



**CITY OF SURPRISE**  
**Veteran, Disability and Human Service Commission**  
**16000 N. Civic Center Plaza**  
**Surprise, AZ 85374**  
 Wednesday, February 11, 2026 @ 6:00 PM  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

- A. Call To Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Current Events and Reports
- E. Staff Reports
- F. Veterans, Disability and Human Services Commission

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** In order to address the Board\Commission, you will need to fill out a Call to the Public Form available at the front counter, and then turn it in to the Secretary before the meeting begins.

Note: A.R.S. 38-431.01(H) - During this time members of the public may address the Board\Commission only on issues within the jurisdiction of the Board\Commission which are not an item on the agenda. At the conclusion of the open call, the Board\Commission may respond to criticism, may ask staff to review the matter or may ask that the matter be put on a future agenda. No discussion or action shall take place on any item raised.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - PUBLIC HEARING:**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:**

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| 1. | Citywide | Consideration and action pertaining to the January 14, 2026, Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes. | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
| 2. | Citywide | Presentation and discussion pertaining to Cycles of Kindness.  | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
| 3. | Citywide | Presentation and discussion pertaining to Veterans Affinity.   | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
| 4. | Citywide | Presentation and discussion pertaining to Billy's Place.   | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
| 5. | Citywide | Discussion and possible action pertaining to the reallocation of the Veteran, Disability & Human Services Commission budget.   | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
| 6. | Citywide | Discussion pertaining to the event planning details of Vet Fest 2026.  | Human Svcs and Comm Vitality |
- G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items
  - H. Adjournment

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KRISTI PASSARELLI, CITY CLERK

**POSTED: Friday, February 6th, 2026 @ 2:30 PM**

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**CITY OF SURPRISE**  
**Veteran, Disability and Human Service**  
**Commission**

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Council Meeting Date: February 11, 2026      Contact Person:  
Submitting Department: Human Svcs and Comm      District: Citywide  
Vitality  
Staff Recommendations: None

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Consent: No      Regular: Yes      Public Hearing: No      Report/Discussion: No

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**Agenda Wording:**

Consideration and action pertaining to the January 14, 2026, Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes.

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**Motion:**

I move to approve the January 14, 2026 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes.

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**Background:**

N/A

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**Objective Analysis:**

N/A

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**Policy Compliant:**

This item is compliant with city and council policies.

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**Financial Impact:**

N/A

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**Budget Impact:**

N/A

**FTE Impact:**

N/A

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 1.14.26 VDHS Commission Minutes - DRAFT
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**CITY OF SURPRISE  
VETERANS, DISABILITY, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**January 14, 2026 | 6:00 PM  
City Council Chambers  
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza  
Surprise, AZ 85374**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Tree called the Veterans, Disability, and Human Services Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Surprise City Hall, 16000 North Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374, on January 14, 2026.

**ROLL CALL**

In attendance were Chair Michael Tree, Vice-Chair Julie Kent-Partridge, Commissioners John Billcheck, Allison Wisniewski, Dr. Gwen Maxfield, Olivia Fryer, and Charles Manuel.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Human Services & Community Vitality Director, Seth Dyson, and Administrative Specialist, Victoria Simmons.

**CURRENT EVENTS REPORT**

Chair Tree reported on the following:

- Join us for the 10th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Celebration and Service on Saturday, January 17, 2026, honoring the life and legacy of the inspirational leader. The event will begin with a motivational program centered on the theme: "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve," celebrating community building and service to others. Following the program, volunteers will have the opportunity to roll up their sleeves and enjoy hands-on service projects that directly benefit our local community. Registration is required to participate in the volunteer portion of this event. All volunteers over the age of 18 must complete their own registration form. For questions, contact Daisy Vargas at 623.222.1612 or [daisy.vargas@surpriseaz.gov](mailto:daisy.vargas@surpriseaz.gov).

