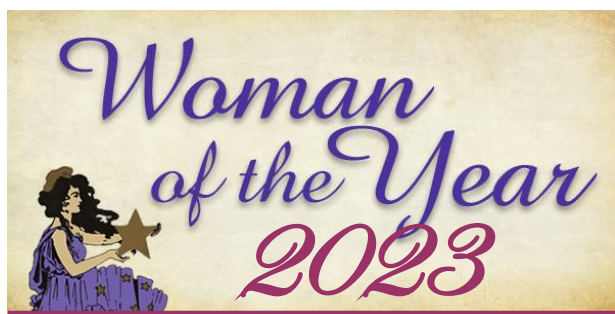




# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

FROM THE OFFICE OF  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER

*Isaac G. Bryan*



# Lillian Wilson

For Women's History Month in March, we honored Lillian Wilson as the 55<sup>th</sup> District's *Woman of the Year*.

Lillian worked at UCLA for over 35 years as a Medical Billing Supervisor and Payroll Accounting Manager before her retirement.

During retirement Lillian found her true calling, becoming engaged politically while also using her tireless energy to advocate for vulnerable and marginalized communities such as homeless veterans, abused women, and anyone in need of her voice, expertise, or assistance. She is a lifetime member of the Beverly Hills Chapter of the NAACP, Financial Secretary of the New Frontier Democratic Club, Board Member of the Los Angeles Urban League, and President of the Los Angeles Urban League Guild Chapter.

Lillian was recently awarded the Whitney M. Young Jr. Excellence Award at the National Urban League Convention in Washington DC in August of 2022. This award is given to Guild Auxiliary members for their outstanding service to the movement through community service, leadership development, voter registration, fundraising, and serving as a role model in community.



In her free time, Lillian loves to hang out with her three grandchildren, Kodiak, Sophia, and Sienna.

We are grateful to have her in the 55<sup>th</sup> District.

## IN THE CAPITOL

### BRYAN'S BILLS

We added to our legislative package this month with the introductions of:

[AB 421](#) – Referendum Reform

[AB 424](#) – Neurodegenerative Disease Registry

[AB 544](#) – Voting in County Jails

[AB 764](#) – City and County Redistricting

[AB 1224](#) – Green Jobs Survey

[AB 1400](#) – College Access Tax Credit Fund

## Upcoming Events

April is Autism Acceptance & Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- 4/1 Spring Egg-stravaganza 2023 (Free. [Register](#))
- 4/5 Passover
- 4/9 Easter
- 4/10 Investing Basics Online Seminar with LA City Library ([more info](#))
- 4/11 Latino USCC & Our Hous: Virtual Grief Support Workshop (Spanish, [inscríbase](#))
- 4/13 Landlord-Tenant Law and Evictions, Zoom Webinar with LA Law Library ([register](#))
- 4/14 Free Virtual Parenting Workshop with DPSS ([more info](#))
- 4/15 *Real ID & Resource Fair* hosted by Assemblymember Bryan (see flyer below. [Pre-register](#))**
- 4/17 LA Saves – Savings Strategies & Tips Online Seminar at Jefferson Library Branch (more info)
- 4/18 Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Federal & State Income Taxes Due – Get FREE tax prep help at [Consumer & Business \(lacounty.gov\)](#)**
- 4/20 West LA College Paralegal Program Information Session ([register](#))
- 4/22 Earth Day
- 4/24 Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day
- 4/27 Take Our Daughters and Son to Work Day
- 4/28 Credit Reports and Scores Online Seminar with LA City Library ([more info](#))
- 4/30 El Día del Niño y la Niña

Homework Help for Students in Grades K-12 / Ayuda con las tareas para estudiantes en grados K-12

Baldwin Hills Branch Library, Monday through Thursday, 3-6 p.m., Lunes-Jueves 3-6 p.m. (English, Español)

## Tax Season Resources

[IRS.gov](#) – Federal tax filing and info

[FTB.ca.gov](#) – State tax filing and info

The [Tax Counseling for the Elderly \(TCE\)](#) program offers FREE tax help to individuals who are age 60 or older from IRS-certified volunteers.

The [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\)](#) program offers free tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns, including people who generally make \$60,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English-speaking taxpayers.





