with special needs who would like to join the workforce and earn an income. Collaboration is conducted with outside businesses to help supported individuals find employment. The program finds creative alternatives for traditional ways of doing things, and provides on-the-job support so every individual who would like to earn a paycheck can do so. Job coaches assist supported individuals explore options and go through the hiring process of filling out an application, face-to-face interviews, and participating in a company's onboarding process. Job coaches also provide support for the employer.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Increase group supported employment
- Place more individuals in individual jobs
- Expand services to reach a broader age demographic
- Continue to seek business partners to provide job placement
- Support goals of clients through their Individualized Service Plan

AGENCY INFORMATION

The Centers for Habilitation (TCH) has been providing services for individuals with disabilities since 1967. The employment program began in the 1970s and has evolved to serve individuals with a variety of disabilities with an array of services designed to meet the unique challenges their clients face.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Job coaches
- Small group employment placement
- Individualized training programs (based on needs)
- Individualized placements
- Partnerships with local business

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TCH The Centers for Habilitation



ARTS AND CULTURE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides music therapy to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities to foster continued growth and improvement in areas of communication, social skills, activities of daily living, and job skills. Music therapy supports individuals to expand their minds, increase happiness, feel included, be creative, foster opportunities for socialization, break down barriers, improve/maintain motor skills, and gain control of their life.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Encourage a variety of activities for supported individuals to expand their minds, increase happiness, feel included, be creative, foster opportunities for socialization, be fearless, break down barriers, improve/maintain motor skills, and gain control of their life.
- Finding creative and innovative ways to provide hope and purpose for individuals with disabilities.

AGENCY INFORMATION

The Centers for Habilitation - TCH began as a small, grassroots organization which today has grown into one of Arizona's largest disability service providers. Since 1967 TCH has been creating opportunities for individuals with developmental and physical disabilities through home-based services, group homes, a day program and employment. TCH provides most of their services throughout Maricopa County (primarily in the East Valley), but also have services in Tucson, Sierra Vista, and Yuma. Individuals in their programs range in age from 18-78 years of age and come from all nationalities. Their mission/vision is to create opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

SERVICES OFFERED

Group or individual music therapy sessions weekly

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Teen Lifeline



CRISIS SERVICES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

A 24-hour, free, confidential, peer-supported hotline for teens operating 365 days a year.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Troubled teens in Tempe will utilize help seeking behaviors and obtain support.
- Teens will have a better understanding of warning signs of suicide, bullying, depression, build problem solving skills on making healthy decisions and increase their help seeking behavior.
- Tempe teens that complete the Life Skills Development program will develop positive life skills necessary to make healthy decisions and lead successful, productive lives.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Teen Lifeline's mission is to prevent teen suicide in AZ by strengthening the resiliency in youth and foster supportive communities. We envision a world where all youth possess a sense of connectedness and hope for their future. Teen Lifeline is an independent, self-sustaining, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that operates a 24-hour, free, confidential, peer-supported hotline 365 days a year. Founded in 1986, Teen Lifeline has a long history of providing quality services to Arizona's teens. As the only peer-to-peer counseling hotline in Arizona, teens in trouble call the hotline/text line to receive supportive services and develop constructive coping skills as an alternative to suicide and other destructive behaviors. Teen Lifeline provides a "connection of hope" to Arizona teens.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Teen Hotline (24 hour free, confidential, peer-supported Crisis Hotline/ text line)
- Life Skills Development
- Community Education and Prevention Services

SUCCESS STORY

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Tempe Chamber of Commerce



CAREER READY TEMPE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

A workforce readiness program designed to bridge equity gaps by providing underserved high school students with paid internships, skill-building opportunities, and mentorship. By connecting students with local businesses, this program aims to prepare students for post-secondary education and career success while fostering a diverse and skilled workforce pipeline for the community. This program specifically targets low-income students, first-generation college hopefuls, and students of color, ensuring that those most in need benefit from its resources.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Interns will improve their knowledge of workplace readiness skills, including communication, leadership, and professional etiquette, toward gaining meaningful employment opportunities.
- Youth will increase their knowledge of career pathways and postsecondary opportunities toward achieving long-term educational and employment goals.
- Youth will improve their attitudes towards professional development and workplace engagement toward achieving long-term career success.