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- Commissioner Wisniewski
  - Attended Vet Fest Advisory Planning Committee meeting in November
- Commissioner Billcheck
  - Attended Vet Fest Advisory Planning Committee meeting in November

- Volunteered at St. Mary's Food Bank in November
- Vice-Chair Kent-Partridge
  - Volunteered at St. Mary's Food Bank in November
  - Attended Adaptive Rec Winter Party on December 10
    - In partnership with Dysart School District
  - Toured new Surprise Community and Resource Center on December 17 and met a potential partner
  - Met with Billy's Place on January 7
  - Attended Vet Fest Advisory Planning Committee Meeting on January 13
  - Attended Mayor's Roundtable on Disabilities today
    - Learned about trends in group homes
  - Attended DES Winter Forum today
    - Changes to SNAP and AHCCCS benefits eligibility, more information to come
- Commissioner Manuel
  - Met with group of veterans casually to discuss issues in the community amongst veterans
    - Learned that Peoria is experiencing similar concerns within the veteran's community
  - Attended Vet Fest Advisory Planning Committee Meeting on January 13
  - Attended Mayor's Roundtable on Disabilities today
    - It was a great meeting and very informative
- Commissioner Fryer
  - Volunteered at St. Mary's Food Bank in November
  - Joined the MLK Day of Celebration and Service Challenge by submitting photos from volunteering at St. Mary's Food Bank and from the Veterans Day Parade
  - Attended Sensitive Santa event on December 13, hosted by Autism Society, City of Surprise and T.E.A.M. 4 KIDS
  - Met with representative from Valle Del Sol, it great to hear about what they have to offer
- Commissioner Maxfield
  - Attended Veterans Parade in November
  - Attended Mayor's Veteran Roundtable Meeting in November
  - Attended Grand Opening for Vanessa Horabuena's Art Gallery
    - Healing through painting
  - Attended Vet Fest Advisory Planning Committee meeting in November
  - Attended Teen Challenge Banquet
    - Faith-based program that assists people of all ages, with an 80% success rate
  - Attended Open the Floodgates of Heaven on November 15, at the Surprise Stadium
- Chair Tree
  - Attended Mayor's Roundtable on Disabilities today
  - Mayor of Glendale has a flag that has been flown over all the state capitals, with Arizona being the last. He would like to get the flag to the international space station to have it fly across the country.

## STAFF REPORT

Mr. Dyson discussed:

- There will be a tour of the new Surprise Community and Resource Center on January 21 at 3 p.m. Please reach out to HSCV team if interested in attending.
  - Hoping to get new center open during the summer
- Annual HUD Point In Time on January 27
  - If you would like to volunteer, please get with Roxanne Zaad
- Next Veterans Roundtable is February 4 at 11:30 a.m.
  - Presentation on the Wall that Heals, more details to come on how to volunteer
- Billy's Place will be presenting to the Commission in February
- Thank you to those who were able to volunteer at the St. Mary's Food Bank during the holidays
  - St. Mary's Food Bank and Valley View Food Bank are always looking for volunteers
- Possible discussion about allocating the VDHS Commission budget at the next Commission meeting. If interested in discussing, please add as a future agenda item
  - There is talk about using funds for Vet Fest and or autism kits for Surprise public safety vehicles

### CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

### REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS - PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

### REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS - NON-PUBLIC HEARING:

#### **Item 1 - Consideration and action pertaining to the November 12, 2025 Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes.**

Vice-Chair Kent-Partridge moved to approve the November 12, 2025, Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Wisniewski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with 7 Yes votes.

**Item 2 – Citywide – Presentation and discussion pertaining to the topic “Why Community Support Matters” regarding healing trauma and reducing opioid harm, by the Arizona Trauma Institute.**

Dr. Robert Rhoton, with Arizona Trauma Institute, gave a presentation on the topic “Why Community Support Matters” regarding healing trauma and reducing opioid harm.

**Item 3 – Citywide – Discussion pertaining to event planning and logistics of the Vet Fest 2026.**

Commissioners discussed details and logistics of event planning for Vet Fest 2026.

**OTHER BUSINESS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- DDD to discuss upcoming updates
- DES to discuss their new presentation for medical and health care professionals regarding early intervention and developmental disabilities
- Discussion and possible action regarding VDHS Budget allocation
- Presentation from Brain Injury Association of Arizona
- Presentation from Teen Challenge
- Presentation from Turning Point, Faith

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice-Chair Kent Partridge moved to adjourn the meeting of the Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission on January 14, 2026, at 7:39 p.m. Commissioner Billcheck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with 7 votes.

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Seth Dyson  
Human Service & Community Vitality Director

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Michael Tree  
Veterans, Disability and Human Services Commission Chair

The foregoing instrument is a full, true, and correct copy of the original document on file in the office of the City Clerk, City of Surprise, Arizona.

