

Andy Beshear, Governor FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Public Protection Cabinet Agencies to Participate in Community Resource Fair at Graves County High School Financial Institutions, Insurance to present on money issues

Frankfort, Ky. (July 18, 2023) – The Public Protection Cabinet's Department of Insurance and Department of Financial Institutions are partnering with Camp Graves in Graves County for a free community resource fair on Saturday, July 22.

The event, **Money: Making it, Spending it & Protecting it**, will be held at the Graves County High School, located at 1220 Eagle Way in Mayfield, and includes a job fair, vendor information booths and classes on money matters. Staff from DFI and DOI will also be available to answer questions.

Governor Andy Beshear will deliver a video welcome message and encourages people to attend the event to learn more about disaster preparedness.

"We are committed to being a resource for Kentuckians, especially those rebuilding after a disaster, and Team Kentucky will be there to help those who have questions about insurance and financial services," said Gov. Andy Beshear.

"This is a great opportunity for people to get their questions answered about insurance, how to protect their money and plan for the future," added Public Protection Cabinet Secretary, Ray Perry.

The schedule for the day includes:

- 9 a.m.: Doors open for job fair
- 10 a.m.: The Department of Insurance hosts a one-hour presentation on home, auto and life insurance.
- 11 a.m.: The Department of Financial Institutions presents information on budgeting, tips for better credit and avoiding bad loans.

Representatives of organizations working in disaster preparedness, recovery, and community resources will answer questions, connect people with resources and provide education on recovery and how to be prepared when disaster strikes.

Micah Seavers, director of Camp Graves, said the organization is focusing on its motto of helping people become a product of opportunity, not a victim of circumstance. "This event is the epitome of what this statement is about."

Camp Graves provides disaster relief, temporary interim housing for victims of disaster or displacement due to no fault of their own. Their mission includes breaking negative cycles that hinder success through educational opportunities, supportive resources, job and life skills classes to empower individuals to obtain and maintain financial independence and housing stability.

Governor Beshear is committed to long-term recovery in Western Kentucky following the 2021 tornados. To date, over \$828 million in funding programs have assisted those impacted by Western Kentucky tornados, including:

- More than \$46 million in individual and public assistance to the areas impacted provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency;
- \$59.8 million in funding support by the U.S. Small Business Administration for home and business loans;
- \$500 million from private insurance to those who were injured or affected;
- \$200 million in bipartisan support with the General Assembly established in the Western KY SAFE Fund, and
- Established a groundbreaking fundraising initiative, the Team Western Kentucky Tornado Fund that raised more than \$52 million.

To register for Camp Graves' resource fair and for more information, email campgravesky@gmail.com, or call (270) 568-0032.

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The Kentucky Department of Insurance regulates the Commonwealth's insurance market, licenses agents and other insurance professionals, monitors the financial condition of companies, educates consumers to make wise choices, and ensures Kentuckians are treated fairly in the marketplace.