## **Housing & Homelessness**



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# How Arizona is Addressing Homelessness

**Session 2** 





# Experiences, Solutions and Next Steps

### Welcome!



- (1) Guided Visualization of the Homelessness Experience
- (2) Grassroots Efforts
- 3 Stand Downs Knowledge and Experiences
- 4 Stand Down Best Practices
- 5 The Landlord Coalition/Affordable Housing
- 6 Q & A and Panel Discussion

### **Guided Visualization**



What is it like to be homeless? Where do you go? How do you protect yourself?

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See Homelessness in a New Light: A visual Journey Through The Struggles of the Streets

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**Executive Director** 

Coalition for Compassion and Justice



# Mr. James McNear

**A Brief History** 

# First Contact



Stagger Straight Emergency Shelter

Low Barrier

Client Centered

Trauma Informed Care

## Advocacy



Our Advocacy department assists our clients through daily challenges and toward long-term goals.

Contact our Advocates at 928-445-8382 ext.1

### **Grassroots Efforts**



# Low Barrier Community Collaboration



# Coalition for Compassion and Justice History



-Created by a group of churches in 2001

-Started very humble by providing food, gas and other needs.

-CCJ saw a need for a solution to an unsheltered population. Tents were set up in the parking lot of the thrift store to provide safe and legal sleep. Many were angry

-Acquired a building and created a low barrier shelter.

-In 2018 CCJ cuts 9 programs to focus on affordable housing.



# 2ND CHANCE HOUSING



- -Evictions and convictions ok.
- -Engagement with advocates.
  - -Advocate and Property Manager are separate.

-House Rules





### Cottages

10X10 rooms with heating and cooling

Shares restroom and kitchen with main home

Built by volunteers in 2018 \$250.00 a month

## Lodges



-Built with a partnership with Dorn Homes

-Six-bedroom home with exterior door in each room.

-\$400.00 a month all utilities included



### **RV'S AND MOBILES**

-CCJ owns and manages 7 RV and Mobile unit in a park.

-Sub Lease from Park, so the rent is always paid.

-Rents ranging between \$400.00-\$650.00 a month

-The most permanent housing option.





### Paloma Village



25-unit manufactured home park
On site advocate available
1, 2, 3-bedroom options
Rent will be below FMR





## Partnerships



Developers

**Builders** 

City/Towns

Mental Health Agencies

# Why Low Barrier? Pros vs. Cons



The goal of low barrier approaches is to increase access to care and resources for individuals who may have been previously excluded or underserved by traditional systems.

#### **Pros**

- -Treatment is the clients idea
- -Helps the most vulnerable
- -Engages even the toughest client

#### Cons

- -Tough conversations
- -You end up doing work you normally wouldn't
- -Things get weird.



### **Stand Downs**



Knowledge and Experiences

### **John Davison**

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**Arizona Veterans StandDown Alliance (AVSA)** 

https://www.azhousingcoalition.org/avsa.html



# WELCOME

# NORTHERN ARIZONA VETERAN STAND DOWNS







# HONORING THE UNITED STATES MILITARY AND THE AMERICAN VETERAN































### HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT



















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Veterans' Court • Notary • Housing Support Services • Veteran Resource Fair Job Fair & Employment Services • Women Veterans Reception

Pet Food & Pet Care SOMETHING FOR EVERY VETERAN!















#### **VETERANS COURT**

Coconino County Superior Court

Flagstaff Municipal Court

Flagstaff Justice Court



Individuals may appear without fear of being arrested if they have any outstanding warrant. If a veteran has a warrant out of a participating court they can come and ask that it be cancelled. Bring your court paperwork to the Stand Down. Attorneys will be available to answer questions. Contact Sharon Yates at 928-679-7514 if you have any questions.













