



# 2023

November 10th

December 8th



## OWENS VALLEY CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER Intertribal Family Services Organization

Fresno, California

October 2023

### OVCDC Fresno Family Literacy **Adult Education**



#### Congratulations Class of 2023!

The Fresno EOC / YouthBuild Charter School graduation ceremony was filled with proud families and staff celebrating the 18 graduates of the YouthBuild Charter School class of 2023, including students of our Fresno OVCDL Adult Education Program.

At the graduation ceremony, student speakers shared about their experiences and journeys toward reaching their high school diplomas. Each graduate was introduced and called upon the stage in their cap and gown to be celebrated with cheers and applause from members of the audience.

From the very first day students began our diploma program to walking across the stage on graduation day, we are proud of the dedication and success demonstrated by our Adult Education students who are now proud high school graduates.



Graduates with Adult Ed teacher, Adam Perez

#### Student Spotlights

Upon his enrollment in our Adult Ed high school diploma program in 2019, Benjamin Barajas showcased outstanding student qualities. He was present & punctual for every class meeting, he volunteered for class presentations, he took part in class discussions, and he always submitted high quality work. In addition to being a dedicated student, Benjamin was an active participant of various OVCDL programs, including taking part in Family Literacy's Native Family Academy and family unity events, as well as other TANF & Prevention workshops and activities. During his last year in our program, Benjamin became employed full-time. Despite often having late night & graveyard shifts, he maintained his perfect attendance and outstanding grades.



Graduate Benjamin Barajas



Graduate Dana Duran

When Dana Duran joined our Adult Ed high school diploma program, she demonstrated growth and determination. Dana stood out as a student through her willingness to take part in class discussions and presentations. In her last year before graduating, Dana took on the challenge of completing multiple classes to advance her credits. She attended class meetings at the Fresno OVCDL site multiple days a week along with taking part in various other Family Literacy classes, including the parenting classes and family and child interactive learning classes. In addition to working toward her academic goals, Dana demonstrated her dedication to growing as a parent and role-model and to maintaining her family at the focus of everything she does. She credits her three sons as being her biggest motivators in life.

## 5 PET SAFETY TIPS FOR HALLOWEEN

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Don't let your pet's Halloween go from spooky to downright deadly!  
Keep your pet safe this Halloween with these five tips:



#1

Keep all candies, especially chocolates and anything containing xylitol, well out of your pet's reach. These are extremely poisonous to cats and dogs.



#2

If you're dressing up your pet, make sure the costume doesn't have any small pieces your pet could choke on, and make sure it's comfortable and not restrictive.



#3

Try to keep your pet away from your front door. You'll likely be opening and closing it all night to give candy to trick-or-treaters, and you don't want your pet escaping when she finds a chance!



#4

Don't let your pet munch on pumpkins. Though they aren't poisonous to cats or dogs, they can cause upset tummies or blockages if your pet eats too much or swallows big chunks.



#5

If you have a black cat, keep him inside for a few days on and around Halloween. Black cats are more likely to be pestered this time of year.







# Owens Valley Career Development Center

## Program Orientation

Monday October 2, 2023

Two Sessions 9:00am and 4:00pm

Virtual through: Web-EX

Join by meeting number

Meeting number (access code): 2591 332 6603

Meeting password: M3Heuwy4Pf2



## Non-Recurring Short Term Benefits

Have you recently lost a job or had your hours reduced by your employer due to the COVID-19 pandemic? OVCDC may be able to help you meet your emergency needs.

In order to be eligible, families must meet the following criteria:

- Be an American Indian/Alaska Native family residing in Fresno, Inyo, Kern\*, Kings, Mono, Tulare or Ventura counties.
- Have monthly income at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines:

Family Size	Monthly Income
1	3,190
2	4,310
3	5,430
4	6,550
5	7,670
6	8,790
7	9,910
8	11,030
9	12,150
10	13,270

2022 Federal Poverty Guidelines

- Have a loss in income
- Provide verification of the need being requested. Examples include:

- Short term mortgage or rental assistance
- Costs for virtual learning for employment or school
- Emergency energy assistance

\*Excludes members and descendants of the Tejon Indian Tribe residing in Kern County.