ATTEST BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Victoria Simmons  
Administrative Specialist

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DRAFT



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**Veteran, Disability and Human Service**  
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Vitality  
Staff Recommendations: None

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Consent: No      Regular: Yes      Public Hearing: No      Report/Discussion: No

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**Agenda Wording:**

Presentation and discussion pertaining to Cycles of Kindness.

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**Motion:**

Presentation and discussion only.

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**Background:**

Cycles of Kindness will give a presentation on their current programming.

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**Objective Analysis:**

To promote quality of life, accessibility and equity for all residents of Surprise, including those who are veterans or who experience disabilities, through cooperation with Surprise residents and any veterans, disability and human service organizations that serve the residents of Surprise.

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**Policy Compliant:**

This item is compliant with City and Council policies.

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**Financial Impact:**

N/A

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**Budget Impact:**

N/A

**FTE Impact:**

N/A

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Welcome Intro Slide
  2. Welcome Intro Slide (portrait)
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**SURPRISE**

ARIZONA

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Staff Recommendations:

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Consent: No      Regular: Yes      Public Hearing: No      Report/Discussion: No

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**Agenda Wording:**

Presentation and discussion pertaining to Veterans Affinity.

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**Motion:**

Presentation and discussion only.

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**Background:**

Rick Kreiberg will give a presentation on the different resources and programs offered to veterans through Veterans Affinity.

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**Objective Analysis:**

To promote quality of life, accessibility and equity for all residents of Surprise, including those who are veterans or who experience disabilities, through cooperation with Surprise residents and any veterans, disability and human service organizations that serve the residents of Surprise.

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**Policy Compliant:**

This item is compliant with City and Council policies.

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**Financial Impact:**

N/A

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**Budget Impact:**

N/A

**FTE Impact:**

N/A

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Veterans Affinity-Surprise Presentation (15M)
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**ONE TEAM**



**ONE MISSION**

*We Minimize Barriers to Veterans' Care*

[veteransaffinity.org](http://veteransaffinity.org)



**VETERANS AFFINITY** is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) and our services are 100 percent **FREE**.

**MISSION:** To Help Veteran Seniors get the HEALTHCARE They Need and the BENEFITS They Have Earned.

**VISION:** To Collaborate with the Veterans Administration (VA) and Community Care Partners to Provide Our Veteran Seniors and their Families with Needed Care and Resources.



### Priority of Effort

- ❖ Housing
- ❖ Healthcare
- ❖ Benefits
- ❖ Honoring Veterans and their Families





## Advocating for Veterans



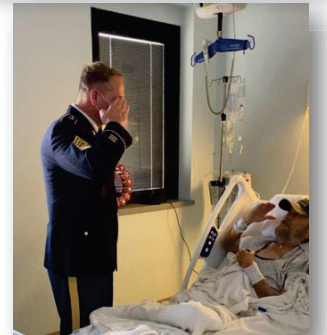
- ❖ Advocate for Veteran Seniors
- ❖ Provide Peer-to-Peer Counseling
- ❖ Conduct Activities for Veterans in Assisted Living Communities
- ❖ Host Coffee Hours & Townhalls Throughout Arizona



## Honoring Veterans



- ❖ Present Veteran Hats and “Pin” Military Insignia
- ❖ Reissue Awards and Decorations
- ❖ Conduct Welcome Home Ceremonies
- ❖ Final Salutes (Bedside)





# Welcome Home Ceremonies



*Honor - Respect  
Never Forget*



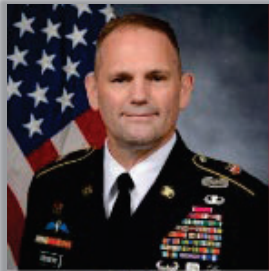
# How to Support

- ❖ Look Out For Each Other
- ❖ Share Your/Our Story
- ❖ Volunteer
- ❖ Google Reviews
- ❖ Donations





*One Team - One Mission*



## VETERANS AFFINITY

*We Minimize Barriers to Veterans' Care*

### **RICK KREIBERG**

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Staff Recommendations:

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Consent: No      Regular: Yes      Public Hearing: No      Report/Discussion: No

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**Agenda Wording:**

Presentation and discussion pertaining to Billy's Place.

