

NEWSLETTER

August 2026

Last fun days of Summer! The Virginia Career Works (VCW) Prince William County and Cherokee Avenue Centers are open to serve your business needs Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Available services include computer access, faxing, printing and typing tests. Refer to page 3 or visit our website at <https://vcwnorthern.com> for more information about our programs, events and services.

Get Ready for Workforce Development Month!

September is just around the corner, and we're planning a month full of workshops, hiring events, digital literacy classes, career resources, and more. Stay tuned at the end of August for our full calendar of events and registration information. We look forward to helping you take the next step in your career journey!



Back-to-School Countdown! **School starts Monday,** **August 24!**

Students, parents, and educators in Prince William and Fairfax Counties will head back to school on Monday, August 24. Whether you're returning to the classroom, beginning a new school year, or preparing for a career change, now is the perfect time to get organized and set goals for a successful fall.

Wishing all students, families, teachers, and school staff a safe, healthy, and successful school year!

HOT JOBS

FFX NOVA -Find Your Future in Northern Virginia
Whether you're changing careers, reentering the workforce, or looking for your next opportunity, discover thousands of openings with top employers across Northern Virginia. Visit workinffxnova.com/find-a-job to begin your search today.

Prince William County Government - Several departments hiring within Prince William County - Development Services, Fire & Rescue, Parks & Recreation and more. Visit <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/pwcgov> to explore employment opportunities.

Check out the **Virginia Career Works Northern Job Board!** Browse full-time jobs, part-time jobs, and paid internships in our network across Northern Virginia at <https://jobs.vcwnorthern.com>

This Month

- August is **National Immunization Awareness Month** and **National Back to School Month**.
- **National Health Center Week (August 2 -8)**
- **National Senior Citizens Day** is August 21st

Adult Education

Fall Classes begin September 2026.
Registration opening soon.



Fairfax County Adult & Community Education (ACE)

Learn more at: bit.ly/FCPS_ACE



Prince William County Adult Education

For additional class schedule, visit:
pwcs.edu/AdultEd

“ August is the season to prepare. The actions you take today can open the doors you'll walk through tomorrow. ”

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Financial Education & Housing Counseling Classes August 2026 Calendar of Events



Scan QR code or visit
www.vcwnorthern.com/pwfec
for a full list of available workshops and to reserve your seat today!

DATE	TIME	CLASS TITLE	SIGN UP LINK
8/4/2026	1:00pm	Smart Money Management-Virtual	bit.ly/2SmartMoneyManagement
8/6/2026	7:00pm	Budgeting Basics VIRTUAL	https://bit.ly/BudgetingBasicsStandAloneClass
8/8/2026	9:00am-3:00pm	First Time Homebuyers Education In-Person	https://bit.ly/HOSRegistrations
8/11/2026	7:00pm	Your Spending and Saving Plan	https://bit.ly/SpendingandSavingPlans
8/12/2026	7:00pm	Smart Money Management IN-PERSON at DSB Building-Woodbridge	bit.ly/2SmartMoneyManagement
8/13/2026	7:00pm	Borrowing Basics-Virtual	bit.ly/BorrowingBasicsStandAloneClass
8/18/2026	7:00pm	Making Housing Decisions-Virtual	bit.ly/4MakingHousingDecisions
8/20/2026	12:00pm	Third Thursday Lunch & Learn: Small Business 101 VIRTUAL	https://bit.ly/SmallBus101
8/22/2026	9:00am-3:00pm	First Time Homebuyers Education IN-PERSON at Ferlazzo-Woodbridge	https://bit.ly/HOSRegistrations

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	Provides free information and assistance through in-person, telephone, and online support for people of all ages seeking higher learning. The College Place offers presentations and workshops, as well as individual assistance completing applications for college admission, financial aid, and scholarships.	Email Jason Puryear, Student Success & Outreach Director, at alexandriavatcp@ecmc.org or call 434-218-2675 for questions for 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 and complete the Inquiry/Referral Form .
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.
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 Virginia Judd at 571-363-7688 or email scsep@vcwnorthern.com . 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 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?	For information, complete Interest Form : https://vcwgov.my.site.com/Application/s/ttw-referral 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 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 866-832-2363 (Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30 pm)
Virginia Works – Department of Workforce Development and Advancement (DWDA)	<i>Effective January 16, 2024</i> , 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. Veteran services are available to qualified individuals by JVSG Prince William Veteran Employment Representatives.	Contact 703.897.0407 Email Princewilliam@virginiaworks.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 .

