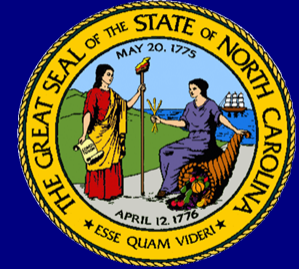


Rep. Carla Cunningham October 2017 Newsletter

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Greetings,

The General Assembly is not scheduled to return until January. I am still working on constituent business and local events. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Gov. Cooper has appointed The Honorable Carla Cunningham to the North Carolina Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services.

"I appreciate these North Carolinians offering their time and expertise to serve their communities and our state in these important appointments," Gov. Cooper said.

RALEIGH: On October 16, 2017, Gov. Roy Cooper named 21 new appointees to various state boards and commissions, including the North Carolina Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and the North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission.

Thank you! Governor Roy Cooper! I will serve with humility and integrity.



**NC Legislative Black
Caucus Charlotte/
Mecklenburg
County Economic
Development Town
Hall Meeting will be held
Thursday, November 9,
2017 from 6:30 p.m to
8:00 p.m at Mayfield
Memorial Baptist Church,
700 W. Sugar Creek Rd.,
Charlotte, NC 28213**

Special Guest Presenter:

**Ronnie Bryant, Charlotte
Regional Partnership
Patrick Graham, Charlotte
Works
John White, NC
Department of Commerce**

News Release

**FOR IMMEDIATE
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October 25, 2017
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**\$15 Million Program
Available to Help Small
Businesses Affected by
Hurricane Matthew**

*Small businesses can now apply for
additional disaster recovery
assistance*

RALEIGH: Small businesses affected by Hurricane Matthew should apply now for \$15 million in financing from the North Carolina Department of Commerce and nonprofit lenders. Governor Roy Cooper encouraged business owners today. The N.C. Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Small Business Recovery Assistance Program launched this week with a website and application information.

**State of North Carolina****ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR**

*Placing special trust and confidence in your integrity and knowledge,
and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I hereby appoint*



"We are in a Mental Health Crisis"

In the past few years, we have seen African American suicide rate rise in the African American community, especially among males. As well as, our youth struggling in school due to early childhood trauma experiences. Untreated mental illness among African Americans is growing at an alarming rate.

On October 19, 2017, I had the honor to present a presentation on "LinkingFaith Based Leadership and Mental Health Professionals: Giving Voice to Mental Health in the African American Community." We began to address mental health issues in a collaborative matter in our communities. A history of racism, misdiagnosis, and lack of cultural sensitivity services has caused individuals to seek solace from clergy in the African American Church rather than healthcare professionals.

This was a great opportunity to collaborate with mental health professionals in our community. The collaboration of clergy and mental health professionals in the community gathered an abundance of information to share and increase awareness and support in the African American Community.

We all can get involved and make a difference in our communities, the first step is helping us stop the stigma against mental health. With your help, we can stop stigma from being a barrier against people seeking help and speaking out.



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Veteran suicide numbers in NC soar above national average

Via Citizen-Times: 2014, suicide rates for veterans in North Carolina were almost double that of South Carolina. There has been scrutiny of access to care for Veterans, and the stigma surrounding mental illness and getting help is especially significant in the military community.

Click here to read more: <http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=9371202&msgid=80771&act=3ZA0&c=1660438&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.citizen-times.com%2Fstory%2Fnews%2Flocal%2F2017%2F10%2F20%2Fveteran-suicide-numbers-nc-soar-above-national-average%2F783624001%2F>

Creating Healthier Families and Workplaces

Get the Facts

- Did you know that North Carolina workers have no right to sick leave under state or federal law?
- Did you know that no state or federal law in North Carolina guarantees wage replacement after the birth of a child or when long-term illness strikes?
- Did you know that no legislation in the state specifically addresses discrimination against caregivers?



"When Hurricane Matthew hit, small business owners lost storefronts, equipment, furniture, and revenue, and many aren't yet able to reopen," said Governor Cooper. "Small business owners can use these funds to fix damage, replace equipment, and get their business up and running again."

