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State Senator  
**LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS**  
Your District 38 Update



## Upcoming Events

# Student Voices in Racial Equity Town Hall

with Senator Lindsey M. Williams



Sign up to speak at this Town Hall on August 13 at 6 PM.

<https://www.senatorlindseywilliams.com/racialequity/>

This Thursday at 6pm, Senator Williams will host a Student Voices in Racial Equity Town Hall as part of a larger conversation about race and equity. This forum will be an opportunity for students to speak about their personal experiences in schools, the curriculum they've been taught, and how we can do better in Pennsylvania. Students are welcome to speak on Zoom with their cameras on or off or submit their written testimony anonymously and have it read by another individual.

[Sign Up to Speak at or Attend the Town Hall](#)



### **THIS SATURDAY, AUGUST 15!**

Come to a free shredding event hosted by Senator Lindsey Williams at the Shaler North Hills Library!

This is a socially distant shredding event. Stay in your car and we'll take your boxes and put them in the shredding truck!

Each person can bring up to 2 bankers boxes of papers for shredding.

Do you have books to donate? We'll also be helping the library collect gently used books for the Friends of the Shaler North Hills Library book sale!



**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26 @ 6PM**

**Senator Lindsey M. Williams  
invites you to a**



# **Clean Slate & Expungement Virtual Clinic**

Join us on Wednesday August 26 at 6pm for a Clean Slate & Expungement Virtual Town Hall!

Introductory remarks from Senator Lindsey Williams, presentation by Barbara Griffin, Esq., Director of the Pro Bono Center of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation and Associate Professor, Duquesne University School of Law

Ms. Griffin will discuss clearing criminal records in Pennsylvania and free legal help that is available to people with low incomes. Following the presentation, constituents may contact Duquesne University School of Law to determine if they're eligible.

You must register in advance for this event.

[Register for Clean Slate & Expungement Virtual Town Hall](#)

## **2020 Census**



The 2020 Census is happening now. You can respond online, by phone, or by mail.

[LEARN HOW](#)

The 2020 Census asks a few simple questions about you and everyone who was living with you on April 1, 2020.

It's not too late to complete your 2020 Census.

[RESPOND](#)

Please complete your form online, by phone, or by mail when your invitation to respond arrives. Visit [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) to begin.

Your response matters.

Health clinics. Fire departments. Schools. Even roads and highways. The census can shape many different aspects of your community.



Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.



The results determine how many seats in Congress each state gets.



It's mandated by the U.S. Constitution in Article 1, Section 2: The U.S. has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.

[SEE HOW YOUR ANSWERS CAN SHAPE YOUR FUTURE](#)

## COVID-19 Relief PA Statewide Small Business Assistance Now Open



The second grant application window for the COVID-19 PA Statewide Small Business Assistance program opened at 9:00AM on August 10th and will remain open for 15 business days closing at 11:59PM on August 28th.

If you applied during the first application window you should receive notification of your application status by August 10th. You do NOT need to reapply in the second round. Qualified applications will be automatically rolled over into the next funding round for consideration.

During the first round of funding, \$96 million in grant funding was awarded to 4,933 small businesses across Pennsylvania, 462 of which are in Allegheny County. 95% of those receiving funding were among the businesses hardest hit by COVID-19 mitigation efforts: small retail, food/hospitality, personal services (including salons and barber shops), and health/wellness facilities. The average grant was \$20,000. The Senate Democratic Caucus is incredibly proud to see this program, which they proposed on April 29, able to push out Federal CARES funding to these businesses in just under 4 months.

To learn more about the program and apply, click [here](#).

## Crisis Center North



# Crisis Center North

Every victim of domestic violence has a unique story and set of circumstances. Crisis Center North (CCN) is committed to supporting and empowering any victim regardless of where they are on their personal journey through our free and confidential services. In addition, trainings, and presentations are available to educate the community to help break the cycle of violence.

Visit them here at their website to learn what they offer: <https://www.crisiscenternorth.org/>

- Counseling and Economic Empowerment
- Legal and Medical Advocacy
- Trainings and Presentations

If you or someone you need is impacted by domestic violence, Crisis Center North's 24-hour hotline is free and confidential. Call or text to learn more about our services, schedule an appointment, or just for emotional support. We are always here to offer support.

Hotline Number  
412-364-5556

Text (SMS) Number  
412-444-7660

Toll Free Number  
1-866-782-0911

Crisis Center North is proud to offer free services to empower victims and to create lasting positive change and safety for all. Everything that CCN does in the community is made possible only by caring and generous individuals, whether they be donors, volunteers, or simply those committed to spreading the word. Everyone has the ability to make a difference in our community.