Please visit our website to download a TANF intake application or call at 1-800-924-8091 for further assistance.



# Owens Valley Career Development Center Pregnancy Prevention Through

# Healthy Native Youth



Join Fresno Prevention as we take a tour around the Zimmerman Boys and Girls Club to learn about all the great programs it has to offer. Transportation from OVCDC and meal will be provided. Space is limited Call Now to reserve your spot. No Drop Ins !

**October 5th & 19th 2023**  
**4:00pm-6:30pm**  
**Ages 6-18**



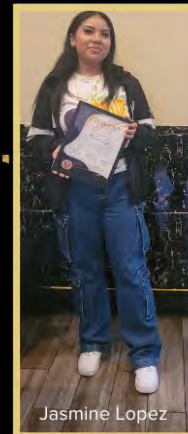
For more information contact Fresno Prevention at 559-226-2880  
5070 N. Sixth Street Fresno CA 93710  
Desiree Pacheco Ext. #193 Anthony Reyes Ext. #307

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## Summer Youth Work Experience Program Strengthens Pregnancy Prevention "CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES OF 2023!"



## RECOGNITION



Jasmine Lopez



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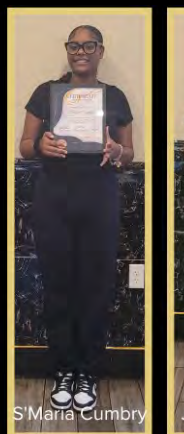


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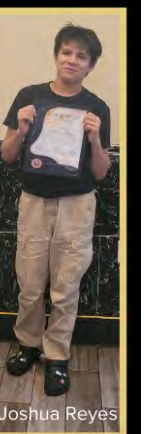
Congratulations to our 10 Summer Youth Work Experience Program graduates! They successfully completed 12 weeks Applied Educational System curriculum that has prepared them for the workforce. They received a certificate of completion for Professionalism, Career Development, Customer Service, and Job Seeking Skills. We are so proud of you and wish you luck on your future endeavors!



Devin Rios



S'Maria Cumbry



Joshua Reyes



Ivy Martinez



Lina Martinez



Rosemary Stark

Prevention  
Desiree Pacheco, SPC &  
Anthony Reyes, SPC



CLASS OF  
**2023**





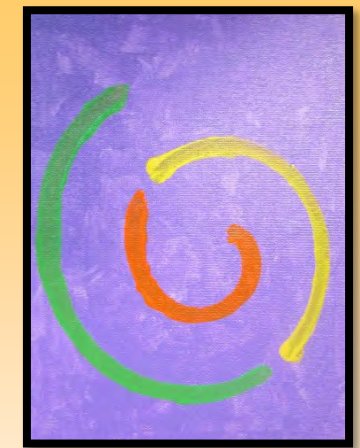
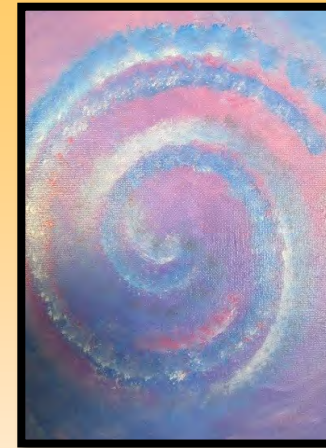
## Fresno Family Literacy Program Native Family Academy (NFA)

### NFA Highlights

#### Important Dates:

- NFA Classes—  
October 3rd & 17th
- Indigenous  
People's Day—  
October 9th  
OVCDC Closes

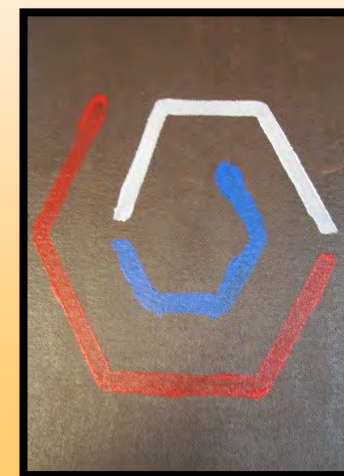
Native Family Academy classes resumed on August 8, 2023, with In-person classes held bi-weekly on Tuesdays. For the month of August, the families learned about the elements of art focusing on the various types of lines. Families created collaborative artwork utilizing various types of lines on canvas frames. They displayed their creativity and self-expression through Mindfulness art by utilizing colors that reflected their current moods and feelings.



