

This Month in Human Services Transportation

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Transportation Ambassador Program

The September 2020 TAP meeting was a success! In recognition of 30 Years of the ADA we were honored to have Phil Pangrazio from Ability360 provide the Welcoming Address. Mr. Pangrazio offered historical information on the ADA, reviewed accomplishments achieved, and offered encouragement to keep moving forward for a more inclusive community. Presentations included Valley Metro updates on public transit services from Wyatt Skar, Section 5310 updates for the Phoenix-Mesa Urbanized Areas from Wendy Miller, City of Phoenix, and information on the Disability Resource Connections from Jerry Ketelhut, Daring Adventures. The Agency Spotlight was offered by Megan Word from the Foundation for Senior Living, and information regarding the 2020 Census was offered from Laurie Berg Sapp, MAG. For more information regarding TAP, and meeting presentations can be found [here](#).

FEATURED STORIES



TCH

Devon's journey with The Center for Habilitation (TCH) started with his search for employment by participating in a program called Project Search which led to a

position at ASDD Document Destruction. At ASDD Devon built basic job skills that included being on time, completing his scheduled shift, and learning that others relied on him to be at work. In the past, Devon did not feel challenged and felt he wasn't contributing to the overall goal. Devon began attending the TCH Day Program while he searched for his next job opportunity. One day Devon said he was ready to find a job. With the help of his job coach he applied at a Circle K. He was called in for an interview and was hired that same day. Devon has a very supportive manager at Circle K who is patient and takes the time to help him to be successful. Devon faced many challenges and barriers to gaining meaningful employment and is an example of the value of a good employment services program.



The Arc has created a COVID-19 resources page for disability advocates. Resources include videos to help you understand and learn about COVID-19 and how the pandemic is affecting daily life. The Arc resource page can be found [here](#). Topics include:

- What is COVID-19?
- How is the coronavirus affecting people with disabilities?
- Supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities during the coronavirus
- Wearing masks to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus
- What's next? Getting back to normal after COVID-19



The AARP Fraud Watch Network is a website alerting the public on the scams and fraud schemes primarily targeting older adults. According to the AARP website, "An average of 6,000 people call the Fraud Watch Network helpline every month to report a suspected scam." Scammers are targeting this population using topics such as COVID-19, IRS, and Social Security Alerts. Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network [here](#), to understand what a scam looks like and how not to be victim.



A quick guide for virtual meetings is a resource offering guidance in accessing virtual meeting platforms. COVID-19 has changed the way many organizations are holding meetings, and some of us might need assistance on how to join virtual meeting platforms. This quick guide contains instructions on how to access virtual meetings from your telephone or computer via Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Meet and Cisco WebEx. More information can be found by visiting the [MAG Sub Regional Mobility Managers](#) page, or clicking [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Itza Moving Target – October 28, 2020

Itza Moving Target (IMT) workshop to address the challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is an opportunity to have an open dialogue and share best practices for re-opening in the ever changing COVID-19 world. The workshop will be led by Billy Park, Sub Regional Mobility Manager from Chandler Gilbert Arc. The workshop will be held virtually via Zoom, registration is limited. If you have any questions or to RSVP contact Hezequias Rocha at HRocha@azmag.gov. Spots are limited.

Driver Safety – November 04, 2020

The purpose of this training is to provide drivers information and instruction on how to maintain safety on the roads and increasing the safety of your passengers while prolonging the life of your vehicles. The training will be led by Justin MacGregor, Sub Regional Mobility Manager from STARS. The training will be held virtually via Zoom, registration is limited. If you have any questions or to RSVP contact Hezequias Rocha at HRocha@azmag.gov. Spots are limited.

Training Calendar

The schedule for trainings, workshops, Committee meetings, and events of the MAG Human Services Transportation Division can now be found on the [MAG Sub Regional Mobility Managers](#) website under the Training Tab, or by clicking [here](#).

Would you like to suggest a story for our next newsletter, have an announcement you would like to share, or provide feedback? Contact Hezequias Rocha at HRocha@azmag.gov with your suggestions.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

- [Rural Health Surge Readiness Web Portal](#)

- [MAG COVID-19 Reopen Resources for Transportation Providers and 5310 Sub Recipients](#)
- [AzTA Covid-19 Resources](#)
- [Resilient Arizona Crisis Counseling Program](#)
- [Recommended Actions to Reduce COVID-19 Spread Among Transit Employees and Passengers](#)
- [APTA Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidance](#)

RESOURCES

- [MAG Connect-A-Ride](#)
- [MAG Transportation Ambassador Program](#)
- [MAG Sub-Regional Mobility Managers](#)
- [Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Committee](#)
- [Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan Update](#)

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