# REAL ID Event

**April 15, 2023**  
**10am - 2pm**

**Sun Rising Presbyterian Church**  
5277 West Adams Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90016

**Isaac Bryan**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER  
55TH DISTRICT



*Check out  
other resources while  
you wait including a food  
giveaway for families  
with young children  
(supplies are  
limited).*

Get your REAL ID faster by pre-registering with the DMV.

The day of the event you will only need to bring:

- ✓ One proof of identity (current U.S. passport, birth certificate, naturalization/citizenship document, etc.)
- ✓ Two proofs of California residency (utility bill, insurance documents, deed/title of property, rental agreement, etc.)
- ✓ Application confirmation code

\*Attendees who do not pre-register will need to provide their Social Security number at the event.

**Save time!**  
**Pre-register!**

**Spanish  
& Korean  
translation  
services will be  
provided!**

**Pre-Register: [bit.ly/RealID\\_Bryan](https://bit.ly/RealID_Bryan)**

**Contact Us**

**(310) 641-5410**

**[a55.asmdc.org](https://a55.asmdc.org)**

## In the District



Free Tax Prep Los Angeles is a trustworthy and stress-free way to file your taxes.

*Why pay to file when you may be eligible to file FREE with an IRS-certified tax volunteer?*

If you make less than \$60,000 annually, you may qualify for cash back through the Cal EITC and Federal EITC – but only if you file. Claim what's yours.

[Click Here for FREE Help >](#)

File with confidence at a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site and keep more of your money. IRS-certified volunteers provide free, basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals. Persons with disabilities, the elderly and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their tax returns are encouraged to participate.

More info available at [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(lacounty.gov\)](https://lacounty.gov/vita)



LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
CONSUMER &  
BUSINESS AFFAIRS





**dpss** **SPRING PARKS AFTER DARK**  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

**THURSDAY** **SATURDAY**  
**ART & CULTURE** | **MUSIC & DANCE**

**COMMUNITY Zone** | **FAMILY Zone** | **TEEN Zone**

**COMMUNITY Zone:**  
FAMILY CANVAS PAINTING  
TIE-DYE STATIONS  
CHALK AND MURAL ART  
WIND CHIME CRAFT ACTIVITY  
FREE SNACKS

**FAMILY Zone:**

**TEEN Zone:**  
FAMILY DANCE  
FAMILY FITNESS THROUGH MUSIC  
FAMILY KARAOKE  
MUSIC INSTRUMENT CLASS  
FREE ENTERTAINMENT & PERFORMANCES

**MARCH 23 - APRIL 15, 2023 | 6 TO 9PM**

Parks After Dark returns for the spring season with **FREE** activities at 34 LA County Parks. Bring your family and friends and explore all the art and culture activities we have to offer. Dust off your dancing shoes and join us for a night full of music and dance and a variety of free activities for the whole family!

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
**PARKS.LACOUNTY.GOV/SPRINGPAD**

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## The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) is opening a Public Review and Comment period for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Annual Update

The documents are posted on the LACDMH website at <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/about/mhsa/announcements/>.

The public is invited to review this update and provide feedback through April 22, 2023, either by filling out this [online survey](#) or by direct mail to:

L.A. County Department of Mental Health  
Attention: Darlesh Horn  
510 S. Vermont Ave., 17th floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Additionally, a Public Hearing will be hosted by the Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission during [its monthly meeting](#) on Thursday, April 27, 2023. Los Angeles County residents are invited to attend this event to provide feedback about the Annual Update.



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# Los Angeles County COVID-19 UPDATE



## As Emergency Orders End, Lifesaving COVID-19 Tools Remain Readily Accessible Throughout Los Angeles County

With recent decisions to end federal, state and local emergency orders related to COVID-19, Los Angeles County residents are reminded to continue taking sensible steps to protect themselves and others against severe illness and help keep hospitalization and death rates low.

During this new phase, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) is committed to ensuring easy access to free lifesaving preventative services, including testing, vaccinations and boosters, and treatment.

One of the most effective ways to prevent severe illness is to get the updated bivalent booster, which has been shown to offer boosted individuals increased protection against hospitalizations and deaths when compared to individuals who were vaccinated but had not received the updated booster.