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**Motion:**

Presentation and discussion only.

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**Background:**

Billy's Place will share more about their non-profit and their mission to help families.

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**Objective Analysis:**

To promote quality of life, accessibility and equity for all residents of Surprise, including those who are veterans or who experience disabilities, through cooperation with Surprise residents and any veterans, disability and human service organizations that serve the residents of Surprise.

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**Policy Compliant:**

This item is compliant with City and Council policies.

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**Financial Impact:**

N/A

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**Budget Impact:**

N/A

**FTE Impact:**

N/A

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Billy's Place Presentation
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## City of Surprise





## OUR VISION

Our vision is a community where kids and families feel safe expressing their grief without judgment.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide a safe community and support system to assist kids and families on their grief journey.



## Our Brand Story

Billy's Place brings comfort and companionship to kids and families experiencing grief - no matter where they are on their journey. We help families rediscover moments of happiness, without guilt. We nurture these moments as signs of hope for more promising days ahead.

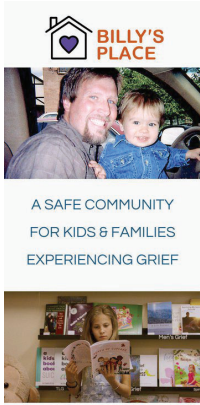
We see people for who they are - people with complex and beautiful identities beyond the grief. We don't see widows or kids who have lost a parent, we see Emily, and Jack, and Billy. We see people like us.

Billy's Place feels like home for kids and families experiencing grief - where they can be their most honest selves, surrounded by a community of support. We are not clinical, rather we are remarkably ordinary.

We welcome all kids and families who have experienced the loss of someone special to find community and peer support at Billy's Place - a safe community created for them and by them.

**A safe community  
for kids and families  
experiencing grief.**



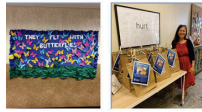


A SAFE COMMUNITY FOR KIDS & FAMILIES EXPERIENCING GRIEF



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**BILLY'S PLACE**  
A SAFE COMMUNITY FOR KIDS & FAMILIES EXPERIENCING GRIEF



GRIEF INFORMED SCHOOLS (GIS)  
Outreach and training program to equip schools with grief resources and skills to support grieving students.

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**#bethere**

**GRIEF INFORMED SCHOOLS TRAINING (GIS)**  
This comprehensive grief training teaches the grief educator to staff and how to use Billy's Place curriculum to facilitate peer support groups within schools.

**GRIEF SENSITIVE SCHOOL INITIATIVE (GSSI)**  
With our partner, New York Life, we offer each school the opportunity to receive a \$500 grant for participating in a virtual presentation to learn about the resources available for kids' grief and its effect on learning.

**CHILDREN AND TEENS GRIEF AWARENESS MONTH (CTGAM)**  
During November, we support schools through our GRIEF awareness campaign. The goal is to raise awareness for children's grief and show students how to #bethere for a grieving friend. We partner with schools to provide support through activities, letters, posters, and other items.

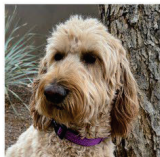
**GRIEF RESOURCE CENTER**  
We have compiled an extensive grief resource center where we can help you locate services to support your students. From book lists to handouts and more!

**CONTACT US**  
Karina Nelson, Koppen, Harbridge and Kristi Hunter  
School Development/Outreach  
Schools@billyspplace.me

Billy's Place is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency fully supported by donations, fundraising events, and grants. Billy's Place is an AZ Charitable Tax Credit Organization meaning donations up to \$420 annually (\$500 for jointly owned tax returns) can be claimed on AZ state tax return.



**About Us**  
Non-clinical  
No cost to participants  
Serve ages 4 and Up  
Grief Resource Center  
Peer support  
Remembrance events  
Virtual and in-person groups  
Grief Informed Schools



**our amazing team**

JULI/ KRIS/ MELODY/ KRISTI/ KAYLENE  
KARINA/ DEE/ SHANNON/ NETTY/ KARA  
MOOSE

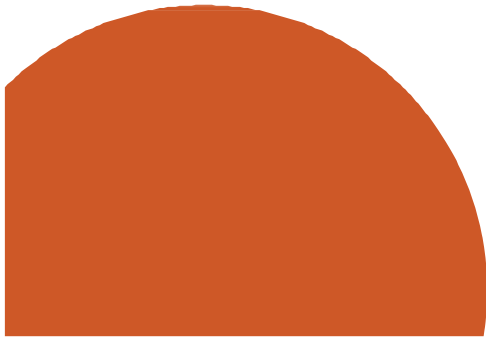


PLACE



# “Billy’s Place allowed me to go from Broken to Hopeful to Providing Hope”

*Quote from Billy’s Place former family and current volunteer*



## Data and the Cost Of Inaction

**Arizona Report 2025**

Childhood bereavement is a critical issue and an increasingly important national priority.