## Native Family Academy



## Mindfulness Art







Strengthening Family Formation through Adult Education & Family Learning

# Adult Education Program

## High School Diploma Program

- through **Fresno EOC / YouthBuild Charter School** (WASC-Accredited)
- Independent study & small group classes
- Serving students ages 18-29

## GED Test Preparation

- Preparation & study for the GED test
- Independent study & individual instruction

## Adult Basic Education

- Reading & Math Skills Development
- DMV Driver's Permit Test Prep
- Life Skills Workshops

## Post-Secondary Assistance

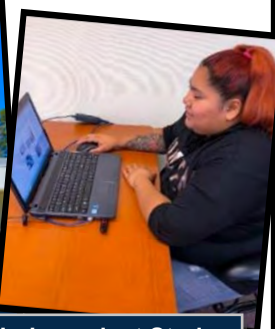
- Application & enrollment assistance
- Coursework assistance



Successful Graduates



Class Field Trips



Independent Study



Celebration of Culture

## Program Dates:

**July 3, 2023 - June 28, 2024**



Open to adult participants. Space is limited.

Adult Ed classes may be offered in person and/or via distance learning platforms.

To enroll or for more information, contact:

**Mr. Adam Perez, Adult Ed Teacher**

Ph: (559) 226-2880

Email: aperez@youthbuildcharter.org

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Fresno Family Literacy Program  
5070 N. Sixth St. Suite 110  
Fresno, CA 93710



# Owens Valley Career Development Center



OVCDC is a Tribal organization providing Career Education, Family Literacy, Indigenous Language, Early Head Start and Temporary Assistance services in seven California Counties: Inyo, Mono, Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno and Ventura. We are a dedicated Tribal Organization operating under a consortium of Sovereign Nations providing the opportunity for improvement in the quality of life by focusing on education and self-sufficiency while protecting, preserving and promoting our cultures.

**For current OVCDC Employment Opportunities,  
RFP and Contract Opportunities Visit:**

**[www.ovcdc.com](http://www.ovcdc.com)**

**Or Contact us:**

**[1-800-924-8091](tel:1-800-924-8091)**

**Employment and Job Descriptions:**

**[hr@ovcdc.com](mailto:hr@ovcdc.com)**

**RFP's and Contracts:**

**[contracts@ovcdc.com](mailto:contracts@ovcdc.com)**



Indian preference shall apply pursuant to the prevailing Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance and the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act 25 U.S.C § 45, § 46, & §§ 450, et seq, see also 25 CFR 276.13 and other relevant laws.

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# Beading Wellness

Family Formation Through Cultural Practices

## October 2023





### Beaded Fedora Style Hat









**List of materials:**

- Nymo Thread Size D
- Size 11 Czech Seed Beads
- Beading Needles size 10
- Fedora Style Hat
- Graph Paper
- Thread Wax

limited Supplies Provided

*This month individuals will be learning the various Fall Traditions welcoming the season in a good way and wellness while learning how to bead a hat.*

**Friday, October 6, 2023**  
**Via WebEx 1 pm-3 pm**

**Friday, October 13, 2023**  
**Via WebEx 1 pm-3 pm**

**Friday, October 20, 2023**  
**Via WebEx 1 pm-3 pm**

**Friday, October 27, 2023**  
**Via WebEx 1 pm-3 pm**

**WebEx Link:**  
<https://ovcdc.webex.com/ovcdc/j.php?MTID=m477814331990500347e84d16d115227d>

To sign-up or for more information please contact  
**Paula Davila** (559) 226-2880 Ext. 306  
[pdavila@ovcdc.com](mailto:pdavila@ovcdc.com)  
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# LANGUAGE & STORY TIME

