

This Month in Human Services Transportation

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Announcements

30 Years of the American Disabilities Act



On July 26, 1990, President Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This was a historic step forward in ensuring individuals with disabilities had equal rights and accessible opportunities. Today, many of you continue to carrying on the work of the ADA by providing services and programs to ensure individuals with disabilities can fully participate in their community. In celebration of 30 years of the ADA we invite you to share your inspiring stories with us. Please forward a picture with two to three sentences of how the ADA has impacted you, to Hezequias Rocha at hrocha@azmag.gov. We will share your stories at the next TAP meeting on September 15, 2020. Thank you for all the work you do for our community!

Featured Stories



Chandler Gilbert Arc was featured by the National Center for Mobility Management in recognition of their efforts to meet the needs of the community in the valley with their Van Sharing Program. William Parker, Executive Director of Chandler Gilbert Arc, said: "It has been a great honor getting to know people with CTAA and sharing information about Chandler Gilbert Arc's (CGArc) Vehicle Sharing Program. This program, which is a living, breathing process, has been a team effort between CGArc, MAG, The City of Phoenix, and our business partners without whom none of this would exist. Also a special shout out to Robert Ramsey, Insurance Broker Extraordinaire, whose keen understanding of insurance processes enabled us to craft this program". For the full NCMM article click [here](#). For more details about Chandler Gilbert Arc visit their website [here](#).

Success Story



Christian started his employment journey at The Centers for Habilitation (TCH) by participating in a program called Project Search. Project Search provided Christian with individualized training developing job skills, and offering on the job training. Medtronic is TCH's partner for Project Search where Christian worked for a year after completing the program. From there he was hired on at Aramark to work at ASU in the Barrett Dining Hall. Christian strengthened and gained new job skills, and found a love of working in food services. Christian had an opportunity to interview for a job at Sweetest Seasons where the owner realized his potential and passion for working in food services and hired him. Christian is very excited to be helping with food preparation at his new job. We are very proud of Christian, his commitment to learning, passion for his work, and focus on his goals has led him to be successfully employed with minimal support.



Transportation Ambassador Program

The June 2020 meeting was a success! With the presentations from Tom Young, with the updates on transportation services during COVID-19 outbreak by Valley Metro; Sarah Ruf, with the updates on monthly discussion ADDPC is holding; Kelli O'Toole, updated how The Opportunity Tree is programming during COVID-19 and planning beyond it; and Wendy Miller, with the City of Phoenix updates for the 5310 requests. Details about the event, resources and the presentation slides can be found [here](#).

Contact Corner

Hi, I am TinaMarie Lopez, the new Human Services Administrative Assistant at Maricopa Association of Governments. I have been working at MAG since January 2020 in the IT division and for Office services, as a Customer Service Representative. You may have seen me on the 2nd floor at MAG, assisting my dedicated colleagues and welcoming our guests in the various meetings. I recently graduated ASU, with a Bachelor's degree of Science from the Watts Public Policy College, in Public Policy Public Service/Criminology. Although I have enjoyed my 20 years of nonprofit development work, I am excited to support the Human Service Division in their planning and policy work. I have had the privilege to work on the 2020 Heat Relief Network for the region and many great projects of our Human Service team. I am confident that with my years of nonprofit experience and my public policy education that I will bring my enthusiasm forth to be a skillful, jubilant team member and assist our MAG partners and agencies in their notable work. I look forward to meeting all of you and working together for this BEAUTIFUL region.

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Upcoming Events

Itza Moving Target – August 20, 2020

Itza Moving Target (IMT) is the new workshop effort between MAG and the Mobility Managers to address the challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. The training will be an “Open dialogue and Best Practices for re-opening in the ever changing COVID-19 world”, which will take place on August 20th, 2020 and will be led by Billy Park the mobility manager on the east valley. The training will be held virtually via Zoom. If you have any questions or to RSVP contact Hezequias Rocha at HRocha@azmag.gov. Spots are limited.

Driver Safety – September 29, 2020

The purpose of this workshop 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 workshop will be led by Justin MacGregor, West Valley Mobility Manager, from STARS. The training will be held virtually via Zoom. If you have any questions or to RSVP contact Hezequias Rocha at HRocha@azmag.gov. Spots are limited.

COVID-19 Resources

- [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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