## PHEAA and PA Forward to Host One-Hour Webinar Series



Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency



PHEAA and PA Forward are offering a series of one-hour webinars on the topic of Covering the Gap.

These webinars emphasize best practices (such as seeking grants and scholarships first), remind families about additional resources (such as payment plans), and touch on

private/alternative loans as a last resort.

The discussion will also include the basics of credit: what is a credit score, what factors impact a credit score, how can a credit score be improved, etc.

You can register for one or more of these informative presentations below and have your questions answered:

**Tuesday, August 11, at 6:30 p.m.**  
Call-in Toll Number: 1-650-479-3207  
Access code: 127 364 9087  
Password 1234

[Register Here](#)

**Wednesday, August 12, at noon**  
Call-in Toll Number: 1-650-479-3207  
Access code: 127 926 9902  
Password 1234

[Register Here](#)

**Tuesday, August 18, at 6:30 p.m.**  
Call-in Toll Number: 1-650-479-3207  
Access code: 127 532 3247  
Password 1234

[Register Here](#)

**Tuesday, August 25, at 6:30 p.m.**  
Call-in Toll Number: 1-650-479-3207  
Access code: 127 508 3348  
Password 1234

[Register Here](#)

**Wednesday, August 26, at noon**  
Call-in Toll Number: -650-479-3207  
Access code: 127 401 1646  
Password 1234

[Register Here](#)

## Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

With your support, we bridge communities and resources throughout southwestern Pennsylvania to help neighbors overcome food insecurity and lead happy, healthy lives.



The Food Bank and our network of hunger-relief organizations are committed to making sure all of our neighbors have access to enough food during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) crisis. Find information on local distributions, an agency in your neighborhood and SNAP (food stamps). You can learn more here: <https://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/get-help/>. Please be sure to call ahead to confirm that pantry hours and other details have not changed.

### [Locator](#)

Find a food pantry, soup kitchen or partner program near you. Use this tool to search by your address.

### [Drive-up Food Distribution Events](#)

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is hosting a Drive-Up distribution event to provide food (one share per car). A single share of food may come in one or more pre-packed boxes and/or bags

### [Summer Youth Cafe](#)

While kids are out of school for the summer, The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank team is working with community organizations to get kids 18 and under the food they need.

### [SNAP](#)

Need assistance applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)? The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank can guide you through the process.

### [Senior Boxes](#)

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank provides a box of nutritious food each month to low-income seniors 60 years and over through the Federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

### [Green Grocer](#)

Green Grocer is a mobile farmers market that travels into food deserts to provide fresh food.

## Unemployment Compensation Benefit Update



The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry now has a guide to help people who still aren't getting their unemployment benefits.

On Thursday, the Department announced a [guide that identifies one of 92 payment issues](#).

**Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) - Additional Benefits Ending**

## July 25

[The federal government created and funds the \\$600 weekly FPUC payment and will be ending these payments. Under the federal requirement, the claim week ending July 25, 2020, will be the last \\$600 FPUC payment claimants will receive.](#)

If there is an extension of federal unemployment compensation benefits, including any changes to the \$600 weekly payments of other current CARES act benefits, we will post information to our web site [uc.pa.gov](http://uc.pa.gov) for news and instructions about how those changes will be delivered. Anyone who hasn't yet received payments they were determined eligible for, including the \$600 FPUC payments for weeks between April and July, will receive them.

**If claimants are still awaiting payment for any claim weeks from April 4 through July 25, they will receive all FPUC payments for which they are eligible**, even if payments for those weeks are not made until after July 25, 2020.

For all claims filed for weeks ending after July 25, claimants will continue to receive their weekly benefit amount. [Weekly Benefit Rates](#) and additional information about [PUA benefit rates](#) are available.

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## COVID-19 and Kids - A Conversation with a Pediatrician

On Monday, August 3, Senator Williams held a virtual Town Hall with Dr. Will Keough, Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist and Co-Chair of Advocacy for the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, on COVID-19 & Kids. If you missed the event, you can watch the full video [here](#).



**Senator Lindsey M. Williams Presents**

**COVID-19 & KIDS:  
A CONVERSATION WITH A PEDIATRICIAN**  
**Dr. Will Keough, Co-Chair of Advocacy, Pediatric Infectious  
Disease Specialist**

Monday, August 3 2020 @ 6:30 PM

As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have by phone at 412-364-0469 or by email at [SenatorLindseyWilliams@pasenate.com](mailto:SenatorLindseyWilliams@pasenate.com). My staff will return your call/email within 24 hours (Monday-Friday).



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