



Newsletter

Celebrating Social Work Month by Highlighting Resources

Dear Friend,

Happy Social Work, and Women’s History Month everyone! In an effort to combine a celebration of both, I would like to recognize Jane Addams whose contributions shaped the field of social work as it is practiced today. She founded Hull House in Chicago in 1889, which acted as a settlement house that brought various social services and supports to the surrounding community through its residents. Members of the house worked to provide refuge to the surrounding community members and advance social justice efforts through legislative advocacy at the state and federal levels surrounding child labor, women’s suffrage, immigration reform, and healthcare reform.

Session Updates



Here’s a sneak peek at some of my bills that have made it out of committee thus far:

- [SB 1826](#) would increase protections against elder abuse by amending the Adult Protective Services Act to include that any person may report information about a suspicious death of an older adult.
- [SB 2034](#) creates the Zachary’s Parent Protection Act and provides extended bereavement leave to employees who have lost a child to suicide or homicide.
- [SB1497](#) which prevents nursing homes from inappropriately using psychotropics as a chemical restraint to the detriment of the resident and clarifies language around the need for positioning devices.

Illinois Homeowner Assistance Fund Extended Deadline

Behind on your mortgage due to COVID-19? The Illinois Homeowner Assistance Fund extended the deadline to apply by an additional 3 months. The program will cover up to \$60,000 in delinquent mortgage payments and won’t close until April 30th, 2023. Eligibility requirements include being 30+ days behind on your mortgage, having the IL home as your primary residence, having experienced financial hardship after 1/21/20 due to COVID-19, and having a household income of 150% or below the area median income. If you’re struggling with your mortgage visit [here](#) for more

ILLINOIS HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND

Opens: November 1st

Provides Mortgage Assistance of up to \$60,000

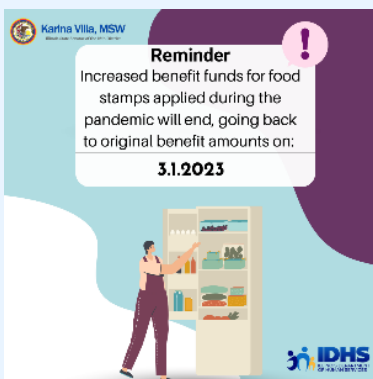
Eligibility Requirements:

- Experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 after 1/21/20
- Must occupy Illinois home as their primary residence
- Be at least 30 days or more behind on mortgage payments
- And
- Have a household income at or below 150% of the area median income

For more information visit www.illinoisahf.org or call my office at (312) 326-9319

information and to begin the application process. If you have any further questions or need assistance filling out the application please call my office at (630)326-9319 or email constituentservices@senatorvilla.com.

SNAP Allotment Decrease Effective This Month



The federal government moves to end emergency pandemic increases to SNAP that were received through COVID-19, and Illinois SNAP users will see this change reflected in their SNAP allotments this month. Our office understands that while the emergency pandemic period has passed, the cost of inflation is still affecting constituents across our district in their ability to access food for their families. If anyone is facing food insecurity, increased stress or worry about feeding themselves and/or their families we encourage you to give our office a call (630)326-9319, shoot us a text (331)465-9690 or send us an email to constituentservices@senatorvilla.com. Our office will work to connect you with local food resources that are accessible to you.

WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Information

Our office encourages families facing food insecurity that are either pregnant with a baby or have children under the age of 5 to apply for WIC. This supplemental nutrition program ensures access to basic healthy foods through monthly allotments in all necessary nutritional food groups. If you qualify for SNAP and are a pregnant mother, a new mother or have young children under the age of 5 you will automatically qualify for WIC. Here are places in each of our counties that can assist with the completion of WIC applications:

❖ Kane County:

- VNA Health Center // Address: 400 N Highland Ave, Aurora, IL, 60506 // (630) 892-4720
- Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center // 2124 Ogden Ave, Aurora, IL, 60504 // (630) 859-6557
- Greater Family Health // 373 Summit st, Ste 300, Elgin, IL, 60120 // (844) 599-3700
- Well Child Center (Villa) // 801 Villa Street, Elgin, IL 60120 // (630) 482-8103

❖ Dupage County:

- Dupage County Health Department // 245 W Roosevelt Rd, Bldg. 14, Ste. 146, West Chicago, IL 60185 // (630)682-7400

❖ Cook County

- CEDA WIC // 1515 W Lake St, Floor 2, Hanover Park, IL, 60133 // (630) 289-3800



Batavia Chamber of Commerce: Inspire Scholarships

Batavia Chamber of Commerce has officially opened their scholarship applications for Batavia High School Seniors. Applications are open until 3/31/23 and more information and the application can be found [here](#). A total of 4 scholarships, each of \$1,000 will be issued in the following categories: Inspiring Entrepreneurship, Inspiring Women in Business, Inspiring Career and Technical Achievers and Inspiring Contributor to a Batavia Chamber Business.



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Use Your Voice, Take Our District Survey!

To better acquaint ourselves with the needs of our new district, we encourage those within it to take our [District Survey](#). My office has crafted this tool to hear from you regarding your views on the needs of the community you live in, as you serve as the expert of this experience. Our office will in turn use the responses we receive to best formulate a plan tailored to your needs from the feedback we receive from you. You can access the full survey [Here!](#)

Looking for Grant Opportunities? Visit [here](#).

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Our office partners with State Representative Maura Hirschauer and co-runs four advisory committees: Environmental and Agriculture, Mental Health, Seniors, and Education. These committees are a limited public forum led by volunteer chairs and seek to create compassionate conversation among the voices of the 25th/49th districts in order to give effective representation. To join these committees you can email the following for more information and meeting information:

- Environment/ 4th Thursday at 7pm / environment.49th@gmail.com
- Mental Health / 3rd Tuesday at 6pm / mentalhealth.25th@gmail.com
 - Seniors / 2nd Friday at 10am / seniors.25th@gmail.com
 - Education / 2nd Thursday at 7pm / education.49th@gmail.com

My staff and I look forward to hearing from you. I encourage you to reach out to us at 630-326-9319 (English), 630-326-9419 (Spanish) or constituentservices@senatorvilla.com. Textline is (331)465-9690.

Be well!

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