The Governor's Recovery Office and the North Carolina Department of Commerce awarded \$7.5 million to support small businesses still recovering from the storm that hit last October. The funds will be matched by private lenders to provide at least \$15 million in loans available to small businesses in Matthew-affected areas, especially in Robeson, Cumberland, Edgecombe and Wayne counties. More information on the program can be found here.

Funds can be used to: make repairs and property improvements; purchase and install equipment,

The lending institutions listed below are providing small business loans through the program. For general questions or specific inquiries about an application, contact any representative, furniture and fixtures; cover working capital or pay for marketing, operating costs and inventory; and/or relocate people displaced if the small business moves into or replaces a residence.

Carolina Small Business Development Fund
Roxanne Bailey-Reed
(919) 903-1437 x 403
reed@carolinasmallbusiness.org

Greg Taylor
(910) 759-7709 x 401
gtaylor@carolinasmallbusiness.org

Center for Community Self Help
Jessie Maxwell
(919) 956-4684
jessie.maxwell@self-help.org

North Carolina Community Development Initiative, Inc.
Tara Campbell
(919) 835-6002
tcampbell@ncinitiative.org

For inquiries about the program and a referral to a participating lender, contact Business Link North Carolina at the Economic Development Partnership of N.C. by calling (800) 228-8443.

To review eligibility requirements and more information about the program, visit the program website.

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News Release

Welcome to NCCASH.COM

There is approximately \$659 million in the unclaimed property fund. You may be one of the North Carolinians who is owed money from the fund.

Claim Your Cash, part of the NC Cash Program, helps reunite owners with their unclaimed property

<https://www.nctreasurer.com/Claim-Your-Cash/Claim-Your-NC-Cash/Pages/Search.aspx>

Some claims are eligible for E-Claim Processing when certain criteria are met. E-Claim Processing attempts to electronically match claimant information with the other owner information on file. If your claim is NOT eligible for E-Claim Processing, you will be prompted to print, sign and submit your claim through the mail along with the required documentation.

What is Unclaimed Property?

Unclaimed property consists of bank accounts, wages, utility deposits, insurance policy



No one should have to choose between health and a paycheck or family responsibilities and a job. The great majority of families with children in North Carolina have all parents in the labor force and nearly three out of four North Carolinian caregivers work at a paying job. It's clear that many of North Carolina's workers have family responsibilities, but few protections exist to address the ubiquitous life events and caregiving responsibilities of working families.

The recession has increased the need for workplace policies that promote family economic security. Paid sick days, family leave insurance, workplace flexibility, and protection against caregiver discrimination, as part of a holistic work-family policy agenda, improve public health, support family economic security, and make good business sense in an uncertain economy.

Click on each policy below to learn more about its benefits for North Carolina's workers, families, and businesses.

proceeds, stocks, bonds, and contents of safe deposit boxes that typically have been abandoned for one to five years. Funds become unclaimed because the company loses track of the consumer, due to an incorrect address or other missing information. By law, these funds are escheated, or turned over, to the Department of State Treasurer for safekeeping until claimed.



[Paid Sick Days](#)

In North Carolina, nearly half of the state's private workforce lack paid sick days. Currently, there is no federal or state law that ensures that workers can earn paid sick days.

[Family Leave Insurance](#)

In the South Atlantic region, only 11 percent of private-sector workers have access to paid leave. Eligible workers can take unpaid leave under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), but currently no state legislation guarantees paid leave.

[Workplace Flexibility](#)

Doctors' appointments are often only scheduled within traditional work hours and child care schedules may not overlap completely with work schedules. Without flexible work schedules, workers may be unable to meet all of their obligations and increase their unplanned absences from work.

[Protection from Family Responsibilities Discrimination \(FRD\)](#)

While a patchwork of federal employment law, state leave and anti-discrimination laws provide some protection, there is no state legislation in North Carolina specifically addressing discrimination against caregivers.

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Health Public Policy Committee - Council of State Governments (CSG)
North Carolina Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Please feel free to contact my Legislative Assistant Ms. Sherrie Burnette at 919-733-5807 (cunninghamla@ncleg.net) or me at 704-509-2939 (carla.cunningham@ncleg.net) if you have any questions. We are here to serve you.

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