



COVID- 19 Updates

> GET VACCINATED

StayWellNoVa.com

[Children Under Age 5 Now Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccinations](#). Schedule your vaccine appointment via VaccineFinder.org.

Monkeypox

Click on the [link](#) for updated information and to access the [new vaccine interest form](#). Individuals seeking monkeypox vaccination are encouraged to complete the interest form.

FCIA EVENT SAVE THE DATE!!!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SAFETY AND SECURITY PRESENTATION:
“UNDERSTANDING THE HUMAN SIDE OF TARGETED ACTS OF VIOLENCE”**

Tuesday September 20, 2022 7-8:30pm

Online event, please [register here](#) to receive meeting link.

This is an opportunity for you to learn about signs and symptoms that may indicate an individual is at risk for engaging in targeted acts of violence and what to do if you identify someone who may be at risk.

Participants will also learn about possible grant funding opportunities to help prevent targeted violence and terrorism.



EQUITY



New Feature!!! Each month, a different aspect of equity will be addressed.

Focus for September: One Fairfax and Definition of Equity

One Fairfax is a joint racial and social equity policy adopted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and School Board. It commits the county and schools to intentionally consider equity when making policies or delivering programs and services. It's a declaration that all residents deserve an equitable opportunity to succeed—regardless of their race, color, sex, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, disability, income or where they live.

Please review the [One Fairfax Policy](#) and watch this video: [Becoming One Fairfax – An Introduction to Key Concepts](#)

September is Hunger Action Month

Hunger in our community continues to affect far too many of our neighbors. More information about events in your community to come. You can take action now:

- Please consider donating to your local food provider.
- Learn more about food insecurity in our area from [Capital Area Food Bank's Hunger Report 2022](#).
- Did you know that, because of the pandemic for the first time in 2 years, kids and their families have to register for Free and Reduced Meals? Learn about the program and how to sign up here: [FCPS Announced Policy for Providing Free or Reduced-Price Meals | Fairfax County Public Schools](#)



Safety and Security

Community Partnership Grants

The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney is inviting Fairfax-based non-profit organizations to apply for [Community Partnership Program grants](#) of up to \$10,000. The grants must be used to provide services and programs in support of child victims of crime, victims of sexual abuse, and victims of domestic violence. Such services and programs can include training opportunities for system stakeholders, community relations and outreach activities, and direct support of victims. The deadline for applications is October 1, 2022.

Mitigating Attacks on Houses of Worship --Security Guide

[DOWNLOAD THE GUIDE HERE](#) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has prepared this comprehensive security guide based on original analysis to help houses of worship develop a comprehensive security strategy to mitigate future incidents.

The Department of Emergency Management and Security (DEMS) is going to expand their outreach efforts to include the faith communities. As a part of this effort, we invite you to sign up to be a volunteer since this is your area of expertise! Volunteer activities include outreach events, outreach presentations, ongoing training (including Until Help Arrives), and much more! Complete the Emergency Management Volunteer Corps Application: [Volunteering - Fairfax County Virginia](#) . Contact: Courtney.Arroyo@fairfaxcounty.gov for more information.

Fairfax County Police Department Recruitment

Please check out this recruitment video from Fairfax County Police Department: [Fairfax County Police Department "The Possibilities Are Endless" - YouTube](#)

Women's Personal Safety Presentation

The Sully District Crime Prevention Unit will be holding a women's personal safety presentation on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. It will be from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the community room of the Sully Police Station (4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly).

SAVE the Date! National Faith & Blue Weekend Prayer and Breakfast

What is Faith & Blue? This initiative is based on the premise that strong communities are built on mutual respect and understanding. Law enforcement and faith institutions are key pillars of each community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive. **Sully District Police Station** is hosting a "Faith & Blue Prayer & Breakfast" Friday, October 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Grace Covenant Church. **There will be coffee and breakfast refreshments so please RSVP so that we can make sure we have enough for everyone.** [Register Here.](#) .