## With Auntie

Held Monthly  
Every 2nd  
Wednesday  
4:00pm-4:45pm




The Nüümü Yadoha Language Program & Collaborators welcomes OVCDC families & community members to join Auntie from the comfort of your own home September 13, 2023- May 9, 2024  
 Learn stories and language from teachers, tribes & nations  
 \*Guest speakers and culture sharing\* Families will receive a book incentive\*






<https://ovcdc.webex.com/meet/rpicaso>

Fresno Participants  
 Sign-up with the Language Team  
 (559) 226-2880  
[pdavila@ovcdc.com](mailto:pdavila@ovcdc.com)    [rpicaso@ovcdc.com](mailto:rpicaso@ovcdc.com)









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# Rock Your



# Mocs

Tuesday, October 10, 2023  
10:00am-10:45am  
4:00pm-4:45pm

## Big Sandy, Cold Springs & Fresno OV CDC Families

Join us in recognizing and learning about National Rock Your Mocs Day! Receive moccasin making kits for your family to take home & create together

**SPACE LIMITED Sign-up to receive the WEB-EX LINK**

Sign-up with the Language Team EARLY (559) 226-2880  
pdavila@ovcdc.com rpicaso@ovcdc.com

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VOTE AND BE HEARD  
**IMPACTS OF  
ELECTIONS  
IN OUR NATIVE  
COMMUNITIES**

**OCT 2ND 4PM  
WORKSHOP 1**



- Every Election Impacts Native Land
- Unleash the Power of the Ballot
- Government 101
- Types of Elections

**REGISTER**

**OCT 16TH 4PM  
WORKSHOP 2**

- Registering to Vote & How to Vote
- How Elections Affect jobs & the Economy
- Every Vote Matters so Make Your Voice Heard

**REGISTER**



For Information or Help Registering:

Becky Zagha, CDS

P. 559-226-2880

C. 559-326-6606

Email: bzagha@ovcdc.com





FRESNO PREVENTION PRESENTS:  
**HELP YOUR FAMILY SUCCEED**  
**CHILD SAFETY AWARENESS**



**TUESDAY**  
**OCTOBER 24, 2023**  
**5:00-6:30PM**

Join Fresno Prevention In Person for Child Safety Awareness topics such as child abduction, candy tampering and how to avoid accidents while trick or treating. By attending you will receive Safety Incentives and pumpkin activity will be provided.

Limited Space!  
Pre-Sign Ups are required  
Meal and Supplies Provided

Please Contact:  
Desiree Pacheco or  
Anthony Reyes at  
559-226-2880



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## Fatherhood Is Sacred® & Motherhood Is Sacred™

Please join us for our Fatherhood Is Sacred® & Motherhood Is Sacred® session beginning September 13, 2023. This 12-week program offers participants the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the importance of responsible motherhood and fatherhood as reflected in Native American values and beliefs.

*This is a Family Formation Event (TANF Purpose #4)*

*The goal of these sessions is to inspire and motivate fathers and mothers to strengthen their families.*

*Nothing is more important or precious than family!*



**September 13th-December 6th, 2023**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**Time: 11am - 1:00pm**  
**Location: 5070 N. Sixth St. Suite #110**  
**Fresno, CA 93710**



Contact Jocelyn Saavedra or JJ Rodriguez for more information  
at 559-226-2880 or 559-920-2157





# OVCDC FRESNO COUNTY LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Open to OVDC Big Sandy,  
Fresno & Cold Springs  
Participants

How to JOIN!  
SCAN the QR Code



Join from your browser  
type [rmd.at/fresnolang](http://rmd.at/fresnolang)

Registration form fields:

- Join OVDC Language
- Full Name: First and Last Name
- Phone Number or Email Address: (555) 555-5555



Contact the Fresno County Language Team  
(559) 226-2880  
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Join us on the  
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Receive updates on:

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Classes

Wellness Challenges

Cultural Workshops

Virtual Class Links

Join by TEXTING  
@fresnolang  
TO: 81010

Text message interface:

- To: 81010
- Message: @fresnolang



## OVCDC Fresno Family Literacy Program

Family Formation Event

### Native Family Academy

Come join us for Art & Literacy Sessions for whole family learning to display your artistic & creativity skills and learn about Native Illustrators.