AGENCY INFORMATION

The Tempe Chamber Foundation carries out the charitable and education objectives of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce that positively impact the quality of life in Tempe through education, economic development, research and community enhancement programs and services. The Tempe Chamber Foundation supports the Chamber's charitable and educational goals, improving Tempe's quality of life through education, economic development, research, and community programs.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Training
- Mentorship
- Stipends for students

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I-HELP EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP) offers nightly shelter and the Oasis Center offers assistance with access to social services, employment assistance, help with recovering identification documents, and medical care from Circle the City. I-HELP is supported by several local faith organizations and community volunteers who provide overnight sleeping space and evening meals for the individuals enrolled in the program.

PROGRAM GOAL

Alleviate homelessness in Tempe by offering shelter and relief services to adults who are experiencing homelessness in Tempe.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) fosters dignity and self-reliance in the economically vulnerable within the communities they serve. Their mission is carried out through five areas of focus: housing security, hunger relief, senior independence, healthy families and economic stability. TCAA operates Tempe's largest hunger relief effort; I-HELP—the city's sole emergency shelter; Community Action Program (emergency rent/utility assistance); senior independence services including in-home support and nutritious, prepared meals; Health Start; Economic Advancement Program using a financial opportunity center model; and two community gardens.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Nightly emergency shelter and meals
- Computer, phone station, mail access
- Emergency food bags, water/heat relief station
- Financial coaching
- On-site washer and drver
- Identification documents
- Employment assistance and workshops
- Public benefits enrollment such as SNAP, Medicaid, and veteran's services

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TCAA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

PROGRAM INFORMATION

A resource to eligible households facing unexpected loss of income, domestic violence, or an unforeseen event or situation of family member endangerment, causing them to fall behind on rent, mortgage, or utility bills. The full menu of Community Action Program (CAP) services includes financial assistance for rental security deposits and rent/mortgage and utility bills, as well as case management and information/referral services. Clients have access to the Financial Success Center which provides employment and financial coaching to improve their economic security.

PROGRAM GOAL

Reduce the likelihood of homelessness among adults and families experiencing a financial crisis. This will be accomplished by preventing eviction and foreclosure during a time of crisis; preventing utility disconnects during times of crisis; and reducing the likelihood of a repeat crisis in the future.

AGENCY INFORMATION

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SERVICES OFFERED

- Emergency rent, mortgage and utility assistance
- Employment and finance coaching
- Case management and referral services

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TCAA FOOD PANTRY

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides emergency food boxes along with supplemental food to households in need. Unique to this program are the various distribution channels used to remove barriers and increase access to emergency food. The program serves as an entry point for access to other social services offered by TCAA.

PROGRAM GOAL

Reduce food insecurity in the Tempe community by increasing access to food for people experiencing a crisis and, engaging the community as a whole in local hunger relief efforts.

AGENCY INFORMATION

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SERVICES OFFERED

- Food pantry
- Food Boxes

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TCAA NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Utilizes volunteers to provide light in-home assistance and rides for Tempe seniors who lacked nearby support systems. Seniors obtain case management services and full integration with other TCAA programs including nutrition services, help with housing expenses, and an array of wrap-around support to help stabilize situations, foster health living and independence, and prevent homelessness.

PROGRAM GOAL

To improve the ability of low-income, vulnerable older adults to live independently by assisting vulnerable older adults in Tempe. The program aspires to make the community a better place to live, especially for vulnerable populations. This is accomplished through programs designed to address crises, strengthen self-sufficiency, and ultimately reduce reliance on social services.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Tempe Community Action Agency (TCAA) fosters dignity and self-reliance in the economically vulnerable within the communities they serve. Their mission is carried out through five areas of focus: housing security, hunger relief, senior independence, healthy families and economic stability. TCAA operates Tempe's largest hunger relief effort; I-HELP—Tempe's sole emergency shelter; Community Action Program (emergency rent/utility assistance); senior independence services including in-home support and nutritious, prepared meals; Health Start; Economic Advancement Program using a financial opportunity center model; and two community gardens.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Emergency rent, mortgage and utility assistance.
- Senior independence programs
- In-home services
- Transportation
- Technology assistance
- Senior food boxes

SUCCESS STORY

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TCAA SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Offers several choices to alleviate food insecurity including food box delivery, transportation to the grocery store and TCAA's Food Pantry, and prepared meals in the form of a congregate meal at Tempe senior centers or packaged meal delivered to the home of homebound adults. The program serves low-income adults with disabilities (age 18 and older) and older adults ages 50 and up.

PROGRAM GOAL

Increase access to food and improve food security for Tempe adults who are economically disadvantaged. With greater access to the food they need, the program will also improve the ability of participating adults to remain independent.