McLean District Police Station is hosting a Stuff a cruiser event. Items requested: toiletries, toilet paper, shampoo, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, vegetable oil. Sunday, October 9, 4-6 pm at Temple Rodef Shalom; 2100 Westmoreland Street, Falls Church, VA. Please contact your [local police district station office](#) for more information.

Faith-Based Information Sharing and Analysis Organization (FB-ISAO) Workshops

The Faith-Based Information Sharing & Analysis Organization (FB-ISAO) provides houses of worship, faith-based community organizations, faith-based schools and charities / non-profits with threat analysis, reports and other services that help organizations prevent, respond to, and recover from incidents. During the workshops, we use a hostile events scenario to provide participants an opportunity to interact with one another and discuss issues, concerns, best practices and other salient points. To sign-up and participate in the workshop, [please complete an application](#). (Membership in FB-ISAO is required for participation – the membership is FREE.). We are adding additional dates and venues, however, registration is now open for a workshop on 27 October 2022 in the Falls Church / Arlington area! For general inquiries visit <https://faithbased-isao.org/>



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To request reasonable ADA accommodations, please contact 703-324-4600, TTY 711.

Faith Communities in Action is supported by the
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Community Resources

Fairfax County Public Library

Fairfax County Public Library is offering virtual and safe, socially distanced in-person programs. See a listing of our virtual and in-person events by age: [preschoolers](#), [school-age children](#), [teens](#), and [adults](#).

Literacy Council of Northern Virginia –Beginner-Level English Classes

Registration for fall classes has begun! Classes begin on September 26 and September 27. Space is limited. Register for [in-person class](#). Register for [virtual class](#): View [class schedule](#) for both in-person and online classes

The McLean Community Center-(the) Unruly Theatre Project Auditions!

(the) Unruly Theatre Project is The Alden's professional teen improv company dedicated to bringing comedic performances to the community. Members audition to be in the company for one season and are paid for each performance or workshop they do for the community. 9th-12th graders only. Audition Info: Monday- Tuesday, Sept. 20 and 21, 7-9 p.m. open auditions Wednesday, Sept. 22, beginning at 7p.m.: Call Backs/Interviews. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean VA 22101. **Pre-registration for open auditions is recommended** ([Registration Link](#)). Questions? Email: Danielle.VanHook@fairfaxcounty.gov

Financial Empowerment Center Classes

[FREE Monthly Budgeting class](#), Monday evenings, September 26, from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM or Thursday mornings, September 29 from 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM. All classes are virtual and will be provided by Zoom. Topics will include Setting financial goals, estimating monthly income and expenses, identifying tools to help manage income, prepare a personal budget and spending plan, and ways to decrease spending and increase income. To register please visit the [FEC Booking Page](#). If you need further assistance, please call our office at 703-704-6101.

[FREE Monthly Credit Report Review Clinic](#) held the 3rd Monday of the month, in the evenings from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM, virtually through Zoom. You will have the opportunity to have your credit report and FICO 8 credit score pulled and review by a financial coach. This will be a soft pull and no affect to your credit score. Please click on the link provided for more information about registration. There is limited space to early registration is encouraged. If you have question, please contact our office at 703-704-6101 or visit the [FEC Booking Page](#) to register.

Fairfax County NAACP

Fairfax County NAACP is seeking to engage religious, faith, and community organizations in the work of the Fairfax County NAACP. We're developing programs in which our partners may collaborate and work with us to promote a common mission... "THIS IS POWER!". Details are available for these events at fairfaxnaacp.org; on the Fairfax NAACP [Facebook page](#); by phone at 571-418-2717, or by emailing info@fairfaxnaacp.org