Always check with trusted sources for the latest accurate information about novel coronavirus:

- [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#)
- [California Department of Public Health](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) ([Spanish](#))
- [World Health Organization](#)
- LA County residents can also call 2-1-1

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TO CHOOSE**

## Abortion Services Information



Make sure your friends and families know: In California and here in LA County, abortion remains safe and legal. For more information about abortion as a public health issue, see <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov>

Official website of the State of California



California abortion access

Visit [abortion.ca.gov](http://abortion.ca.gov) – a statewide, safe space to learn about your rights and find services.



Visit [LA County Abortion Safe Haven Project](#) to find a Resource Guide in your language.



# Resources

## Medi-Cal Continuous Coverage Ended March 31<sup>st</sup>: Important Resources



The Medi-Cal continuous coverage mandate ended on March 31, 2023. As of April 1, county offices throughout California will restart eligibility renewals to determine if current recipients still qualify for free or low-cost Medi-Cal.

Individuals with disabilities are at an increased risk of losing or experiencing a gap in coverage due to upcoming changes in completing the renewal process.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has created valuable resources to help ensure that people with disabilities have access and the information needed to keep their Medi-Cal coverage.

### [DHCS MED-CAL COVERAGE RESOURCES](#)



## IMPORTANT!

Getting #CalFresh?  
Emergency Allotments are ending. The amount of CalFresh you get will go down starting April 2023. Visit [CalFreshFood.org](https://CalFreshFood.org) for more information.



### END OF CALFRESH EMERGENCY ALLOTMENTS

Attention CalFresh customers! The temporary CalFresh Emergency Allotment benefits issued due to the COVID-19 pandemic are coming to an end. The last Emergency Allotment for February 2023 will be issued in March 2023. As of April 2023, you will no longer receive the additional CalFresh benefits. For questions regarding this change, please visit [CalFresh and EBT News and Updates \(lacounty.gov\)](#) or call 888-445-1955.



### GAS ASSISTANCE FUND

THE GAS ASSISTANCE FUND (GAF) OFFERS A ONE-TIME GRANT TO HELP CUSTOMERS PAY THEIR NATURAL GAS BILLS.

## Need Help Paying Your Gas Bill?

<https://www.socalgas.com/save-money-and-energy/assistance-programs/gas-assistance-fund>

### SOCAL GAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Need Help Paying Your Gas Bill? If you're having difficulty paying your natural gas bill, the Gas Assistance Fund (GAF) may be able to provide you, or someone you know, with a one-time grant for the gas bill if it does not to exceed \$400.00. Visit [Gas Assistance Fund](#) | [SoCalGas](#) for more information.

## JOIN THE L.A. COUNTY TEAM AS A DPSS ELIGIBILITY WORKER

Start your career as an Eligibility Worker II with DPSS. Applications are NOW open and will be accepted until the needs are met. Announcement is subject to closure without prior notice. Learn more and apply online at [ELIGIBILITY WORKER II | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](https://www.eligibilityworkerii.com).

**THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (DPSS) IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR**

**ELIGIBILITY WORKER II**

**\$48,794.16 - \$62,286.72 ANNUALLY**

Does helping others make you feel good? Eligibility Workers are essential to the well-being of L.A. County families and individuals.

Earn a paycheck with a purpose and start your County career with DPSS!

Learn more and apply online today at <https://bit.ly/41PIZxR>.

[dpss.lacounty.gov](https://dpss.lacounty.gov)

**dpss**



## GET A HEAD START ON COLLEGE OR CAREER WITH CALKIDS




The State of California's CalKIDS Program is offering eligible children money for college and career training. Visit [CalKIDS.org](https://CalKIDS.org) to learn more about the program and check your eligibility.