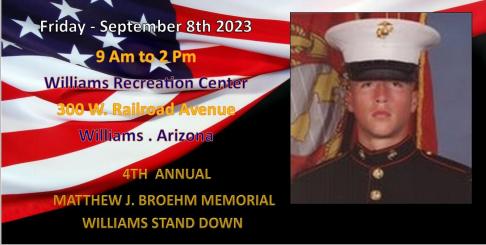






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VITALANT BLOOD SERVICES - BLOOD DRIVE 9 am - 2 pm











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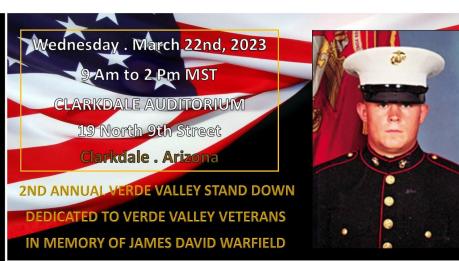












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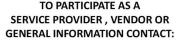












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### **NAVAHCS**

Northern Arizona VA Health Care System
Blindness & Low Vision Services
Caregiver Support . HUD-VASH . DVOP
Center For Development & Civic Engagement
VA Mobile Vet Center . NAVAHCS Suicide Prevention

VA Homeless Team . PACT ACT Extended Care & Specialty Care



**VA ENROLLMENT** 

**Health Care System** 

# ARIZONA VETERANS' MEMORIAL CEMETERY. CAMP NAVAJO



# ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME FLAGSTAFF





The Arizona Coalition for Military Families is a public/private partnership and statewide collective impact initiative focused on building Arizona's capacity to care for, serve, support and employ service members, veterans and their families.



A statewide upstream suicide prevention initiative that builds upon our community's existing capacity.





DVNF distributes our signature Comfort Kits to struggling veterans throughout the country. These kits provide vital necessities such as health and hygiene items, clothing, and more to veterans of all walks of life.

#### **CATERING SERVICES**





## HAIRCUTS FOR VETERANS



#### COMMUNITY HEALTH





#### **DENTAL SERVICES**



Department of Dental Hygiene



#### **DENTAL SERVICES**



Department of Dental Hygiene



#### **EDUCATION**



**Education That Works For You** 





#### **SMALL BUSINESS**





### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**





### HOUSING SERVICES





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#### **EMPLOYMENT JOB FAIR**



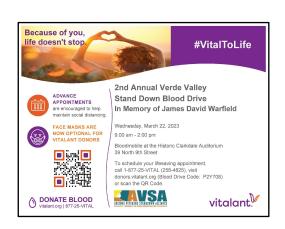




#### **MOBILE SERVICES**







#### **HEALTH PLANS**













Glenn Berkley, Licensed Insurance Sales Agent

#### **HEALTH SERVICES**









## HOME CARE SENIOR LIVING





## SERVICE ANIMAL & PET CARE





#### **MENTAL HEALTH**







## SUBSTANCE & ALCOHOL USE





#### **VETERANS COURT**



ARIZONA



#### **LEGAL SERVICES**







#### **TRANSITION**



#### **BENEFITS:**

- » State and Local Benefits
- » VA Assistance for Physical and Mental Health
- » Disabled Veterans Program Assistance
- » Education and Training Assistance
- » Employment Assistance
- » Health and Life Insurance
- » Financial Assistance
- » Legal Assistance
- » Relocation Assistance
- » Effects of a Career Change



### IT TAKES A COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS & VETERAN SUICIDE

- QUALITY OF LIFE Enhancing "Quality Of Life" for Veterans And Their Families Through Community Involvement
- THE GREAT OUTDOORS HELPING VETERANS FIND A PATHWAY TO HEALING IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS
- VETERANS UNDERSTAND DUTY -
  - IN THE MILITARY
  - ESPECIALLY DURING COMBAT
  - IT IS ABOUT THE PERSON NEXT TO YOU
  - WATCHING OUT FOR EACH OTHER
  - WE HAVE YOUR SIX



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#### **Stand Downs**



#### **Best Practices**

What's working?
What more we can do?
How can the broader community participate?

#### **Data & Outreach**

#### Affordable housing model for veterans



Affordable Housing Model for veterans

#### Tim Laskowski

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#### **Panel Discussion**



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John Davison
Tim Laskowski
George E. Campbell
Josh Wear





# Questions & Answers

What's Happening in the Next Session



#### Session Evaluation

We want to hear from you!



