

TUCSON VETERANS SERVING VETERANS



Tucson Veteran Community Updates from TVSV April 10, 2020 virtual meeting

Employment links and Resources are **HIGHLIGHTED!**

OPCS is still taking in residents and they are in severe need of food/clothing/hygiene donations.

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ESGR is fully complying with DoD social distancing directives and travel restrictions- we are restricted from personal visits to any meeting or base. We are able to fully participate in remote sessions all the time. Our Ombudsman ARE allowed to investigate and mediate any Guard/reserve employment issues via telephone and remote work, which will be very pertinent as more of our National Guard is called up to support the food banks and medical stations, etc...

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If interested the Veterans Mental Health Advisory Council meets every - second Wednesday of every month @ 11am - next meeting 5/13/20, meetings are currently being held via skype, email for more information

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and the Council will be creating caring communication cards. Let me know if you would like to participate in this project. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/reaching-out-how-caring-letters-help-in-suicide-prevention/#>

Mental Health Summit is being rescheduled with a tentative date of 11/19/20 8:30am - 4:00pm

Coye Trujillo, AZ DES

Pipeline AZ Veteran Hiring Expo on 4/16/2020 from 9am - 3 pm
<http://apr16.pipelineaz.com/>

Jelensky Irons, AZ DES, Southern AZ Regional Manager

Resources:

<https://arizonaatwork.com/resources-job-seekers-and-employers>

immediate openings

<https://arizonaatwork.com/newsroom/all/arizona-employers-immediate-openings>

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PAV is still working hard to house our homeless veterans. We are doing all services via phone, emails, and video chats if available.

PAV has resources for extenuating circumstances. For those needing assistance or for any questions, please call 520-308-3093.

2020 Tucson Stand Down

Veterans Served	233
Self-reported homeless	39
Males	194
Females	30
Other/Refused/Unanswered	9
Hotel Rooms	31
Service Providers	50
Vet Court Served	12
Employers	33
Employment Workshop Attendees	26
Meals Served	1175
Clothing Sorted and Donated	2500lbs

2019 TVSV "Veterans in Need" program processed 155 applications that directly prevented homelessness or assisted in housing homeless Veterans through the 2019 calendar year.

2020 Stand Down had several new Veterans, this directly speaks to a DECREASE in our chronically homeless Veterans, many of whom were housed during 2019 through TVSV "Veterans in Need" Program.

Jaime Reddy**Division of Developmental Disabilities is HIRING!!**

Contact: Edd Schommer lschommer@azdes.gov

Statewide Senior Human Resources Recruiter

Human Resources Department, Division of Developmental Disabilities, Department of Economic Security
1789 W. Jefferson Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007, Mail Drop 2HD1

(o) 602-542-6836

(c) 480-284-2701

Rocio Rivera Kary “Rosie”, USAF veteran WIMSA Foundation Ambassador- Arizona

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www.womensmemorial.org

<https://recruitmilitary.careereco.com/Fair/EventDetails?fairId=114f4892-85a1-475b-8293-aae200f28356>

<https://www.dav.org/veterans/employment-resources/job-search-events/>

<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/covid-relief>

<https://www.globalgiving.org/redbackpackfund/>

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Available to assist individuals virtually with applying for AHCCCS/SNAP/Unemployment applications and connecting them to resources.

The required steps when applying:

1. Appointment will be scheduled with date and time.
 2. Quiet space and access to a phone in order for me to ask all questions necessary on the application and record a voice signature.
 3. Depending on household applying, it will be 30 minutes or more per call.
 4. If verification is needed for AHCCCS/SNAP, documents may be scanned/emailed to me to be uploaded to application.
 5. If only applying for AHCCCS, I could submit an Emergency Referral to have an AHCCCS determination within 3 business days.
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Academy of United States Veterans is offering “Veterans COVID-19 Recovery Project”

<https://www.ausvfoundation.org/recovery>

***TIP/CAUTION**

For homeowners considering forbearance, beware of balloon payments at the end of your forbearance period! For Veterans that are having to use some type of forbearance for their rent, they could be facing the same scenario when eviction and rent protections are lifted. Although we have not received any word of this, yet, it would be wise for all of us to start to plan!!

“They called their lender, Freedom Mortgage, to ask about deferring their payments. That's called a forbearance. They say they were told they could defer their payments for three months, but with one alarming catch: They'd have to then come up with four months of payments all at once — in one balloon payment — to make the loan current. At that point, if you don't pay it, you go into foreclosure.”

<https://www.npr.org/2020/04/07/828011892/many-struggling-homeowners-not-getting-the-mortgage-relief-u-s-promised>