The Childhood Bereavement Estimation Model® (CBEM) approximates rates of bereavement for U.S. youth. Results from the CBEM are updated annually using vital statistics\* from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.\* The 2025 report reflects 2019 to 2023 data, the five most recent years available.

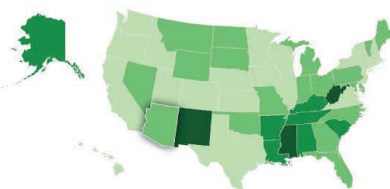
**1 in 10**  
Arizona children will experience the death of a parent or sibling by age 18

**10.0% ~ 160K** children will be bereaved by age 18  
**HIGHER** than national rate of 8.9%

**& MORE THAN DOUBLES**

**378K** youth will be bereaved by age 25

### Childhood Bereavement Rates by State\*



**18<sup>TH</sup>**  
CBEM RANKING BY STATE\*

**KEY**  
6.8% - 8.7%  
8.8% - 10.5%  
10.6% - 12.4%  
12.5% - 14.2%

\*Bereavement due to parent or sibling death by age 18.

### Relationship to the Deceased

The CBEM provides independent estimates of the percentage and number of youth ages 0-17 who will experience the death of a parent or sibling.

Relationship	Percentage	Number of Youth
Sibling	1.4%	23K
Parent	8.7%	139K
Sibling	1.3%	963K
Parent	7.6%	5.5M

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**Arizona Report 2025**

**CBEM Leading Cause of Death**

The CBEM can produce bereavement estimates by cause of death. The tables below reflect the percentages of all bereaved children who will experience bereavement due to the leading causes of death for youth and adults, respectively.

Death of a Sibling (Ages 0 - 17)		Death of a Parent (Ages 26 - 45)	
Cause of Death	Percentage of Bereaved Children*	Cause of Death	Percentage of Bereaved Children*
Conditions Related to Birth	28.5%	Accidents	37.0%
Accidents	19.2%	Suicide	10.4%
Birth Defects	15.0%	Cancer	7.5%
Homicide	5.1%	Heart Disease	6.5%
Suicide	4.8%	COVID-19	6.2%

\*The percentage of bereaved children for a specific cause of death is calculated by dividing the number of children who will experience bereavement due to that cause by the number of all bereaved children.

**Cost of Inaction**

The death of a parent, sibling, or other important person in a child's life is one of the most frequently reported disruptive childhood experiences\* and without appropriate support, can adversely affect lifelong health and well-being.\* The findings below represent research about the impact of bereavement in the U.S. and abroad.

- 97% of teachers** believe grief adversely impacts learning.\*
- Bereaved children are **2x MORE LIKELY** to experience significant challenges at home.\*
- 1 in 4 youth** who die by suicide were bereaved.\*
- Bereaved youth are **175% MORE LIKELY** to develop Substance Use Disorder in adulthood.\*

### Call to Action

Projected CBEM results can help center childhood bereavement as a public health priority. States have the power to enact change locally. For example, Utah added a checkbox on death certificates to identify children who lost a caregiver and connect them with resources, while New Jersey passed legislation mandating grief education for students in grades 9 through 12. Together, we can ensure that comprehensive grief care becomes universally available.

To learn more about nationally available resources, visit [judithouse.org/essential-services](https://judithouse.org/essential-services).

### Sources

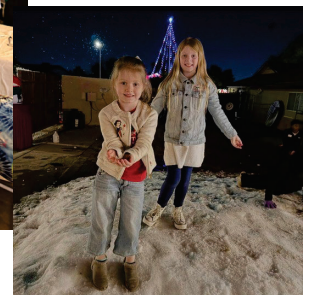
To access the reference material used in this report, please visit [judithouse.org/2025-CBEM-sources](https://judithouse.org/2025-CBEM-sources).



