



ROUND TWO: ARIZONA@WORK ASSISTS A SECOND TIME

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Formerly self-employed landscaper, Daniel Rodriguez Lopez found himself suddenly unemployed and desperate during the 2008 recession. He reached out to ARIZONA@WORK-Yuma County to find resources to help get his life back on track. "Things got pretty bad. I loved my landscaping business but I needed money to support my family," said Daniel. Through the One-Stop office, he found a job installing solar panels and was able to get back on his feet. After working out-of-state last year, Daniel returned to Yuma to be closer to his family. He found odd-jobs working as a day laborer, but searched for the stability of a steady income, as well as planning for the future. "I don't want cash jobs. I need social security. I am getting older."

Unfortunately, due to the the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn, Daniel was unable

to support himself. "I had nothing," he explained. "I remembered Patrick [Goetz] and how much everyone helped me last time." ARIZONA@WORK was there for Daniel again: the Career Center helped Daniel find a re-stocking job at a local home improvement store and matched him with other local resources to regain his independence.

Daniel is grateful to many people along his journey and is quick to name names. With a huge smile, Daniel explained, "I do the best I can. ARIZONA@WORK helps people. They helped me be me."

We can do more with your help!

Please help in protecting our community:

- Do NOT enter if you are sick or have been near others that have COVID-19
- If you have a cough, fever, or shortness of breath, please go home
- Stay 6 feet way from others (about two arms length away)
- Wash/Sanitize hands often
- Wear a face mask



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Con tu ayuda, Podemos hacer más!

Ayúdenos a proteger nuestra comunidad:

- NO ingrese si está enfermo o ha estado cerca de otras personas que tienen COVID-19
- Si tiene tos, fiebre o falta de aire, regrese a casa
- Manténgase a 6 pies de distancia de los demás (a unos dos brazos de distancia)
- Lave / desinfecte las manos con frecuencia
- Use mascarillas



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Educating the Public

To promote community safety, Engagement Liaison, Mariana Martinez created educational flyers in both English & Spanish for the San Luis Unemployment Insurance Office & posted both to social media.

DUE TO THE INCREASING NUMBER OF CASES OF COVID-19 IN YUMA COUNTY, EL CENTRO (CA) & ACROSS THE BORDER IN NEARBY MEXICO, THE SAN LUIS UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OFFICE HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY CLOSED.

ANNOUNCEMENT MAY 29, 2020:

In order to maintain community health as well as the health and safety of employees of ARIZONA@WORK- Yuma County, as well as community partners at Campesinos Sin Fronteras, Arizona Complete Health, The Department of Economic Security (DES) and The City of San Luis, the San Luis Unemployment Insurance Office will be **temporarily closed** beginning **June 1, 2020**. Unemployment services continue to be available on-line at www.azui.gov as well by phone at **1-877-600-2722**. The office plans to re-open as soon as it is considered safe to do so.



**Temporary Closure
DES Office in San Luis**

The DES Office in San Luis will be temporarily closed starting Monday, June 1, 2020.

DES Services are Available Online and By Phone

<p>Nutrition, Cash and Medical Assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.healtharizonaplus.gov • 1-855-432-7587 	<p>Unemployment Insurance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.azui.gov • 1-877-600-2722
<p>Child Support Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • des.az.gov/dcsc • 1-800-822-4151 	<p>Information for additional programs can be found at des.az.gov</p>

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ADAPT & OVERCOME

It seems that nearly everyday, ARIZONA@WORK employees are connecting via on-line meetings and through technology that allows us to maintain social distancing. While we look forward to the day that we can meet face-to-face again, the proverbial show must go on. Our community continues to need our services, whether they be career opportunities, veterans services, vocational rehabilitation, disability access, GED or youth programs, we want to say a big THANK YOU to all who continue to work hard for Yuma County.

FAST FACTS

87

number of on-line orientations & workshops offered at the MLK Center in March

97

number of on-line orientations & workshops offered at the MLK Center in April

SOURCE: MLK Center, May 19, 2020

