



MARCH Newsletter



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CENTER NEWS

As we transition into Spring on March 19th, we are excited to share the latest updates and events happening this month. March is not only a time of renewal, it is also to raise awareness about important causes. Honor the contributions and achievements of women who have paved the way for progress and equality throughout [Women's History Month](#). Promote the importance of healthy eating and physical activity. Click [here](#) to get ideas, recipes, and tips for sharing wellness in the workplace for [National Nutrition Month](#). Learn ways to celebrate [Irish-American Heritage month](#), especially on [St. Patrick's Day](#), Sunday, March 17th. [Easter](#) comes early this year, rounding out the month on [Sunday, March 31st](#).

Throughout March, we encourage you to participate in awareness activities and make a positive impact in our community. Visit Eventbrite and wherever you get your local news to discover events and join in the celebrations.

The Virginia Career Works (VCW) Prince William and Cherokee Avenue Centers are open to customers for business services from 9:00am until 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Business services include computer use, faxing, printing, as well as typing tests. Visit our website at <https://vcwnorthern.com> for information about our partners and services.

When visiting a Virginia Career Works Center, we ask parents to make childcare arrangements. However, if customers are unable to make alternate childcare arrangements, children must always be supervised by a parent or guardian while in the Center.

TAX TALKS

- March 5th – Tax & Disability
- March 12th – Tax Issues for Refugees
- March 19th – What if I Owe the IRS and Cannot Pay?

Go to bit.ly/MARTAXTALKS
SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER:



FREE TAX PREPARATION



The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program provides free tax preparation services to individuals and families with low income in the Northern Virginia community. If you or your family earned less than \$65,000 in 2023, you may qualify for this free service!

Saturdays: 10:00AM - 2:00PM
January 27 - April 13, 2024

What you need to bring:

- Proof of Identification (Photo ID)
- Social Security Cards (You, spouse, and dependents)
- Proof of foreign status, if applying for ITIN
- Wage and earning statements (W-2s / 1099s)
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)
- Health Insurance Exemption Certificate, if received
- Bank account routing and number for direct deposit
- Child care statements (must have daycare provider's tax identification number)
- Health Coverage statements (Forms 1095-A, B and C)
- Copies of prior year's federal and state returns

NOTE: To file taxes electronically on married-filing-joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign required forms.



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SCAN ME

WORKSHOPS & MORE

JOB READINESS WORKSHOPS

Virtual Workshops 10am - Noon, except where noted

Friday, March 8, 2024
Resume Writing

Monday, March 11, 2024
Interviewing Skills

Monday, March 11, 2024
**** 12:30pm – 2:30pm ****
Open Lab with Support

**To Register: Scan the QR code or
go to www.pwcs.edu/adulted**

English Language Acquisition (ELA) began on January 23rd through April 15th and GED classes will begin on February 12th through April 15th.

Entrepreneurship and Small Business: Virtual Classes from February 20th to June 4th.

Microsoft Office WORD: In-person classes meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at Forest Park High School, March 12th - May 7th.

PWCS Adult Education offers classes for GED preparation, digital literacy, learning English and certification courses for small businesses and entrepreneurship.

For class schedules, fees and registration information visit <https://adulted.pwcs.edu>, email adulted@pwcs.edu, or call 703-791-7357.

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Spotlight

ELEVATE PROGRAM

**Do you Live or Have a Business in Prince William County?
Impacted by COVID-19?**

Email ELEVATEjobseekers@vcwnorthern.com
or call 703-488-8343 for more information on our FREE services today!

LINKEDIN LEARNING

Gain access to on demand courses in business, technology, and creative. Licenses available at NO cost. Learn more by visiting:

<https://vcwnorthern.com/jobseekers/linkedin-learning/>

**ATTENTION
Fairfax County Residents!**

FAIRFAX COUNTY

TalentUP

Elevating Opportunities, Empowering Talent

Virtual Information Session

Friday, March 22, 2024

11:00am - Noon

**For more information, email:
talentupfairfax@vcwnorthern.com**

REGISTER: bit.ly/TU_InfoSession_Mar



If you require supportive services for any type of disability to participate in the Virginia Career Works-Prince William Center workshops or services, auxillary aids are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.



Financial Empowerment Center
at Prince William County

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FOUR-PART SERIES VIRTUAL FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS



March 5 | 7:00PM
Series I: Budgeting Basics

March 12 | 7:00PM
Series II: Borrowing Basics & Loan Options

March 19 | 7:00PM
Series III: Understanding Credit Reports & Scores

March 26 | 7:00PM
Protecting Against Fraud, Identity Theft and Scams

REGISTER at:

bit.ly/FinancialEmpowermentSeries

MARCH IN-PERSON FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS

Topic: "Getting Ready for Taxes"

Time: 10:00AM - 11:30AM

- March 7
- March 14
- March 21*

REGISTER at:

bit.ly/FECClassesInPerson

Scan the QR code on this page to view all of the workshops for the month and Register.

