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Executive Summary

Mohave County Arc is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing teaching and support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Kingman / Golden Valley.

First conceived in 1970 as "Kingman Arc", by a group of parents who wanted to provide life options for their adult children with disabilities, Mohave County Arc now proudly serves over 35 individuals per year.

Our mission is to facilitate growth for people with disabilities through choice, experience, guidance, and respect.

We are licensed and funded primarily by the State of Arizona Department of Economic Security Division of Developmental Disabilities (DES/DDD). At the State & National level, we proudly partner with The Arc of Arizona and Arc of the United States.

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Non Discrimination Notice to the Public

Notifying the Public of Rights Under Title VI and ADA Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens

Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens operates its programs and services without regard to race, color, national origin or disability in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Any person who believes she or he has been aggrieved by any unlawful discriminatory practice under Title VI may file a complaint with the Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens.

For more information on the Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens's civil rights program, and the procedures to file a complaint, contact SHELLIE BERGLUND, ADMIN ASSISTANT, 928-757-1758, email mohavecountyarc@yahoo.com; or visit our administrative office at 2050 Airway Avenue Kingman, AZ 86409. For more information, visit mohavecountyarc.org.

Complaints may be filed directly with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Civil Rights Office. ATTN: Title VI Program Coordinator 206 S. 17TH Ave MD 155A RM: 183 Phoenix AZ, 85007 or with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). ATTN: Title VI Program Coordinator, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington DC 20590

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Non Discrimination Notice to the Public - Spanish

Aviso Público Sobre los Derechos Bajo el Título VI Y ADA Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens

Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens (y sus subcontratistas, si cualquiera) asegura cumplir con el Título VI de la Ley de los Derechos Civiles de 1964, Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973 y La Ley de ciudadanos Americanos con Discapacidades de 1990 (ADA). El nivel y la calidad de servicios de transporte serán proveídos sin consideración a su raza, color, país de origen, o discapacidad.

Para obtener más información sobre el programa de Derechos Civiles de Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens, y los procedimientos para presentar una queja, contacte SHELLIE BERGLUND, ADMIN ASSISTANT 928-757-1758, o visite nuestra oficina administrativa en 2050 Airway Avenue Kingman, AZ 86409. Para obtener más información, visite mohavecountyarc.org

Una queja puede ser presentada con la oficina de Derechos Civiles del Departamento de Transporte de Arizona (ADOT). Atención: Title VI Program Manager, 206 S. 17th Ave MD 155A Phoenix AZ, 85007 o con la Administración Federal de Transporte (FTA). Atención: Title VI Coordinator, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington DC 20590

The above notice is posted in the following locations: **Posted in the hallway at 2050 Airway Avenue Kingman, AZ 86409** and on our website: mohavecountyarc.org

Non Discrimination ADA/Title VI Complaint Procedures

These procedures provide guidance for all complaints filed under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) as they relate to any program or activity that is administered by **Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens** including consultants, contractors and vendors. Intimidation or retaliation as a result of a complaint is prohibited by law. In addition to these procedures, complainants reserve the right to file a formal complaint with other State or Federal agencies or to seek private counsel for complaints alleging discrimination. Every effort will be made to resolve complaints at the lowest possible level.

- (1) Any person who believes he and/or she has been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, or disability may file a Discrimination complaint by completing and submitting the agency's Title VI Complaint Form.
- (2) Formal complaints must be filed within 180 calendar days of the last date of the alleged act of discrimination or the date when the alleged discrimination became known to the complainant(s), or where there has been a continuing course of conduct, the date on which the conduct was discontinued or the latest instance of the conduct.
- (3) Complaints must be in writing and signed by the complainant(s) and must include the complainant(s) name, address and phone number. The ADA/Title VI contact person will assist the complainant with documenting the issues if necessary.
- (4) Allegations received by fax or e-mail will be acknowledged and processed, once the identity of the complainant(s) and the intent to proceed with the complaint have been established. For this, the complainant is required to mail a signed, original copy of the fax or email transmittal for the complaint to be processed.
- (5) Allegations received by telephone will be reduced to writing and provided to the complainant for confirmation or revision before processing. A complaint form will be forwarded to the complainant for him/her to complete, sign and return for processing.
- (6) Once submitted Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens will review the complaint form to determine jurisdiction. All complaints will receive an acknowledgement letter informing her/him whether the complaint will be investigated by the Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens or submitted to the State or Federal authority for guidance.

