




Newsletter

Medicare open enrollment is here, be prepared!

Happy Halloween! October has been a busy month in the 25th District. It was great connecting with families, students and professionals in our community at various events. Read on for important information on upcoming Medicare events, updates, resources and district news.

Medicare Workshops

My office will be hosting three Medicare workshops in November across the 25th District to assist our residents with Medicare open enrollment. The three workshops will provide useful information on Medicare open enrollment and the different health and drug plan options. The workshops in Aurora and Bartlett will be held in **English and Spanish** and the West Chicago workshop will be held in **Spanish only**.

The first workshop will be held on **Monday, Nov. 4** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Jennings Terrace located at 275 S. LaSalle St. in Aurora. The workshop in Bartlett will be held on **Thursday, Nov. 7** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hanover Township Senior Center located at 240 Illinois Route 59. The West Chicago workshop will be held on **Thursday, Nov. 7** from 1-4 p.m. at the Wayne Township Senior Center located at 27W031 North Ave.

The events will simplify and inform individuals about the Medicare process and will not be used to sell any plans. This year's open enrollment period began on Oct. 15 and runs through Dec. 7. To explore your Medicare coverage options, visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov).

For more information, contact my West Chicago Office at 630-326-9319 for English or 630-326-9419 for Spanish, or call my Aurora Office bilingual line at 331-465-9690.



Know Your Rights for Tenants

Thank you to everyone who came out to our two tenants' rights workshops earlier this month. The event connected many families with valuable resources for renting and informed them on their rights under the Landlord Retaliation Act, which is a law I passed earlier this year that goes into effect on Jan. 1. Thank you to our partners the [Chicago Coalition to end Homelessness](#), [HOPE Fair Housing Center](#), [Prairie State Legal Services](#) and [Community Organizing and Family Issues \(COFI\)](#) for supporting our community with this event. If you missed the workshops, contact my office with any questions you may have on tenants rights at 630-326-9319 or 331-465-9690.



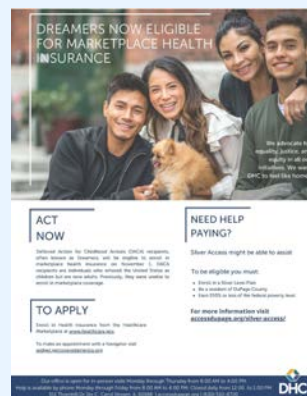
WCPLD's Annual Trunk or Treat

My team and I had a blast at the Trunk or Treat Event hosted by the West Chicago Public Library District! We saw the coolest costumes, gave out tons of candy, and I had the most difficult job of all: judging the best costume at the event. Thank you to my interns for creating an amazing Beetlejuice themed trunk!

State and Local Resources

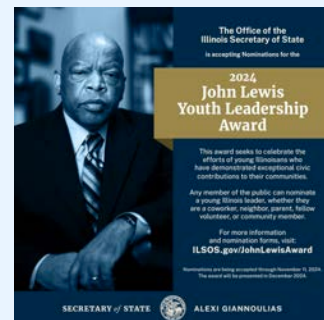
State Marketplace Insurance Open for DACA Recipients

Starting on Nov. 1, DACA recipients will be eligible to enroll in marketplace health insurance under the Affordable Care Act for the first time as open enrollment begins. DACA recipients will be able to enroll through Jan. 15. Apply for coverage at [HealthCare.gov](#). If you are a resident of DuPage County, you may be eligible to receive assistance with insurance payments through the DuPage Health Coalition's Silver Access ACA Premium Assistance Program. Check if you qualify by visiting their [website](#).



2024 John Lewis Youth Leadership Award

The Illinois Secretary of State's office is accepting applications for the 2024 John Lewis Youth Leadership Award. The award honors young Illinoisans who have made exceptional contributions to their communities. Any member of the public can nominate a young Illinois leader aged 18-25, whether they are a student, coworker, neighbor, parent, fellow volunteer or community member. Interested applicants or nominators can access the application at www.ilsos.gov/JohnLewisAward.



COFI is Hiring!

Community Organizing and Family Services is hiring two Bilingual Community Organizers to serve in Kane County and Chicago. COFI is an organizing center that supports parents living in underserved communities of color. To apply, visit their [website](#). Two years of experience as an organizer is preferred but not required. Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume and job application. To view the full job description, [click here](#).

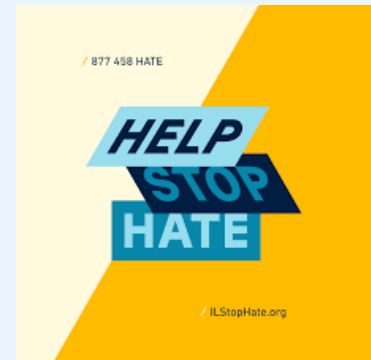
LIHEAP Applications Now Open

Low Income Energy Assistance Program applications are now open! The program provides income eligible families with assistance with their utility bill. Funding is available now for seniors, people with disabilities and families with children under age 6. All other income-eligible households can apply starting Nov. 1. Find out if you're eligible and apply today by visiting [HelpIllinoisFamilies.com](https://www.helpillinoisfamilies.com).



Help Stop Hate

Illinois has launched Help Stop Hate, a service that provides support and resources to people affected by hate. The launch will be followed by a multilingual campaign to support access to the service for communities most frequently targeted by hate, including Black Americans, Latinos, Arab Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, LGBTQIA+ people, religious minorities, immigrants and refugees, and people with disabilities. Reports can be made anonymously by calling (877) 458-4283, or (877) 458-HATE, Monday to Friday from 12-9 PM or online at any time by visiting [ILStopHate.org](https://www.ILStopHate.org). For individuals who want to report a hate crime to law enforcement immediately or who are in imminent danger, please call 911. For more information on Help Stop Hate, please visit [ILStopHate.org](https://www.ILStopHate.org).



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](https://www.facebook.com/StateSenatorKVilla), [Instagram: @SenatorKarinaVilla](https://www.instagram.com/SenatorKarinaVilla).

Be well!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karina Villa".

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State Senator, 25th District