March 12, 2024 | 1:00 PM
Smart Money Management - Virtual
Register: bit.ly/2smartmoney

March 20, 2024 | 7:00 PM
Smart Money Management - In Person
Register: bit.ly/2smartmoney

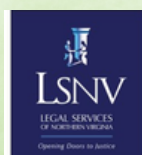


March 21 | 12:00 PM
Small Business 101- Virtual
Register: bit.ly/SmallBus101

March 28 | 12:00 PM
Small Business 102- Virtual
Register: bit.ly/SmallBus102Workshop



***COFFEE & CONVERSATION**
March 21st @ 10:00AM



Guest Speaker from **Legal Services of Northern Virginia**
sharing "What's New for 2024
Tax Filing Season"

In Person: VCW Prince William Center

PARTNER INFORMATION

DARS	Services are available by phone and email.	For information, call 703-335-5550 (press 0 for the front desk) or visit www.vadars.org .
Department of Social Services (DSS)	To apply for public assistance, visit https://commonhelp.virginia.gov .	For general information, call 703-792-7500; For questions, email commonhelp@dss.virginia.gov .
ECMC The College Place-Alexandria	Available to support students reach their goals of attending college! ECMC Learning is a financial wellness center for students to complete many free courses. To get started, register for your account today online at http://www.ecmclearning.org/tcp-alexandria .	Email Jason Puryear, Student Success & Outreach Director, at alexandriavtcp@ecmc.org or call 434-218-2675 for questions or more information.
Employment Supports for Lifelong Achievement (ESLA)	Program provides services to residents of Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun counties with barriers such as low-income, legal history, and/or disabilities.	Visit www.vcwnorthern.com/esla for more information.
Prince William Financial Empowerment Center (PW FEC)	Provides services to help individuals and families in Prince William County advance on a path toward financial stability. Services include financial and small business coaching, financial workshops, housing counseling, and free tax preparation.	For more information, go to https://vcwnorthern.com/pwfec/ Complete an Interest Form and view calendar online.
Melwood	Melwood JOBS is designed to assist Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients of differing abilities to obtain and maintain employment while mitigating crises. Serving residents of Arlington County, City of Alexandria, Prince William County, and the City of Fredericksburg.	Email CrWilliams@melwood.org for more information.
Northern Virginia Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP)	If you are age 55 or older, currently unemployed and meet certain financial criteria, you may be eligible.	Contact Debbie Fletcher at 703-488-8196 or email scsep@vcwnorthern.com . Attend one of the upcoming Information Sessions to learn more about the program, Tuesdays - 12pm to 1 pm or Wednesdays - 2pm to 3pm. Visit https://vcwnorthern.com/scsep for more information.
Prince William County Schools Adult Education	Community Engagement and Citizenship Preparation, English Language Acquisition (ELA), GED, and other classes are available. For full 2024 class schedule and information, visit http://adulted.pwcs.edu .	Email adulted@pwcs.edu or see a staff member for information.
Ticket to Work Program	Are you a job seeker with a disability who wants to work and are receiving SSI or SSDI?	Call 703-827-3782 or email myticket@vcwnorthern.com .
Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)	The fastest way to apply for new unemployment benefits, file an additional claim, reopen an existing claim, and certify weekly benefits is through the VEC's Customer Self-Service (CSS) online portal. Visit www.vec.virginia.gov to view tutorials to set up an account and file claims for unemployment.	You may file and inquire about unemployment benefits through the Customer Contact Center by calling 1-866-832-2363 (Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30 pm)
Virginia Works – Department of Workforce Development and Advancement (DWDA)	Effective January 16, 2024, the new agency, DWDA, offers job services to employers and jobseekers. Jobseekers can receive assistance with their job search and preparation in-person and virtually.	For more information, call 703.897.0407 or email Princwilliam@vec.virginia.gov
WIOA / WIOA Youth	Unemployed and struggling to find employment? Or need an upgrade your skills to gain employment?	To sign up for an Information Session to learn more about the programs and to apply, visit https://vcwnorthern.com/wioa ; young adults, ages 17-24, visit https://vcwnorthern.com/youth-programs .



WIOA Title I-financially assisted programs and Virginia Career Works – Northern are an equal opportunity program/employer committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations, to include auxiliary aids and services, are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.