



NEWS RELEASE



MICHAEL TRAILOR, DIRECTOR

ARIZONA@WORK Opens Reentry Employment Center at NATIVE HEALTH

PHOENIX — (July 25, 2018) The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) and NATIVE HEALTH announced today an expansion of its partnership to now include ARIZONA@WORK reentry employment services for returning citizens at the NATIVE HEALTH Phoenix office to help prepare individuals for gainful employment.

"We are pleased to continue our partnership with NATIVE HEALTH by adding ARIZONA@WORK employment specialists to the Phoenix office," said DES Director Michael Trailor. "Returning citizens are eager for a real second chance and fresh start in life. Gainful employment is a crucial step on the way to achieving self-sufficiency."

Reentry employment services are offered as a result of Governor Ducey's Real Second Chance Initiative to reduce recidivism for returning citizens who desire a new start and real second chance upon release from incarceration. DES workforce specialists will provide no-cost employment services to NATIVE HEALTH clients and the general public. Services include résumé assistance, interview preparation, job search assistance, registration on AZ Job Connection (Arizona's largest jobs database), and notice of onsite hiring events with local employers.

"The opening of the Reentry Employment Center at NATIVE HEALTH marks another significant achievement in providing opportunity for all and a real second chance," said Governor Doug Ducey.

DES will continue to expand its reentry workforce services inside state prisons, parole offices, reentry centers and other community partner facilities throughout the state. Since DES began offering ARIZONA@WORK reentry services in 2017, more than 1,000 former inmates have completed the prison Second Chance Center program and hundreds of others have connected with employment through post-release workforce services.

"We are excited to extend our partnership with DES by bringing on the ARIZONA@WORK employment team to provide their services at our Phoenix location," said Native Health Compliance Officer, Dr. John Molina. "This partnership reflects the spirit of collaboration that helps us enhance the quality of care to our patients, by addressing the Social Determinants of Health."

DES already provides child support, Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) assistance to NATIVE HEALTH clients. DES workforce specialists will now provide ARIZONA@WORK reentry services at NATIVE HEALTH located at 4041 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012, five days a week.

“By expanding upon our model to co-locate with community partners, DES is able to serve Arizonans more effectively by making our services available in places clients already frequent,” said Director Traylor. “Taking steps to make life easier for our clients who are in need of critical human services is not only good customer service, but more importantly, the right thing to do.”

For more information about DES and ARIZONA@WORK reentry programs or employment services, please visit our [employment services webpage](#) or visit an [ARIZONA@WORK](#) office.

###

The Arizona Department of Economic Security makes Arizona stronger by helping Arizonans reach their full potential through temporary assistance for those in need, and care for the vulnerable. Visit our website at <https://des.az.gov> and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).