

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nation's administration has new Executive Administrative Assistant

BY DON DECKER,
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Matilda Fields Cassadore was selected as the new Executive Administrative Assistant that was formally occupied by Tanya Lewis who is now the Vice Chairwoman.

Mrs. Cassadore was recently employed as housing counselor for the Nation. While being employed for 3 years

at the Nation's housing office, she also served in the capacity as administrative assistant answering all the incoming calls for housing personnel and handling clerical duties for the front office.

Mrs. Cassadore graduated from Mingus Union High School and subsequently married Edward Cassadore of San Carlos. Mr. Cassadore is employed

at the Market Place in Tunlii.

The Cassadores have 4 children and reside in the community of Tunlii. Grandparents are Fred and Mattie Fields of Clarkdale.

"I'm excited and it's a big responsibility. I've got to look at this as another day of work," said Mrs. Cassadore with enthusiasm.



Matilda Fields Cassadore is new Exec.Admin.Assistant

WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) highlights success story

BY APRIL SALAS,
WIOA manager

The Yavapai-Apache Nation Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is committed to the growth and development of the community. WIOA participants that are in the program all have a unique story about their path to gain skills in the workforce. The following are two participant stories:

Adela Mendez, Program Administrator for Public Works

Adela Mendez stated, "I think WIOA is a great program to be in because they helped push and gave me the confidence I needed to accomplish my goals."

Adela, a participant in the WIOA program, simply wanted help with obtaining her GED. Upon completion of this goal, Adela, with guidance of the WIOA administrator, started thinking about goals of what was next in her journey of fulfilling her Career Pathway. Working was something new to her and WIOA helped her gain Work Experience and Career Exploration in different areas which guided her to something she was comfortable with.

Adela landed a permanent job with the Yavapai-Apache Nation as an Administrative Assistant where she was upgraded to work for the Public Works department as a Program Administrator. Her story doesn't end there though as she is planning and learning new skills by enrolling



Adela Mendez at fleet.

at Yavapai College in the spring of 2020.

David Wright, T.E.R.O for the Human Resources

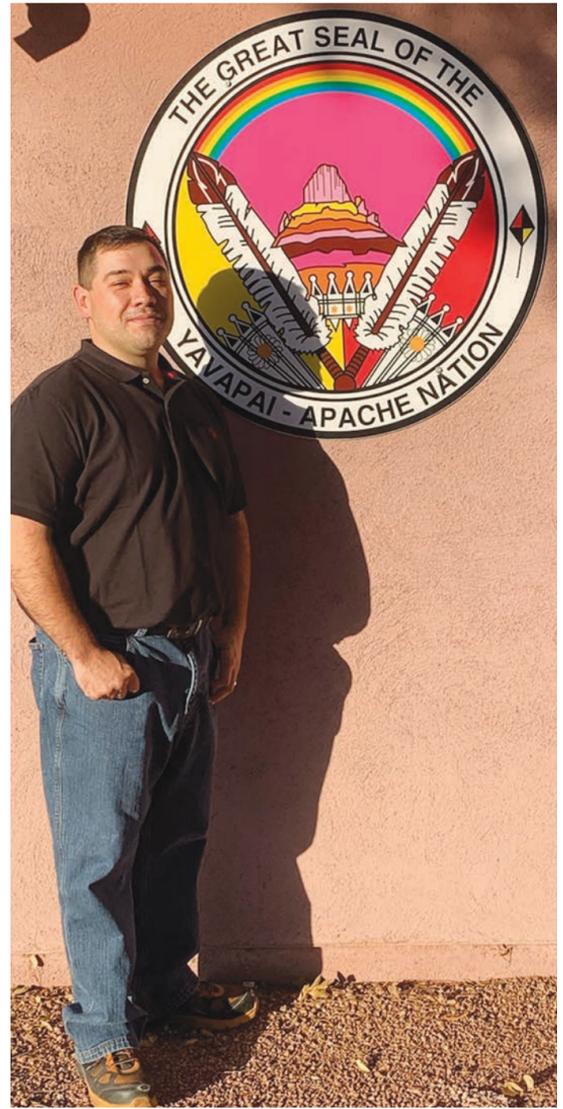
David Wright stated, "The opportunity is there, you just have to take advantage."

David came to the WIOA program in need of a Work Experience

Opportunity; he was placed with the Nation's Housing Department and was hired full time. While employed with Housing he received two (2) certifications to advance him in his job duties through the WIOA program. The housing staff was impressed with his great

work ethics.

David is now a full-time employee with Yavapai-Apache Nation's T.E.R.O. program (Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance) doing what he loves best and using his skills he learned in the WIOA program. He continues to work on



David Wright is the T.E.R.O manager who is a graduate of the WIOA program

getting his Associate Applied Science degree online.

Yavapai-Apache Nation WIOA, using the employment support program called Arizona Job Center (AJC), helps individuals transition back into the workforce. The program is a free support service to help participants prepare for, find and maintain employment.

With the assistance of WIOA, Adela and David found their path to a better future. Find yours! To learn more, contact April Salas, WIOA Case Administrator to develop an individual plan; a roadmap that can help one reach employment goals.

YAN-WIOA at 928-567-1073 or 928-567-1091.

CHR Program/Diabetes Program sponsors a power-walk

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The community was invited to the recreation center gymnasium, January 7 for a noon-time exercise walk.

Robin Hazelwood, Diabetes-grant coordinator of the Nation's diabetes prevention program said 38 people showed up for the noontime walk. Brandy Gyce from CHR was offering checks for blood sugar levels.

As an incentive, each participant who finished the inside course of 20 laps around the basketball court (which equaled one mile) received a \$30 gift certificate to Bashas market.

Congratulations to participants!
Keep going!!



Amber Dansdill who is employed with tribal gaming and Robin Hazelwood, coordinator of Diabetes Program walk around the gym as Brandy Gyce from the CHR encourages the walkers. YAN News photograph.