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SERVICES OFFERED

- Food pantry/food boxes
- Home delivered meals and wellness checks
- Transportation for eligible seniors
- Congregate meal service

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VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The IRS sponsored Tempe Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides free tax preparation and asset education resources to low to moderate income individuals and families, the elderly, disabled and veterans, supporting a path to financial self-sufficiency.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Provide free tax preparation services and asset development opportunities to help hard working, low wage-earning taxpayers receive eligible tax credits and maximize their refund.
- Increase ability of individuals and families to become financially stable and self-sufficient by providing assistance to increase income, maintain financial stability, build savings and gain/sustain assets, and connect with public benefits..

AGENCY INFORMATION

Tempe Community Council is a human services nonprofit serving the Tempe community since 1972. Their mission is to "connect those in need with those who care." They bring the community together, including government, nonprofits, faith groups and residents, to provide support to those in need and to plan for present and future needs. TCC is committed to mobilizing resources to solve immediate and long-term human services problems. TCC works with partners in a continuum of coordinated services to enhance the lives of Tempe residents, particularly those in need.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Free tax preparation and e-file services
- Savings bond purchase incentives
- Asset education resources
- Financial education opportunities
- Public benefits referrals
- Affordable housing referrals
- Education saving and FAFSA support referrals
- Job and other human services referrals

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The Salvation Army



THE SALVATION ARMY TEMPE CORPS EVICTION PREVENTION

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides emergency/crisis-based assistance and services for low-income Tempe resident's needing short-term case management and direct financial assistance to alleviate an unforeseen crisis that has left them facing eviction and ensure their ongoing housing stability. This year, the Tempe Corps started a mobile street outreach team. The street outreach team goes out into the Tempe community and meets unhoused individuals and families where they are within the city of Tempe.

PROGRAM GOAL

Address the immediate and diverse needs of vulnerable Tempe community members and those experiencing Tempe-based homelessness to increase their well-being and self-sufficiency.

AGENCY INFORMATION

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. The Salvation Army has been serving the Tempe community for almost fifty years. Their goal is to provide clients with case-management, material/financial assistance, support, and resources to help them transition from crisis and toward greater stability and increased well-being.

SERVICES OFFERED

Emergency assistance program with food, housing, utility, and other material assistances.

SUCCESS STORY

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UMOM New Day Centers



EMERGENCY SHELTER & SERVICES FOR TEMPE FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Provides a safe temporary shelter for the most vulnerable and at-risk households with children experiencing homelessness in Maricopa County, including Tempe. The target population for this program is families with dependent children experiencing homelessness. Average length of stay in shelter is 120 days or less.

PROGRAM GOAL

- Emergency shelter clients will exit to permanent housing
- Adult clients will be connected to mainstream benefits in their community at program exit
- Adult clients will maintain or increase total income at program exit (earned income plus other income sources)

AGENCY INFORMATION

Founded in 1964, UMOM is Arizona's largest provider of services for families experiencing homelessness. Their mission is to prevent and end homelessness with innovative strategies and housing solutions that meet the unique needs of each family and individual. UMOM serves approximately 75% of all families experiencing homelessness in Maricopa County in their shelter program, and nearly 15,000 individuals across all their services annually, including those families receiving support at the Family Housing Hub, Maricopa County's family coordinated entry system. Of those 15,000 clients, approximately 7,000 (or 2,800 households of individuals and families) are served in their shelter, housing, and outreach programs.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Temporary shelter for families
- Family support and assistance to work toward permanent sustainable housing
- Immediate needs (meals, on-site medical care, youth programming, life skills)
- Vocational training
- Employment navigation

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United Food Bank



EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Supports and strengthens United Food Bank's (UFB) food distribution network throughout the city of Tempe. Agency partners use the food to prepare and distribute emergency food boxes, stock food pantries, or prepare and serve health meals and snacks.

PROGRAM GOAL

Alleviate hunger and food-insecurity within Tempe and throughout UFB's five-county service area as well as increase their capacity to accept and distribute more donations resulting in clients receiving more fresh and healthy produce.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Founded in 1983, United Food Bank (UFB) strives to stabilize the lives of hungry, low-income people within Eastern Maricopa, Gila, Pinal, Southern Navajo and Apache counties of Arizona by actively acquiring, storing, and distributing large quantities of wholesome and nutritious foods to our network of community and strategic partners, combined with advocacy and educational initiatives that enhance lives.

SERVICES OFFERED

- Emergency food boxes
- Food pantry
- Prepare and serve meals
- Emergency and supplemental food assistance
- Food distribution

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