**CalKIDS can kickstart a child's future.**

**With free money for college!**

**CalKIDS**

**CalKIDS is a program by the State of California.**

## The new Foster and Probation Youth Benefits Eligibility Finder Is LIVE!

The Office of Child Protection (OCP) and its partners have launched a new electronic Benefits Eligibility Finder, which allows foster and probation youth in our County—and their families, caregivers, and social workers—to search a large online database of public benefits for which they may be eligible, depending on their age and circumstances. View the eligibility finder [here](#)

**NEW!**

**FOSTER & PROBATION YOUTH BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY FINDER**





# ENROLL IN APPRENTICESHIP READINESS TRAINING FOR BUILDING TRADES APPRENTICESHIP



## MC3 MULTI-CRAFT CORE CURRICULUM

### FREE TRAINING INCLUDES:

- Classroom/Hands-On Training
- Nationally Recognized MC3 Certificate
- OSHA 10 Hour Training Card
- CPR/First Aid Training Card
- Supportive Services Access
- Placement Support
- Financial assistance may be available for eligible participants and programs

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT:

- Strong desire for a career in construction
- Valid CA Driver's License\*
- A High School Diploma, GED or Equivalent\*
- Ability to pass a drug test
- Documentation showing ability to work in the U.S.
- Must reside in Los Angeles County

\* Or co-enrolled or working towards obtaining

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A TRAINING NEAR YOU, PLEASE CONTACT:**



**General Information:** (213) 340-6567 **Email:** [info@laocmc3.org](mailto:info@laocmc3.org)  
**Ben Garcia, Coordinator:** (213) 505-1016 **Email:** [ben@laocmc3.org](mailto:ben@laocmc3.org)  
**Isaac Lopez, Case Manager:** (213) 392-2056 **Email:** [isaac@laocmc3.org](mailto:isaac@laocmc3.org)

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# GET HELP RECIBA AYUDA

## GET LEGAL AID

YOU CAN GET FREE LEGAL HELP WITH:

- CALWORKS AND WELFARE TO WORK
- CALFRESH (FOOD STAMPS)
- FOSTER CARE
- IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS)
- GENERAL RELIEF
- MEDI-CAL
- CAPI

Or with such issues as divorce, separation, child support, custody, restraining order, immigration and consumer rights.

### CONTACT:

**Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles**  
**800-399-4529**  
**9:00 a.m. - noon, Monday-Friday**

To qualify for free legal services, your income must be low (around the level of people who qualify for CalWORKs).

## RECIBA AYUDA LEGAL

USTED PUEDE OBTENER AYUDA LEGAL GRATUITA CON:

- CALWORKS Y TRANSICIÓN DE ASISTENCIA SOCIAL AL EMPLEO
- CALFRESH (ESTAMPILLAS DE ALIMENTOS)
- BENEFICIOS DE CUIDADO DE CRIANZA
- SERVICIOS DE APOYO EN EL HOGAR (IHSS, SUS SIGLAS EN INGLÉS)
- AYUDA GENERAL
- MEDI-CAL
- PROGRAMA DE ASISTENCIA MONETARIA PARA INMIGRANTES (CAPI)

O, con cuestiones de divorcio, separación, manutención de niños, custodia, ordenes de restricción, inmigración y derechos del consumidor.

### COMUNÍQUESE:

**Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles**  
**800-399-4529**  
**9:00 a.m. - mediodía, lunes - viernes**

Para calificar para servicios legales gratuitos, sus ingresos deben ser bajos (alrededor del nivel de las personas que califican para CalWORKs).





## **GUARANTEED SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FOR CHILDREN REGARDLESS OF HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and L.A. County Office of Education (LACOE) offers guaranteed enrollment for local students experiencing uncertain housing situations, such as a temporary address or no permanent physical address.



### **The federal McKinney-Vento Act and California state law guarantees enrollment if a student lives:**

- In a house or apartment with more than one family due to loss of housing or economic hardship;
- With friends of family because they are a runaway or unaccompanied youth;
- In substandard housing, without electricity, water, or heat;
- In a family, domestic violence, or youth shelter, or transitioning living program;
- In a motel, hotel, or weekly rate housing;
- In an abandoned building, in a car, at a campground, or on the streets.

For more information about enrolling in school contact:

LAUSD Liaison for Homeless Education Dr. Denise Miranda at 213-605-0299, email: [denise.miranda@lausd.net](mailto:denise.miranda@lausd.net)  
LACOE Homeless liaison, Jennefer Kottke at 562-922-6614, email: [kottke\\_jennifer@lacoedu](mailto:kottke_jennifer@lacoedu)