

RITE NOW @ ROP



The mission of Rite of Passage is to improve the lives of youth, families, and communities. During the COVID-19 pandemic many peoples' personal and professional lives have been negatively impacted. Recent data suggests more than 16 million people have been put out of work within the last three weeks, with most experts suggesting that number will continue to mount. In Arizona alone, the number of unemployment applications submitted last week increased to more than 130,000, a growth of approximately 50% from the week prior. During this difficult time, Youth Village continues to provide employment to more than 350 staff members as their roles as the caretakers of Arizona's youth continue. During this unprecedented time, the Human Resources department at Youth Village has stepped up to support the campus as well as the community. Within the last month, more than 75 people have been interviewed and offered employment within the company. Thank you to Youth Village's Human Resources Department for continuing to offer hope to those who have lost their jobs during the recent pandemic!

One staff member, who specifically stands out during this pandemic is Group Leader, Dominic Willis, who has been a beacon of hope for multiple people who have recently experienced layoffs due to the coronavirus. Mr. Willis, who has worked at Canyon State Academy for 3 years, has referred 4 of his acquaintances to Rite of Passage within the last month, giving them a chance to gain employment and be able to continue to support their families. In addition to providing relief for others from such a stressful situation, as part of ROP's Employee Referral Bonus Program, staff who refer a qualified individual for an essential position are eligible to receive a monetary reward of up to \$1000.00. Mr. Willis is an asset to Canyon State Academy and is a role model to the staff and students through his work ethic and dedication. Keep up the great work Mr. Willis!
