



IL State Senator Karina Villa



IL 25TH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Hello friends & neighbors,

April is National child abuse awareness month, a topic near and dear to my heart. After all, it was my work as a school social worker that led me to run for the state offices I have held, first as state representative and now as your state senator.

COVID-19 has taken a particular toll on children as remote learning over the last year has not only impacted learning, it has prevented teachers from developing the kinds of relationships that allow abused children to share, with a trusted adult, the situation at home. Maybe you know a child in a compromised situation, or maybe you are in a situation where you feel out of control. This week's newsletter will give you resources to help.

Call the confidential 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline at **800-25-ABUSE (800-252-2873)** if you suspect that a child has been harmed or is at risk of being harmed by abuse or neglect. If you believe a child is in immediate danger of harm, call **911** first.

In non-emergency situations, *anyone may report suspected child abuse or neglect using the new [Online Reporting System](#).*

Small Business Relief Update

The U.S. Senate voted to extend the deadline for the PPP until May 31st from the previous March 31st deadline. Great news if you did not apply, be sure to apply now. You can learn more, including getting a "second draw" here:

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/covid-19-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>

In-District

Our office is currently collaborating with St. Andrews Church to hold a mass vaccination event on April 5th where we will distribute 1,000 vaccines to residents. If you, or someone you know struggles with on-line registration or wants more information, please contact my Constituent Services Liaison, Sammy, at ConstituentServices@senatorvilla.com. I will also be utilizing my legislative spring break to further forge connections within my district, and I look forward to meeting with some of you!

What's Next?

The Senior Advisory Committee will be meeting next week, along with the Education Advisory Committee, please contact us for a link!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office for assistance. You can reach us at info@senatorvilla.com or by phone 630-326-9319 (English) or 630-326-9419 (Spanish).

Warm regards,

Karina Villa, MSW
State Senator, 25th District