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LIEAP Applications to be Accepted Beginning Dec. 1

[Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services](#) (DSS) will once again be participating in the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP), a federally funded program that provides for a one-time vendor payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills.

During the month of December, DSS will be accepting LIEAP applications from individuals with disabilities who receive services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services or households in which a member of the household is age 60 or older. Individuals will be able to apply at the Hal Marshall Services Center, 700 N Tryon St., Charlotte. Applications for all other households will be taken from Jan. 1 through March 31, 2019.

For more information, contact Keri Carver with DSS at 980-314-6466 or Keri.Carver@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Community Support Services Celebrates a Successful Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) continues to embody the heart of [Community Support Services](#)' (CSS) goal to deepen the understanding of domestic violence issues, share resources and support survivors. During October, CSS strived to break the silence and speak out against domestic violence while raising awareness and educating our community about how to put an end to abuse.

Here are a few highlights:

- **Teen Dating Violence:** More than 785 students (24 trainings and 8 schools) received teen dating violence education.
- **Community Reach:** In a little over 30 days, Prevention and Intervention staff and volunteers directly reached more than 3,500 people at 72 DVAM-specific events, as compared to 2,200 people at 41 DVAM-specific events in October 2017.
- **Resources:** More than 5,000 domestic violence resource guides were given away throughout DVAM.
- **New Partnerships:** Fostered new relationships with the 27 partnering organizations across Mecklenburg County, including the Charlotte Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Lutheran Services Carolinas, Howard Levine Child Development, McLeod Addictive Disease Center, Above and Beyond Students, National Hook-Up of Black Women Inc. -

Queen City Chapter and Panalpina.

- **Domestic Violence Speakers Bureau:** Trained a record-breaking 18 new volunteers to be a part of the Mecklenburg County Domestic Violence Speakers Bureau.
- **Social Media:** Increased social media page likes by 5 percent (72 likes). Increased our page impressions by 149.7 percent; 33 DVAM specific posts with combined post engagements at of 4,731 – an average of 149 engagements per post.

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work on this campaign.

For more information, contact CSS Director Stacy Lowry at 980-314-8903 or Stacy.Lowry@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Livable Meck's 'Voice of the Community' Hosting Forum in December

In 2012, [Livable Meck](#) (formerly known as the Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan) hosted over 2,000 residents in focus groups. The input received created the current community-wide plan. This year, Livable Meck's "Voice of the Community" process is hosting a series of forums, online surveys, and other engagement opportunities to find out what matters most to residents. Residents' voices will determine Livable Meck's priorities and actions for the future.

Livable Meck will host a forum on Thursday, Dec. 13 from 2:30 – 4 p.m. at the Mecklenburg County Bar and Foundation Center, 2850 Zebulon Ave., Charlotte. Residents interested in attending are asked to [register here](#).

Community organizations, private businesses, neighborhoods and faith-based groups are invited to be hosts for Voice of the Community. Information about the initiative can be found [here](#).

Commissioners in need of information about the forum are asked to contact Rebecca Herbert, Livable Meck community engagement and strategy manager, at 980-314-3631 or Rebecca.Herbert@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Happy Thanksgiving

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Mecklenburg County government offices and agencies will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23, 2018.

Our next Board Bulletin will be issued on Monday, Dec. 3, 2018.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. – BOCC Economic Development Committee Meeting, CMGC 11th Floor Large Conference Room WILL NOT BE HELD
- Tuesday, Nov. 20, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Tuesday, Nov. 20, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber
- Monday, Dec. 3, 6 p.m. – BOCC Swearing-in Ceremony, CMGC Meeting Chamber
- Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2-3:30 p.m. – BOCC Audit Review Committee Meeting, CMGC 11th Floor Large Conference Room WILL NOT BE HELD
- Tuesday, Dec. 4, 3:30 – 5 p.m. – BOCC Economic Development Committee Meeting, CMGC 11th Floor Large Conference Room WILL NOT BE HELD
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