\*For more info about the CBEM and additional data and materials, visit [judithouse.org/CBEM](https://judithouse.org/CBEM).

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# In person support groups



Events

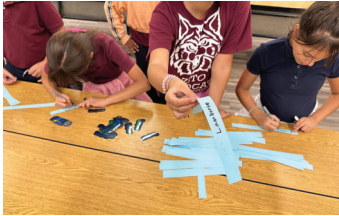




Grief Informed School Training



Grief Informed School Training  
AZ Social Work Conference



Children and  
Teens Grief  
Awareness Month  
#bethere



BILLY'S PLACE

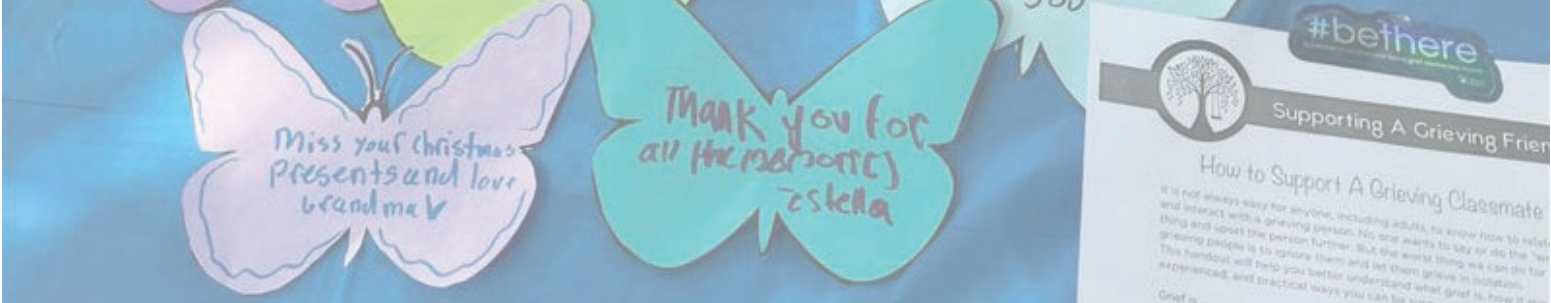
## In Loving Memory License Plate

Now available via AZ MDV

# Q and A



# Thank you



Kaylene Ashbridge  
School Bereavement Liaison  
schools@billysplace.me

Kris Friedman  
Executive Director  
Kris@billysplace.me





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Staff Recommendations:

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Consent: No      Regular: Yes      Public Hearing: No      Report/Discussion: No

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**Agenda Wording:**

Discussion and possible action pertaining to the reallocation of the Veteran, Disability & Human Services Commission budget.

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**Motion:**

I move to reallocate the Veteran, Disability & Human Services Commission budget to support upcoming initiatives.

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**Background:**

There has been discussion about reallocating the FY26 Veteran, Disability & Human Services Commission budget to support upcoming events or initiatives like Vet Fest 2026 or Autism Kits for Surprise Public Safety vehicles.

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**Objective Analysis:**

To provide an update on the VDHS budget and give the commission an opportunity to reallocate funds for upcoming projects.

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**Policy Compliant:**

This item is City and Council compliant.

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**Financial Impact:**

If approved, this item will reallocate some of the commission's previously Council-approved budget towards upcoming events or projects.

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**Budget Impact:**

If approved, this item will reallocate some of the commission's previously Council-approved budget towards upcoming events or projects.

**FTE Impact:**

There is no FTE impact associated with this item.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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Consent: No      Regular: Yes      Public Hearing: No      Report/Discussion: No

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**Agenda Wording:**

Discussion pertaining to the event planning details of Vet Fest 2026.

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**Motion:**

Discussion only.

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**Background:**

The commission will discuss logistics surrounding the 3rd annual Surprise Vet Fest. The discussion will include details on the event planning in order to make the event a success.

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**Objective Analysis:**

To promote quality of life, accessibility and equity for all residents of Surprise, including those who are veterans or who experience disabilities, through cooperation with Surprise residents and any veterans, disability and human service organizations that serve the residents of Surprise.

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**Policy Compliant:**

This item is compliant with City and Council policies.

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**Financial Impact:**

N/A

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**Budget Impact:**

N/A

**FTE Impact:**

N/A

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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