- Power is the Right to Vote! [Voter Registration](#): Fairfax County NAACP will host voter registration and education drives with our partners at various locations throughout the County. Voter Registration drives begin **September 10th and run through October 15th**.
- Power is the Right to Life! [Blood Drives](#): Support our efforts to give life to those with blood illnesses requiring blood transfusions by donating blood. Join the Fairfax County NAACP at one of our partner locations to give LIFE.
- Power is the Right to Serve! [Community Service Projects](#): Working cooperatively on community service projects will build confidence and trust in one another, and promote healing and reconciliation in Fairfax County: Healing of deep wounds is possible over time through the love and common ground we have with each other. We want to model lives of consciously choosing to love and serve each other. We're inviting you to join us in one of these projects.
- Power is the Right to Educate! [Educational Materials and Speakers](#). We're a resource for educational materials, speakers, and programs for: Armed Services and Veteran's Affairs; Criminal Justice; Economic Development; Education; Environmental and Climate Justice; Freedom Fund; Health; Fair and Affordable Housing; Legal Redress; Membership; Political Action; Faith and Community Affairs; Young Adult; Youth Council; Women in NAACP (WIN)

Health and Wellness

Mental Health First Aid

Seats are available for a virtual Adult Mental Health First Aid training. If you have any staff, volunteers, or other residents who would benefit from this training kindly encourage them to attend and please share this training opportunity widely, as all September classes are free. To register or view additional training dates for working with adults or youth, individuals can go here: [Mental Health First Aid Registration](#). If you have further questions about Mental Health First Aid, please [contact the Wellness, Health Promotion & Prevention office](#).

Help prevent overdose deaths in Fairfax County

Fairfax County's [Opioid Communications Toolkit](#) has social media posts and images, videos, posters, and more. They're easy to copy and paste. Share the recording, slides, and resources from the recent [webinar on Fairfax County Youth Substance Use Trends and Supports](#) that was hosted by Fairfax County Public Schools and Fairfax County Government. Information is available in multiple languages.

988-The New 3-Digit National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

The [U.S. transitioned](#) the ten-digit National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to 988 – an easy-to-remember three-digit number for 24/7 crisis care. Now anyone experiencing mental health, substance use, and suicide crisis can call or text 988 or chat with the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at [988lifeline.org](#). The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) also offers 24/7 emergency behavioral health services to all residents of Fairfax County as well as residents of the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church.

End Social Isolation and Loneliness Action Forum

This Action Forum will be held virtually on October 11-13. See the schedule, topics, and [register here](#).

Dads Parenting Group

DFS is currently accepting referrals for the next virtual Dads Parenting Group that will start on **Wednesday, September 7, 2022**. The virtual class will be held on Wednesday Evenings from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM for 13 sessions including an orientation session starting on September 7, 2022, through December 7, 2022.. The group will be facilitated in English and interpretation services will be provided upon request. If you have any specific questions, please contact Bennie Herron (571-474-6822) or Mercedes Alonso (571) 373-1674. Click [HERE](#) to access the referral form. Please feel free to refer regardless of where the father resides in Fairfax or the DMV.

Tier 1 –Domestic Violence Network Training

The DV Network Training Committee is organizing an October in-person Tier 1 at the Chantilly Training Room at the **Health and Human Services Building in Chantilly (14150 Parkeast Circle #240, Chantilly, VA)**. Tier 1 will take place over two **Saturdays, October 22nd and 29th from 8am – 5pm**. You can access registration at: [Fall Tier 1 Training Registration](#) and if you need additional information please email John Crownover (john.crownover@fairfaxcounty.gov).

Tier Two: Understanding the Impact of Intimate Partner Violence on LGBTQIA+ Survivors and Communities

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 from 1pm-2:30pm. **Register here:** <https://bit.ly/3S5Gnnp>. LGBTQIA+ people are at a disproportionate risk of experiencing intimate partner violence in their lifetime compared to those who identify as heterosexual and cisgender. Presented by the Virginia Anti-Violence Project, this training will discuss LGBTQ+ terminology, how professionals can provide culturally relevant and trauma-informed support for LGBTQIA+ survivors, and how to advocate for clients experiencing stigma when accessing other resources.