DATE: OCTOBER 3RD & 17TH

DAY/TIME: TUESDAYS @ 4:00PM

LOCATION: 5070 N. SIXTH ST. SUITE #110  
FRESNO, CA 93710



For more information contact Fresno Family Literacy Program at 559-226-2880  
Jocelyn Saavedra Ext. 212 or [jsaavedra@ovcdc.com](mailto:jsaavedra@ovcdc.com)



# Veterans Day - Nov. 11, 2023



The Fresno OVCDC office will be honoring American Veterans during the month of November. If you have a picture or memento that you would like to share, please contact us. All items will be safely placed in a locked glass display case.

**PLEASE HAVE ITEMS TURNED IN NO LATER THAN  
OCTOBER 23, 2023**

Contact: Paula Gutierrez or Alice Guardado at: (559) 226-2880

**Pictures - Mementos - Certificates  
Patches - Dog Tags - News articles**



Family Formation Through Cultural Practices



## LEARNING OUR TRADITIONAL VALUES "GENEROSITY TEACHING"



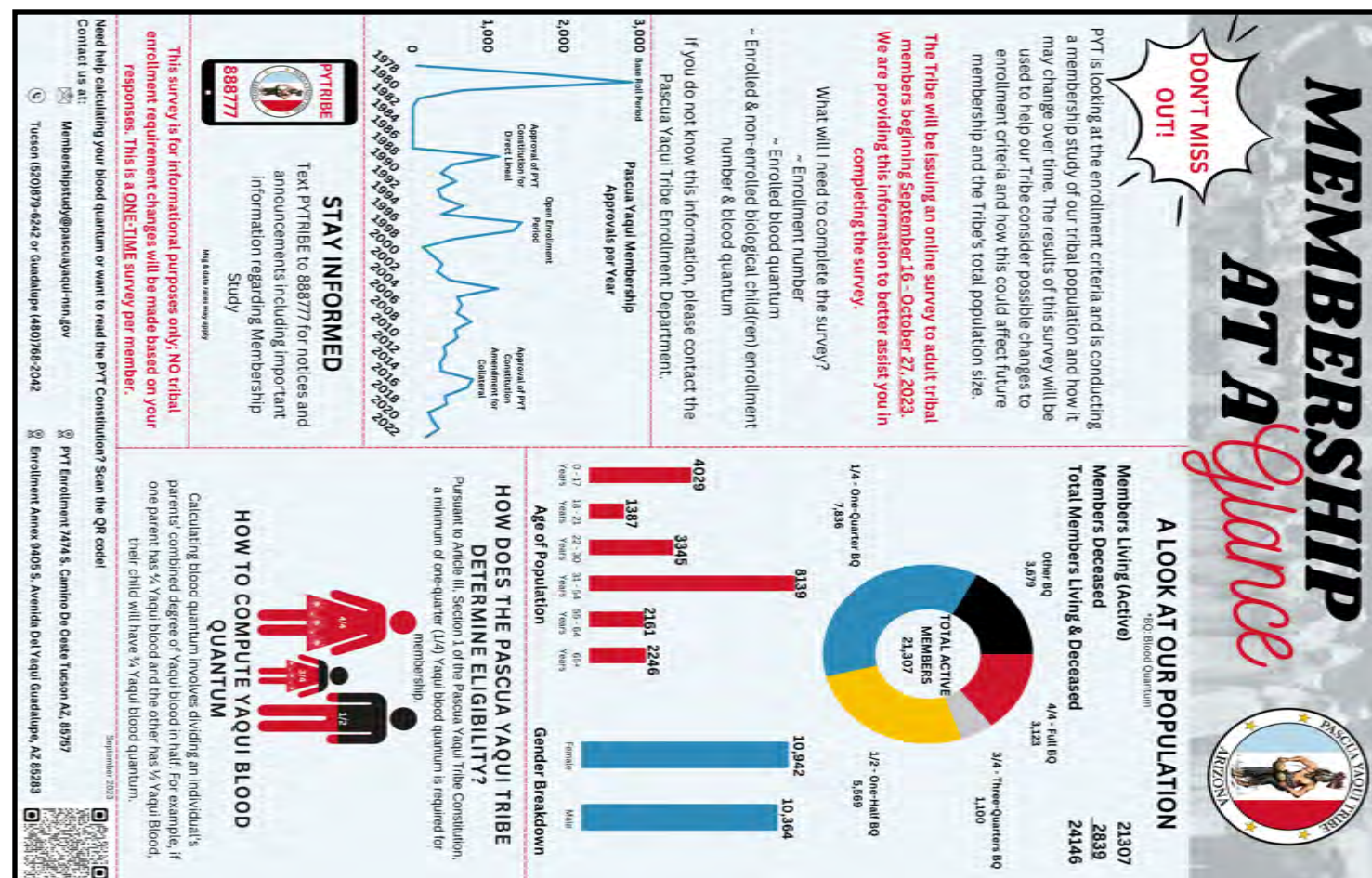
**November 29, 2023  
10:00am-10:45am  
4:00pm-4:45pm**

