



**Arizona Industries for the Blind**

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## **NEWS Release**

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### **Blind Employees Distributing Free Multivitamins With Folic Acid to People in Arizona Who Can Get Pregnant**

*Phoenix, AZ* - Arizona Industries for the Blind (AIB) has shipped more than 5,000 multivitamins with folic acid to people in Arizona in less than four weeks, clearing a year long backlog. The partnership between AIB and Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), Bureau of Nutrition and Physical Activity (BNPA) create and sustain careers for Arizonans who are blind or visually impaired.

AIB's Supply Chain Management/Third Party Logistics operation provides world-class fulfillment services to State/Federal agencies and commercial customers, while helping to solve the 70% unemployment rate for Americans who are blind or visually impaired. The distribution center (DC) team members in Phoenix will receive, store, kit materials from BNPA, and ship items to individuals and partners throughout the state.

"Every day, AIB demonstrates that with the right training, right technology and right attitude, people who are blind are successful in the workplace," says David Steinmetz, Community and Public Relations Manager.

Through the Arizona Department of Health Services, the PowerMeA2Z folic acid program provides free multivitamins with folic acid to people in Arizona who can get pregnant to help prevent birth defects during pregnancy. Power Me A2Z also provides information and resources on healthy living.

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### **About Arizona Industries for the Blind**

Arizona Industries for the Blind (AIB) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating employment opportunities for people who are blind. Its employees, more than half of whom are blind, deliver a variety of products and services, including a full-service Warehousing and Distribution Center, confidential Digital Data Scan (DDS) services for private businesses and government, and the operation of Base Supply Centers located at each of Arizona's three military bases under the umbrella of the U.S. Department of Labor's [AbilityOne](#) program.

### **About Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Nutrition and Physical Activity**

The Bureau of Nutrition and Physical Activity is located in the Prevention Health Services Division at the Arizona Department of Health Services. The Bureau's vision is 'evolving Arizona's prevention systems to support the whole person, and every person in the community.' The mission is to remove barriers and create pathways utilizing the guiding principles of eating for wellbeing and life-enhancing movement, while working to improve access to support, safety, and belonging. Values include being community and participant centered, inclusive, providing respectful care, fostering collective growth, having integrity, and driving innovation.