Recruiting Volunteers

Befriend –A-Child Program-Mentors Needed

Department of Family Services is seeking mentors in the Alexandria/Richmond Highway area to mentor a child between the ages of 5 to 12 years old. Male applicants and African American applicants are highly encouraged to apply. Mentors must be able to make a two-year commitment, spend at least eight hours every month with their mentee and participate in monthly group outings. To learn more or apply, visit <https://bit.ly/DFSFBAC>. To speak to one of the Befriend-A-Child Program Coordinators call 703-324-7072. To connect via email, you can reach out to one of the Befriend-A-Child Program Coordinators at DFSbefriend-A-Child@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Foster and Adoptive Parents Needed

Have you considered becoming a foster/adoptive parent? Would you like to learn more about the [children and teens](#) in our county who are waiting for homes? Nearly 200 children in Fairfax County are in foster care, and we have a pressing need for more foster parents for children ages 11-17, children with special needs, and sibling groups of three or more. Families (single or multigenerational) that are willing to be flexible, have fun, maintain structure and consistency are welcome to inquire about becoming foster parents and growing their families. "There are no unwanted children, just unfound families." [Learn more](#) about becoming a foster parent in Fairfax.

Common Ground

A Newsletter for the Interfaith Community

Community Bulletin Board

The following public announcements are for interfaith meetings and activities sponsored by organizations within the community and are not specifically endorsed or sponsored by Fairfax County. These announcements are provided as a public service in the interest of expanding interfaith dialogue and goodwill. If you have an announcement you would like to share, please contact NCsinterfaith@fairfaxcounty.gov

National Migration Week September 19-25

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington is hosting a series of events for the upcoming National Migration Week (Sept 19-25). Free events open to the public range from webinars on immigration law and policy, becoming a US Citizen, Afghan cooking, and in-person events such as a refugee simulation, picnic and soccer tournament to welcome our new neighbors! More information: www.cdda.net/nationalmigrationweek

Rising Hope Open House

Rising Hope is a community of faith helping individuals rise above homelessness and poverty. Join us for an [Open House](#) on September 10 from 11:30am to 2:00pm to tour our space and learn about the wonderful things that have been happening around our community and how you can be involved. There will be music, games, and hotdogs and hamburgers!

Tysons Interfaith-Building Peaceful Communities -Promoting Mutual Respect: A Call to Action

In Recognition of the International Day of Peace, Please join us for an ONLINE EVENT on Wednesday September 21, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Breakout rooms and small group discussion will be facilitated by Dara Feldman, a passionate educator, international speaker, author, coach and consultant who is deeply committed to social justice. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

2022 Tysons Interfaith Essay and Art Contest

The theme for this year's [Essay and Art Contest](#) is "Out of Many One/Exploring Our Roots." Students of all ages are invited to explore topics such as: "How my heritage has impacted my life; my family's journey to/in America; welcoming people who are different from me. Cash prizes will be award for youth 12 and under and teens 13-18. The deadline for submission is midnight October 17, 2022. Winners will be announced on November 1, 2022.

Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions-7th Annual Climate Crisis Forum

Mark your calendars for our 7th Annual Virginia Climate Crisis Forum on September 22 from 7 - 9pm! The theme of this year's forum is Climate Change is a Health Emergency, featuring the former Chief Medical Officer of the American Academy of Pediatrics, **Dr. Fan Tait**, along with a panel of local physicians and climate experts. Stay tuned for additional speakers. Please spread the word and [register today](#) !

Social Isolation and Stigma

Burke Presbyterian Church is starting a Community Table program to help address Social Isolation: All are welcome to a free dinner once a month. SEPTEMBER 13, OCTOBER 11. Doors open at 5:30PM and dinner served at 6:00PM. 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke, VA 22015. 703-764-0456.

Taste of Islam at Dar Al-Hijrah

Please join us for our annual open house, Taste of Islam. Each year, we invite ALL of our neighbors and partners of ALL faiths to visit Dar Al-Hijrah, tour the mosque, learn more about Islam and Muslim cultures from around the world, and of course, EAT! It's Sunday, September 4th from 12-5. This will be the first time back since COVID, and we are really looking forward to welcoming everyone.

Soul Shop

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is proud to bring the conversation on suicide prevention and mental health to faith communities across the nation with the launch of [Soul Shop™ for Black Churches](#). The creation of this training was driven by AFSP's commitment to health equity for diverse communities and addressing the rising rate of suicide among Black people.