



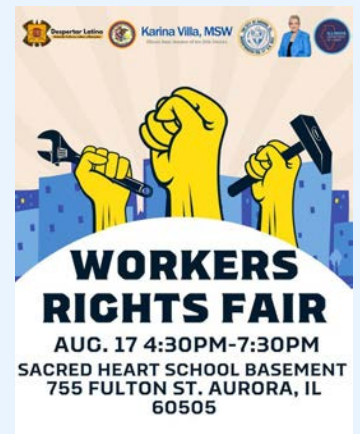
Farewells, Fairs and Professional and Employment Resources!

Join me in congratulating my office’s summer interns for their amazing work the past eight weeks! Coming up, my office is hosting a Workers’ Rights Fair to empower our community. Additionally, I have exciting state and community resources to share with you about professional development, employment, and more. Read about this below!

Workers’ Rights Fair

Join us on Saturday, August 17 for our [Workers’ Rights Fair](#). The event will include a presentation on workers’ rights in Illinois and the Deferred Action for Labor Enforcement Program, DALE, which protects undocumented and non-citizen workers from retaliation after they experience or witness labor rights violations. The event will also provide residents with updates on recently passed workers’ rights legislation.

The fair will be held at Sacred Heart Church’s School Basement located at 755 Fulton in Aurora from 4:30-7:30 p.m. For more information, call our Aurora office at 331-465-9690. Hope to see you there!



Paid Leave for All Workers Act Presentation: What Workers Should Know

On Tuesday, August 20, the Illinois Department of Labor will be hosting an informational presentation on the Paid Leave for All Workers Act via Facebook Live at 6 p.m. The presentation will be in Spanish. Learn about who is covered by the law, workers’ rights under the law, how to use the paid leave and other frequently asked questions. Visit the IDL’s Facebook for more information and to join the live stream: <https://www.facebook.com/events/3729635937298225/>.



Farewell to our Summer Interns!

Each summer, my office hosts an internship program for high school students that are interested in community involvement and public service. This year, my office had the pleasure of hosting eight extraordinary students who developed our first ever Youth Financial Fiesta and worked tirelessly on researching and presenting their legislative idea that discussed the impact of facial recognition technology in schools!



I want to thank each of them for the time they dedicated to serving the residents of the 25th District. Thank you Viraj, Carlos, Jheel, Alisa, Ruby, Daisy, Mirell and Moeiz for all of your hard work! You are incredible young adults and I can't wait to see your bright futures unfold! Applications for our 2025 Summer Internship Program will open Spring 2025. Stay on the lookout for updates!

Books for Scoops 2024

Thank you to everyone who came out to our annual Books for Scoops Events this past week. My team had a blast learning about our students favorite books! *How to Say Hello to a Worm* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* were the most popular reads across the 25th District. Can't wait to see you all again next year!



Legislative Update

Last Friday, my initiative establishing the Language Equity and Access Act was signed into law! This law creates a partnership between the Governor's Office of New Americans and the Illinois Department of Human Services that will create a language needs assessment and support state agencies in the development of language accessibility plans to ensure access to information, programs, services and activities to all Illinois residents, regardless of their proficiency in English. If you have any questions, call my Springfield office at 217-782-0471.



State and Local Resources

New Online Applications for Professional Licensure!

Starting August 12, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation will make the following applications for professional licensure available online:

Licensed Social Workers (LSW), Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors (LCPC).

Visit [eLicense Online \(micropact.com\)](https://online-ifpr.micropact.com) to complete and submit your application. Be sure to reference IDFPR's [application checklist](#) before submitting your application to help ensure your are approved without delay!



College of DuPage Adult Education Classes

The College of DuPage is offering free English classes through their English Language Acquisition Program in Hanover Park at Spring Wood Middle School located at 5540 Arlington Dr. East! Individuals who are interested must first take the placement test on Wednesday, Aug 14 at 6:30 p.m. to register. Classes will meet at the middle school Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:55 p.m. starting on Monday, Aug. 19. For more information, call 630-942-3697 or visit COD's [website](#).



The College of DuPage is also offering GED classes in Spanish during the fall! Interested individuals must first take a placement test before registering. Classes are held every Monday and Wednesday starting August 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Berg Instructional Center located at 425 Fawell Blvd. in Glen Ellyn. For more information, call 630-942-3697 or visit COD's [website](#).

OSFM Small Equipment Grant Program

The Office of the State Fire Marshal has opened their applications for their Small Equipment Grant Program. The program provides grants up to \$26,000 to eligible fire departments and ambulance services for purchasing small firefighting and ambulance equipment. Applications should be submitted electronically or postmarked by Oct. 1. Review the eligibility requirements [here](#). View the application [here](#).

Our office 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 in order to provide effective representation. To join these committees you can email the following for more information and meeting information:

- Environment / 1st Wednesday at 7pm / environment.25th@gmail.com
- Mental Health / 3rd Tuesday at 6pm / mentalhealth.25th@gmail.com
- Seniors / 2nd Thursday at 10am / seniors.25th@gmail.com
- Education / 2nd Thursday at 7pm / education.25th@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.

Stay in Touch! Follow us on Social Media: [Facebook: @StateSenatorKVilla](#), [Instagram: @SenatorKarinaVilla](#).

Be well!

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