- (7) Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens will notify the ADOT Civil Rights Office of ALL Discrimination complaints within 72 hours via telephone at 602-712-8946; or email at civilrightsoffice@azdot.gov.
- (8) Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens has 90 business days to investigate the complaint. If more information is needed to resolve the case, the Authority may contact the complainant. The complainant has 90 business days from the date of the letter to send requested information to the investigator assigned to the case. If the investigator is not contacted by the complainant or does not receive the additional information within 90 business days, the Authority can administratively close the case. A case can be administratively closed also if the complainant no longer wishes to pursue their case.
- (9) After the investigator reviews the complaint, she/he will issue one of two letters to the complainant: a closure letter or a letter of finding (LOF). A closure letter summarizes the allegations and states that there was not a Discrimination violation and that the case will be closed. An LOF summarizes the allegations and the interviews regarding the alleged incident, and explains whether any disciplinary action, additional training of the staff member or other action will occur.
- (10) A copy of either the closure letter or LOF must be also be submitted to ADOT within **72** hours of that decision. Letters may be submitted by hardcopy or email.
- (11)A complainant dissatisfied with **Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens** decision may file a complaint with the Arizona Department of Transportation **(ADOT)** or the Federal Transit Administration **(FTA)** offices of Civil Rights: <u>ADOT</u>: ATTN ADA/Title VI Program Coordinator 206 S. 17TH Ave MD 155A RM: 183 Phoenix AZ, 85007 <u>FTA</u>: Attention Title VI Program Coordinator, East Building, 5th Floor-TCR 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington DC 20590
- (12) A copy of these procedures can be found online at: mohavecountyarc.org.

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Discrimination ADA/Title VI Complaint Form

Section I:				
Name:				
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Are you filing this complaint on your own behalf	?	☐ Yes*		□ No
*If you answered "yes" to this question, go to S e	ection III.	•		
If not, please supply the name and relationship				
of the person for whom you are complaining.				
Please explain why you have filed for a third par	ty:			
Please confirm that you have obtained the perm	nission of the	☐ Yes		□ No
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I believe the discrimination I experienced was be	ased on (check a	all that ap	ply):	
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Have you filed this complaint with any other F	ederal, State, or local agency, or with any Federal
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	rmation that you think is relevant to your complaint.
Your signature and date are required below:	
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Please submit this form in person at the address be	elow, or mail this form to:

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Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens SHELLIE BERGLUND, ADMIN ASSISTANT 2050 Airway Avenue Kingman, AZ 86409 928-757-1758

mohavecountyarc@yahoo.com

A copy of this form can be found at our location: 2050 Airway Avenue Kingman, AZ 86409.

Discrimination ADA/Title VI Investigations, Complaints, and Lawsuits

If no investigations, lawsuits, or complaints were filed select the option below.

Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens has not had any ADA nor Title VI Discrimination complaints, investigations, or lawsuits in **2018**.

Complainant	Date (Month, Day, Year)	Basis of Complaint (Race, Color, National Origin or Disability)	Summary of Allegation	Status	Action(s) Taken	Final Findings?
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Public Participation Plan

Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens is engaging the public in its planning and decision-making processes, as well as its marketing and outreach activities. The public will be invited to participate in the process whether through public meetings or surveys.

As an agency receiving federal financial assistance, **Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens** made the following community outreach efforts and activities to engage minority and Limited English Proficient populations since the last Title VI Plan submittal to ADOT CRO.

- □ Expanded the distribution of agency brochures
- ☐ Posted the Nondiscrimination Public Notices to the following locations:
- ☐ Hosted an information booth at a community event (February 6,2019)

Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens will make the following community outreach efforts for the **upcoming year**:

- ☑ Post the Nondiscrimination Public Notices to the following locations:

Special Needs Resource Fair – annually

Scarecrow Festival – annually

Christmas Parade of Lights – annually

Kingman Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cuttings / Networking – quarterly



Who We Are

experience as quality and normal a life as possirecreational community based opportunities. dard that all developmentally disabled persons, and continuum of educational, vocational, and ble. This entails offering to all members a variety regardless of disabilities, deserve the right to The Arc of Mohave County is devoted to the stan-

What We Offer

Services provided are employment to improve their work skills and abilities. We also provide individual goals and enhancing life skills and a Day Program where we focus on reaching community involvement.

services Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Arc of Mohave County/DTA program provides

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Day Program

occur each day. They are designed with each is our goal. We provide a staffing ratio that for relaxation, movie days, karaoke, dancing cooking, physical fitness, yoga, serenity room A variety of fun and educational activities and trained in State of Arizona requirements viduals. All staff are background checked does not exceed 1 staff member to 4 indidaily living where growth and development day with friends. We focus on all aspects of in independence, communication and social and supervision to promote skill development Our day program provides activities, training individuals needs, wants and likes in mind relationships. We offer a safe, clean, and fun We have computers, arts and crafts, music environment for your loved one to spend the



and developmental disabilities

ESS Program

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TransportationTransportation program provides daily service to the Kingman and Golden Valley Areas.



Recreation Program

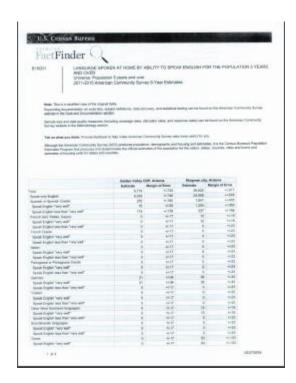
movies, lunches, library, picnics, animal parks, shopping trips, museums, historical sites, and and inclusion. Some of the trips include: ities to promote community involvement We do a wide variety of recreational activmuch more!

Limited English Proficiency Plan

Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens has developed the following Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEP) to help identify reasonable steps to provide language assistance for LEP persons seeking meaningful access to Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens services as required by Executive Order 13166. A Limited English Proficiency person is one who does not speak English as their primary language and who has a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English.

This plan details procedures on how to identify a person who may need language assistance, the ways in which assistance may be provided, training to staff, notification to LEP persons that assistance is available, and information for future plan updates. In developing the plan while determining the **Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens**'s extent of obligation to provide LEP services, the **Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens** undertook a U.S. Department of Transportation four-factor LEP analysis which considers the following:

 The number or proportion of LEP persons eligible in the Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens service area who may be served or likely to encounter by Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens program, activities, or services;



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2) The frequency with which LEP individuals come in contact with an **Mohave County Association** for **Retarded Citizens** services;

Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens's staff reviewed the frequency with which office staff, dispatchers and drivers have, or could have, contact with LEP persons for **2018**. Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens averages Ocontacts per year.

- 3) The nature and importance of the program, activities or services provided by the **Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens** to the LEP population.
- 4) The resources available to Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens and overall costs to provide LEP assistance. A brief description of these considerations is provided in the following section.

Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens provides a statement in Spanish and will for additional languages specific to the LEP community make up that will be included in all public outreach notices. Every effort will be made to provide vital information to LEP individuals in the language requested.

Safe Harbor Provision for written translations

Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens complies with the Safe Harbor Provision, as evidenced by the number of documents available in the Spanish language. With respect to Title VI information, the following shall be made available in Spanish:

- (1) Non Discrimination Notice
- (2) Discrimination Complaint Procedures
- (3) Discrimination Complaint Form

In addition, we will conduct our marketing (including using translated materials) in a manner that reaches each LEP group. Vital documents include the following:

- (1) Notices of free language assistance for persons with LEP
- (2) Notice of Non-Discrimination and Reasonable Accommodation
- (3) Outreach Materials
- (4) Bus Schedules
- (5) Route Changes
- (6) Public Hearings

- 1) Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens provides language assistance services through the below methods:
 - Staff is provided a list of what written and oral language assistance products and methods the agency has implemented and how agency staff can obtain those services.
 - ✓ Instructions are provided to customer service staff and other Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens staff who regularly take phone calls from the general public on how to respond to an LEP caller.
 - ☑ Use of "I Speak" cards.
- 2) **Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens** has a process to ensure the competency of interpreters and translation service through the following methods:

Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens will ask the interpreter or translator to demonstrate that he or she can communicate or translate information accurately in both English and the other language. Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens will train the interpreter or translator in specialized terms and concepts associated with the agency's policies and activities. Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens will instruct the interpreter or translator that he or she should not deviate into a role as counselor, legal advisor, or any other role aside from interpreting or translator. Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens will ask the interpreter or translator to attest that he or she does not have a conflict of interest on the issues that they would be providing interpretation services.

