

CARE 7



Tempe

Making waves in the desert

CARE 7 Beginnings

- CARE 7 began in 1997 as a method of responding with Tempe Police Department and Tempe Fire Medical Rescue to calls in the community to address needs outside the scope of law enforcement and emergency medical services.
- The Assistance League of the East Valley, a philanthropic women's organization, offers continued financial support.
- CARE 7 began as an all-volunteer effort, and it grew into a program consisting of paid staff, community volunteers, and interns from Arizona State University.
- We started in 1997 with one part time staff member - 20 years later...



CARE 7 Programs



- Crisis Response Unit
- Victim Services
- Case Management/Veteran's Services
- Counseling
- High School Youth Specialists
- Trauma Informed Care



CARE 7 Crisis Response Unit

- Respond to the scene of a crisis alongside Tempe Fire/Tempe PD to provide support to clients and/or victims experiencing traumatic situations. Crises might include homicide, human trafficking, sexual assault, robbery, fire, death, etc..
- Assess clients' physical and mental health needs and provide resources on-site or via referral to meet those needs
- Coordinate follow-up services with CARE 7 van staff, Victim Services, case management, PAS, or other departments/agencies

VS276 Victim Services Crisis Response Unit

- Respond to the scene of a criminal investigation per Tempe Police and/or Fire's request to provide support and mobile advocacy to victims of crime after an incident
- Assess clients' physical and mental health needs and provide resources on-site or via referral to meet those needs
- Complete an immediate safety plan and make warm hand-off to advocate for follow up.

Meet our Victim Services Team!



Victim Services- Role of Advocate

- CONFIDENTIAL resource to all victims of crime
- Meet victims where they are at to help overcome barriers to healing, safety and justice
- Address victim needs- Safety planning, housing, food/basic, transportation
- Provide court accompaniment to hearings and assist with Orders of Protection and Injunctions Against Harassment
- Serve as a liaison with the Tempe Police Department and Tempe Municipal Court and provide information and assistance regarding the investigation and criminal justice system
- Provide information on Victim's Rights and Victim Compensation
- Facilitate support groups to provide support and promote healthy coping mechanisms

Counseling

- Conduct intakes and assessments; assess for safety and follow mandated reporting requirements
- Bilingual counseling available
- EMDR certified, licensed counselors
- Provides **FREE** counseling to victims of crime
- Coordinate with CARE 7 for wraparound services as needed, including victim services.

Youth Specialists

- On-site at all Tempe High Schools and Elementary Schools
- Youth Specialists meet with students one on one to provide emotional support, run support groups based on the campus's identified needs, provide connection to CARE 7 services, referrals to community agencies, supplies and basic needs
- Work with school staff and school resource officers to identify and assist students with high needs and provide education on mental wellness and work with the Sandy Hook Promise Project

Case Management/Veteran's Services

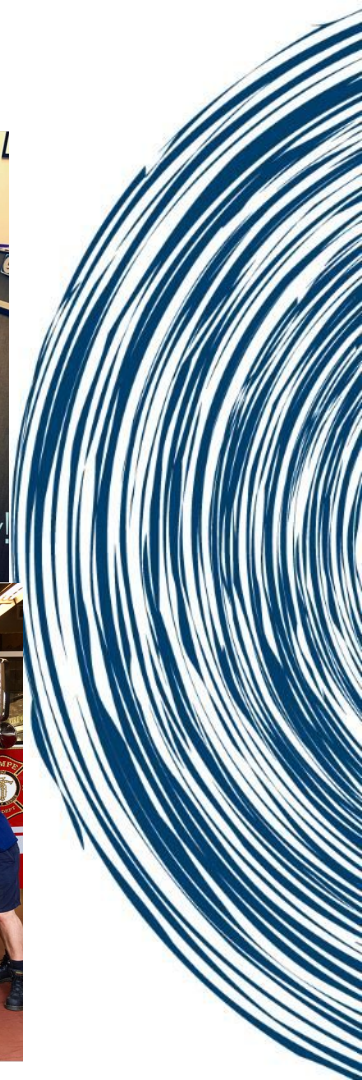
- Conduct assessments for individuals in need of services
- Make appropriate referrals to community agencies for a variety of service needs including VA benefits, mental health, senior, and youth services
- Attend East Valley Regional Veterans Court and Tempe Mental Health Court to provide services to defendants in court; provide compliance reports to Court as requested

Trauma-Informed Care Initiative

- Create a resilient Tempe that recognizes trauma as a major public health threat and is responsive through policy to the needs of individuals who have experienced toxic stress in their lives.
- Assist with trainings and ongoing professional development of City of Tempe person



Favorite CARE 7 Employee... Well, Everybody's Favorite



Questions, Comments, Concerns?

Thank you!

