




Newsletter

What's Blooming in Session this Month

Dear Friend,

We've finally made it to the May flowers after enduring the April showers. What is blooming for you this Spring? I have some bills from the House that I'm currently working to bring into bloom. Read on to learn more about these pieces of legislation, as well as some grants to help further grow nonprofit organizations.

Legislative Update



The last time we spoke, I had just inherited House Bills to carry in the Senate. After my successes with Senate Bills moving to the House chamber, I was ready to tackle House legislation. Here's an update on some House Bills I'm carrying and currently working to move in the Senate:

- ❖ [HB1363](#): enhances protections for workers from gender-related violence in the workplace and ensures employers provide training regarding gender-related violence, and investigates any complaints from employees regarding it.
- ❖ [HB1557](#): Requires music venues to have a staff member trained in the administration of Narcan and to be stationed around the perimeter of the venue to prevent overdoses while protecting the administrator from liability when acting in good faith.
- ❖ [HB3116](#): Requires school boards to set up a training once every two years for all school personnel to educate them on how to spot homelessness within students, and properly refer them for resources.
- ❖ [HB1166](#): Ensures entities bidding on state contracts have their Equal Pay Certification in the 2 prior calendar years before applying for the bid, and makes the list of entities holding their Equal Pay Certification publicly available.

May is Mental Health Month, What Resources are Available Near You?

Anyone experiencing a mental health crisis across the state is encouraged to call 988 to be connected to crisis services.

Kane:

- Northern Kane County Crisis Line (Mental Health Emergencies): (847) 697-2380
- Southern Kane County Crisis Line (Mental Health Emergencies): (630) 966-9393
- NAMI Kane County Referral Line (Mental Health Resources): (630) 896-6264 (M-F 8am-5pm)

Dupage:

- DuPage County Health Department Crisis Line (for mental health emergencies): (630) 627-1700
- NAMI DuPage Referral Line (Mental Health Resources): (630) 752-0066 (M-F 9am-5pm)

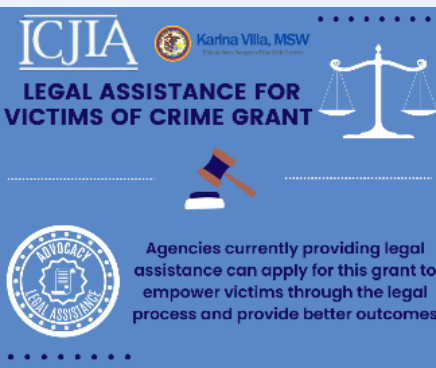


Suburban Cook:

- NAMI Cook County North Suburban (Crisis and Mental Health Resources): (847) 716-2252 on M-F from 8 am-5 pm
- C4: Community Counseling Centers of Chicago (Crisis Line): (773) 769-0205
- Hanover Township Mental Health Board (Mental Health Resources): (630) 837-0301 on M-F from 8:30 am-4:30 pm

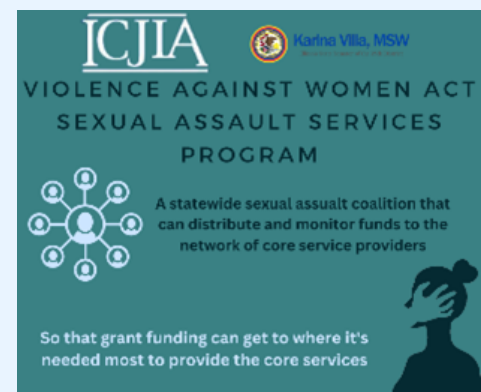
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority: Legal Assistance for Crime Victims Grant

The following NOFO is available to public agencies or nonprofits that specialize in providing pro bono legal services. Studies have found that victims who received legal assistance had a lower chance of revictimization by their intimate partner and improved independence. This grant is in an effort to expand the network of agencies providing legal assistance to these victims. The deadline to apply is May 15th, 2023 by 5pm and more information and the application can be found [here](#).



ICJIA: Violence Against Women Sexual Assault Services Grant

The following NOFO is available for a sexual assault coalition that has a statewide network of providers. This grant will allow the grantee to connect and distribute subgrants to core providers in their network and conduct structured monitoring of all subgrantees to ensure parameters and core services are being met. The deadline to apply is May 12th, 2023 by 5pm, and more information can be found [here](#).



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IDHS Firearm Violence Prevention Technical Assistance Provider



The Illinois Department of Human Services is looking for Violence Prevention Technical Assistance Providers to apply as a designated entity to provide training for nonprofit organizations that are being awarded Firearm Violence Prevention Grants. Technical Assistance providers will be responsible for gathering with the grantees to gauge their current understanding of working in violence prevention and to give training based on where the organizations could grow more knowledge. The trainings would surround violence prevention services itself, management of violence prevention professionals, understanding referral services, and capacity building such as technical assistance or grant management. Technical Assistance Providers will be paid via the nonprofit organizations they consult on these services. For more information and to apply [click here](#).

Senior Scam Presentation

The Bethany Senior Advocacy Team will be holding a Scam and Fraud Prevention Seminar on May 13th, 2023 from 9 am-12 pm with doors opening at 8:30 am. Keynote Speaker will be Kane County State's, Attorney Jamie Mosser. Join the fun next Saturday to learn more about how to prevent scams and fraud from affecting you. Refreshments will be served and a raffle will take place.



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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 (331)465-9690 constituentservices@senatorvilla.com.

Be well!

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