- 3) **Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens** provides notice to LEP persons about the availability of language assistance through the following methods:
 - ☑ Posting signs in intake areas
 - ☑ Statements in outreach documents that language services are available from the agency.
- 4) **Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens** monitors, evaluates and updates the LEP plan through the following process:

Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens will monitor the LEP plan by conducting an annual Four-Factor analysis, establishing a process to obtain feedback from internal staff and members of the public and conducting internal evaluations to determine whether the language assistance measures are working for staff. Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens will make changes to the language assistance plan based on feedback received. Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens may take into account the cost of proposed changes and the resources available to them. Depending on the evaluation, Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens may choose to disseminate more widely those language assistance measures that are particularly effective or modify or eliminate those measures that have not been effective. Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens will consider new language assistance needs when expanding transit service into areas with high concentrations of LEP persons will consider modifying their implementation plan to provide language assistance measures to areas not previously served by the agency.

5) **Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens** trains employees to know their obligations to provide meaningful access to information and services for LEP persons and all employees in public contact

positions will be properly trained to work effectively with in-person and telephone interpreters. **Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens** will implement processes for training of staff through the following procedures:

Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens will identify staff that are likely to come into contact with LEP persons as well as management staff that have frequent contact with LEP persons in order to target training to the appropriate staff. Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens will identify existing staff training opportunities, as it may be cost-effective to integrate training on their responsibilities to persons with limited English proficiency into agency training that occurs on an ongoing basis. Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens will include this training as part of the orientation for new employees. Existing employees, especially managers and those who work with the public may periodically take part in re-training or new training sessions to keep up to date on their responsibilities to LEP persons. Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens will implement LEP training to be provided for agency staff. Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens staff training for LEP to include:

- A summary of the Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens responsibilities under the DOT LEP Guidance;
- A summary of the Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens language assistance plan;
- A summary of the number and proportion of LEP persons in the Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens service area, the frequency of contact between the LEP population and the agency's programs and activities, and the importance of the programs and activities to the population;
- A description of the type of language assistance that the agency is currently providing and instructions on how agency staff can access these products and services; and
- A description of the **Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens** cultural sensitivity policies and practices.

Non-elected Committees Membership Table

Subrecipients who select the membership of transit-related, non-elected planning boards, advisory councils, or committees must provide a table depicting the membership of those organizations broken down by race. Subrecipients also must include a description of the efforts made to encourage participation of minorities on these boards, councils, and committees.

☑ **Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens** does <u>not</u> select the membership of any transit-related committees, planning boards, or advisory councils.

Monitoring for Subrecipient Title VI Compliance

Describe how you monitor your subrecipients. This can be through site visits, submissions of Title VI Plans annually, or training and surveys.

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Title VI Equity Analysis

A subrecipient planning to acquire land to construct certain types of facilities must not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin, against persons who may, as a result of the construction, be displaced from their homes or businesses. "Facilities" in this context does not include transit stations or bus shelters, but instead refers to storage facilities, maintenance facilities, and operation centers.

There are many steps involved in the planning process prior to the actual construction of a facility. It is during these planning phases that attention needs to be paid to equity and non-discrimination through equity analysis. The Title VI Equity Analysis must be done before the selection of the preferred site.

Note: Even if facility construction is financed with non-FTA funds, if the subrecipient organization receives any FTA dollars, it must comply with this requirement.

☑ **Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens** has no current or anticipated plans to develop new transit facilities covered by these requirements

Fixed Route Transit Provider Analysis

Fixed Route: Public transit service (other than by aircraft) provided on a repetitive, fixed-schedule basis along a specific route, with vehicles stopping to pick up passengers.

A subrecipient providing fixed route service, as defined above, must determine the distribution of transit amenities or the vehicle assignments for each mode in a non-discriminatory manner. The subrecipient must develop policies to ensure service is not distributed on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

Effective practices to fulfill the Service Standards requirements include developing written policies covering each of the following service indicators: (can be expressed in writing or in table format – see Circular Appendix G & H pp. 87-91)

Mohave County Association for Retarded Citizens is <u>not</u> a Fixed Route Transit Provider

Board Approval for the Title VI Plan

*(INSERT A COPY OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES AFTER
CONDITIONAL CRO APPROVAL. BOARD MINUTES MUST BE FOR THE
YEAR OF THE GRANT APPLICATION CYCLE)