

Arizona@Work One Stop Quarterly Partner Meeting Minutes

Date: May 14, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM (Approx.)

Platform: Microsoft Teams

Facilitator: Veronica Zuniga, One Stop Operator Coordinator

Meeting Purpose

To strengthen collaboration among Arizona@Work partners by sharing agency updates, upcoming events, available services, and referral opportunities that benefit job seekers and the community.

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Welcomed attendees, purpose of the quarterly partner meetings is to improve communication, encourage cross-agency referrals, increase awareness of partner services, and support one another through coordinated outreach efforts. New partner agencies were welcomed, and agencies were encouraged to participate in future Weekly Partner Spotlight sessions for more in-depth presentations.

Partner Updates

ALPS Adult Literacy Plus

- Continued enrollment for High School Equivalency (GED) and ESOL classes.
- Billing and Coding program scheduled to begin in July with a waiting list currently open.
- Referrals are encouraged for individuals seeking adult education services.

Arizona@Work Business Services

- Planning has begun for the annual Yuma Community Job & Education Fair.
- Partner invitations will be distributed soon.
- A Rapid Response event is being coordinated to assist individuals affected by the ACT layoff.
- Partners were encouraged to participate by providing employment and community resources.

Arizona@Work Employment Services

- No program updates reported.

Vocational Rehabilitation

- Reminder that services are designed for individuals with documented disabilities who have employment goals.
- Employment remains the primary focus for referrals.

Arizona@Work Youth Services (MLK)

- Continued enrollment of youth ages 16–24 for work experience and occupational skills training.

Arizona@Work Adult & Dislocated Worker Program

- Program continues accepting participants through the end of the program year.
- Referrals are encouraged for individuals seeking employment or occupational training.

SS Medicare Solutions

- Available to assist individuals with Medicare and AHCCCS/Access applications.
- Will provide outreach support for individuals impacted by layoffs.
- Available to participate in community health fairs.

S.M.I.L.E. Program

- Youth Transitioning Peer Group classes begin June 1 for youth ages 14–24 with disabilities.
- Ongoing support groups include:
 - Visually Impaired Support Group
 - Veteran PTSD Support Group

Flores Nonprofit Organization

- Continuing parent engagement workshops promoting college readiness.
- Civic engagement workshops continue to educate community members on civic participation.
- Workshops include participant incentives.

Somerton Adult Education

- Registration opening for July classes.
- Services include:
 - High School Diploma/HSE
 - English Language Learning
 - Citizenship Preparation
 - Computer Certifications
 - Paraprofessional Certification
- Classes available during both daytime and evening hours.

Transitional Living Center (TLCR)

- Employment support, peer support, and housing assistance continue.
- Peer Support Certification class scheduled.
- Transitional employment opportunities available through Turtle Bay Café.
- Limited housing openings currently available.

Yuma County Housing Department

- Public Housing waiting list open for 2-, 3-, and 4-bedroom units.
- Section 8 waiting list remains open.
- Estimated wait time is approximately 18–24 months.

NAU AmeriCorps Seniors

- Recruiting volunteers age 55+ for:
 - Foster Grandparent Program
 - Senior Companion Program
 - RSVP
- Eligible volunteers may receive a stipend.

National Farmworker Jobs Program (PEP NFJP)

- Continues accepting eligible agricultural workers and families.
- Employment and training services remain available.

Yuma School District One JOBS Program

- Continues providing employment, training, housing, and supportive services for eligible participants.
- Agency expressed interest in presenting a future Partner Spotlight.

Arizona Western College Adult Education

- HSE and ESOL classes continue.
- New enrollment opportunities begin in August.

Yuma Truck Driving School

- Weekly enrollment for CDL Class A and B training.
- Financial assistance available through partner agencies.

Yuma County Law Library

- Child Support informational event planned for June 29 in partnership with DES.

Community Legal Services

- Monthly legal webinar scheduled for May 28.
- Topic: Tenant rights when air conditioning fails in a rental property.
- Free legal services remain available for qualifying low-income individuals.

Crossroads Mission

- Shared updates regarding:
 - Emergency shelter services
 - Transitional housing
 - New Life recovery program
 - Employment readiness curriculum
 - Community meals
 - Cooling station
 - GED support

Yuma County Juvenile Justice – Best for Babies

- Introduced new Family Support Specialist.
- Dependency 101 classes now open to professionals, caregivers, foster parents, and community members seeking information about the dependency process.

Regional Center for Border Health

- Transitional Living Care Program currently has openings.
- Somerton Resource Center available for partner agencies to distribute information and reserve meeting space.

Arizona Coalition for Military Families – Be Connected

- Introduced statewide veteran resource and care navigation services.
- Partners encouraged to refer veterans and military families.

Job Corps

- Overview of no-cost residential education and career training for youth ages 16–24.
- Services include:
 - Career Technical Training
 - High School Diploma/GED completion
 - Driver's Education
 - Housing
 - Meals
 - Transportation
 - Employment Placement
- Expressed interest in presenting a future Weekly Partner Spotlight.

One Stop Operator Updates

Veronica shared several upcoming initiatives:

- Development of a centralized location where partners can access flyers and resource materials.
- Continued expansion of the Client Referral System (CRS) with invitations being sent to agencies interested in participating.
- Weekly Partner Spotlight sessions remain available for agencies wishing to provide more comprehensive presentations about their programs.
- Updated partner contact lists will continue to be distributed to improve collaboration and referrals.

Send centralized flyer/resource link to partners	Veronica Zuniga
Send Client Referral System interest form	
Schedule future Weekly Partner Spotlight presentations	
Partners to continue sharing flyers, events, and referral opportunities throughout the community	All Partners

Meeting Highlights

- Multiple new partner agencies joined the quarterly meeting.
- Strong emphasis on collaboration and referrals for individuals impacted by workforce layoffs.
- Numerous free education, employment, housing, legal, and supportive service opportunities were shared.
- Additional agencies expressed interest in participating in future Weekly Partner Spotlight presentations.

Next Quarterly Partner Meeting

The next Quarterly One Stop Partner Meeting will be scheduled for the new program year. A calendar invitation will be distributed by the One Stop Operator.