

**Care1st Gila Bend Resource Center**  
303 East Pima Street, Gila Bend, AZ 85337  
928-683-6502



The Care1st Gila Bend Resource Center is made possible by the innovative public and private partnership between **Care1st Health Plan Arizona, First Things First and the Town of Gila Bend**. The Town of Gila Bend provided the building facility (formerly a sheriff's office) while Care1st and First Things First provided funding for renovations and operations for the center.

Gila Bend is responsible for recruiting participating non-profit agencies, coordinating their services and evaluating the outcomes. The non-profits are provided free space in the center in exchange for providing the much needed services in the Gila Bend area. **All programs and services are listed are available to residents without cost.** Please contact the Resource Center at (928) 683-6502 to request additional information on services available at the Center.

**Hours of Operation:**

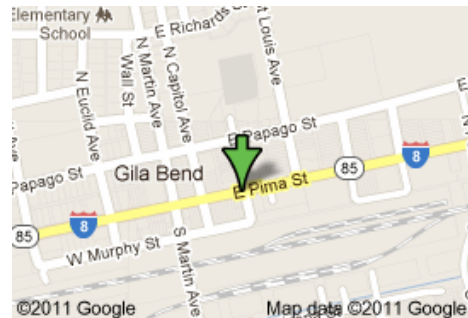
Monday through Friday: 9:00 am until 5:00 pm

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Phone (928) 683-6502.

Website: [www.gilabendaz.org](http://www.gilabendaz.org)



**Services Available:**

1. Assistance with renewals and applications for **AHCCCS, Medicaid, Medicare health care, nutrition assistance (food stamps) and for cash assistance**. Appointments are available daily with Helping Families in Need.
2. A representative from Arizonans for the Protection of Sexually Exploited Children and Adults (**APECA**) is at the Resource Center each week. APECA's mission is community awareness on sexual exploitation, self injury and sexual abuse.

3. Beginning in January 2012, **Rio Salado College** will offer **GED classes** at the Resource Center. Students must register at the Avondale Campus, located at 420 N Central Avenue in Avondale.
  4. **Teen Outreach and Pregnancy (TOPS)** offers supportive services to pregnant teenagers and their families.
  5. **Choices for Families** in-home **case management** to families with children aged zero to five years of age. Case management focuses on children meeting developmental criterion and school-readiness.
  6. **Referral services for Veterans** and their families.
  7. **Readiness Basket** offers parenting classes covering a wide-range of topics to families with children aged zero to five years of age through the Arizona Learning Institute. ALI also holds Early Literacy and Parenting Classes for parents and caregivers of children aged birth to five years.
  8. **Employment services** for job seekers including resume assistance and current job listings as a designated **Access Point** by Maricopa County Workforce Connections.
  9. **Behavioral counseling** services, provided by Native Health.
  10. **Association for Supportive Child Care** holds weekly classes to educate and certify in-home child care providers with CPR, safety and first aid issues, instruction on positive communication and appropriate developmental play. Transportation to and from the Resource Center and babysitting will be provided.
  11. **Civitan** is an organization that works with developmentally disabled children and adults and offers supportive services to those families.
  12. **Community Legal Services** offers free legal assistance (civil cases).
  13. **Emergency baby boxes** are available to needy families with children age birth to five years of age.
  14. **English and literacy tutoring** classes for adults are offered at the Resource Center. The classes are offered by Southwest Valley Literacy.
  15. **Jobs for Arizona Graduates (JAG)** will offer support and encouragement to high school and middle school students to stay in school. JAG will hold periodic workshops to help youth focus on improving study habits, develop work skill and improve self esteem through peer-led projects.
  16. **Manpower** is housed at the Resource Center permanently and offers area residents job counseling, career fairs and job screening for the solar **jobs** offered at Gila Bend's three solar plants.
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