**Fresno, Big Sandy and Cold Springs Participants  
Sign up with the Languge Team (559) 226-2880**

**Space is limited sign-up to  
recieve the WEB-EX LINK  
Earn a blanket making kit**

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## MEMBERSHIP AT A Glance

PTY is looking at the enrollment criteria and is conducting a membership study of our tribal population and how it may change over time. The results of this survey will be used to help our Tribe consider possible changes to enrollment criteria and how this could affect future membership and the Tribe's total population size.

**MEMBERSHIP SURVEY Link**

**What will I need to complete the survey?**

- Your enrollment number
- Enrolled blood quantum
- Enrolled & non-enrolled biological child(ren) enrollment number & blood quantum

If you do not know this information, please contact the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Enrollment Department.

**This survey is for informational purposes only; NO tribal enrollment changes will be made based on your responses. This is a ONE-TIME survey per member.**

**CONTACT US AT:**

Membershipstudy@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov

Tucson (520)879-6242 or Guadalupe (480)768-2042

# FREE TABLET & INTERNET

Public Wireless is committed to providing no cost tablets and internet to as many families as possible.

Here are a few ways you can qualify:  
Lower income, government program participants (SSI, Medicaid, WIC, SNAP, FPHA, Lifeline, etc.) K-12 students attending schools that are CEP recipients or on Free or Reduced lunch programs, and College students with a Pell Grant. There are many other ways to qualify.

**SCAN OR CLICK ON QR CODE TO APPLY**

**There is no risk or obligation to apply.**

**You will never receive a bill for the internet service. The tablet is yours to keep forever with no obligations or commitments.**

## FRIENDS & FAMILY ARE WELCOME TO ENROLL

**NO COST 10.1 inch Tablet with a Hardcase Cover and Screen Protector.**

**NO COST SIM Card that provides 24/7 LTE Broadband Internet Service. Does NOT need WIFI access.**

**Both SIM Card and 10.1 inch Tablet are FREE with NO Strings Attached for Qualified ACP (Affordable Connectivity Program) Applicants.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE CALL 1.800.286.5380**

**PublicWirelessllc.com**

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**Arizona Department of Economic Security**



# October



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	<div>9</div> <div> <b>NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY</b> </div> <div>OFFICE CLOSED</div>	<div>10</div> <div>MER due by today.</div> <div>FF- Through Cultural Practices Rock Your Mocs 10:00am and 4:00pm</div>	<div>11</div> <div>FIS &amp; MIS 11:00am - 1:00pm</div> <div>SOT Youth Group 4:00pm - 6:00pm</div> <div>Language &amp; Story Time With Aunty WebEx 4:00pm - 4:45pm</div>	12	<div>13</div> <div>Beading &amp; Wellness 1:00pm-3:00pm Via WebEx</div>	14
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