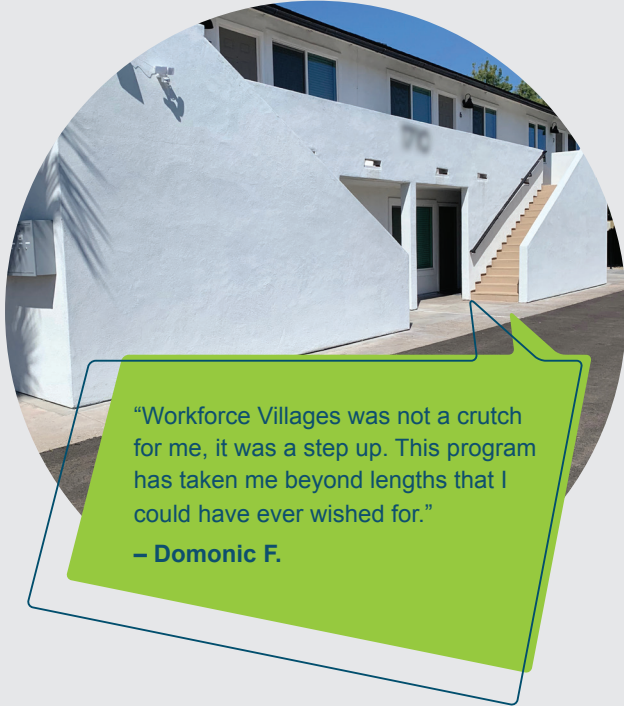




**St. Joseph**  
THE WORKER

# Workforce Villages

Employment-First Transitional Housing



## Pathways to Housing Security

The Workforce Villages Program provides individuals an opportunity to save the majority of their income in their own bank account. This 12-week program educates and empowers clients to find stable, long-term housing with a lease in their name upon graduation of the program.

## Eligibility & Requirements

- Full-Time Direct Hire Employment  
*(\$17hr+, 35-40hrs per wk, 45 days on job, No staffing)*
- Save 70-80% of net earnings per pay period
- Meet weekly with a Workforce Villages Specialist
- Some felonies accepted *(subject to review)*
- New Open Eviction Program  
*(\$19hr+, 3 months on job and no felony convictions. See FAQ on reverse for additional information for more details)*

## Services

-  90-Day Transitional Housing
-  Personal Finance 101 Class
-  Credit Consultation and Review
-  Weekly One-on-One Meetings
-  Food Budgeting and Meal Planning
-  9 Months of Ongoing Support After Moving In



**Apply Today!**



St. Joseph the Worker is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit focused on connecting disadvantaged individuals to quality employment by removing barriers to self-sufficiency.

(602) 755-JOBS (5627)  
sjwjobs.org  
workforcevillages@sjwjobs.org

## **Workforce Villages FAQ**

### **Once a client applies for the program, how can they follow up on the status of their application?**

Call (602) 755-JOBS(5627) or email [workforcevillages@sjwjobs.org](mailto:workforcevillages@sjwjobs.org)

### **How long does it take for a client to be contacted after submitting an online application?**

A Workforce Village Specialist will call the client on the number provided within 2 business days to review your application.

### **Once a client gets into the program, are they allowed to have visitors?**

No visitors are allowed, including pets and children.

### **Where are the Workforce Villages locations?**

Locations are in various parts of Phoenix and accessible by freeway and public transportation lines. 2 clients are housed in 2 bedroom apartments, each having their own bedroom, shared living space and fully stocked kitchen to prepare meals.

### **Are families accepted into this program?**

Only adult individuals are accepted into this program.

### **Tell me more about how the WV program helps pay off open evictions?**

Currently, because of our partnership with the City of Phoenix, we offer a unique program where we can accept open evictions with the goal of satisfying *and* sealing the eviction. The client is responsible for paying 2/3 of the eviction and SJW will pay 1/3. The landlord/debt holder must be receptive to settlement of the maximum payout that allows the debt to be satisfied and the client being able to save \$4,000\* to make a successful exit into their own apartment. This process will also require the debt holder to take direct payments. All documentation and approval must be obtained prior to program entry. The settlement of the debt will occur during the first 6 weeks of the program with the savings in the following 6 weeks. Please contact Daren Strunk at (602)810-0376 with any questions about eligibility or qualifications.

\*While this is \$500 less than our WV goal of \$4,500 in savings it allows us to keep our wage requirement for entry under \$20hr.

### **What type of felonies are accepted?**

Currently, we only allow drug and alcohol related felony convictions. Convictions for violence, arson, theft, and sex offenses are not currently accepted. Please note 12 months of sobriety is the program minimum.

### **What other reasons would cause a client to be denied?**

A client may also be denied because of excessive debt that prevents their ability to save \$4,500. We also only accept direct hire employment meaning any temp to hire staffing, event based or app based employment is not accepted. We are also not the right fit for those in early recovery as other transitional housing programs like sober living are a better option for long term success. If a client is denied, they will be sent a denial email from the Program Manager and offered other community referrals that may work best for their situation.