



Weekly Communication from SASHS Administration

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A message from  
the principal...

**MRS.  
FRITZ**



As we step into January, we're excited to welcome students and families to the start of second semester. This is a great time for fresh goals, renewed focus, and continued growth as we move through the school year together.

The coming weeks are full of important opportunities and events for our students. We will be sharing information about scholarship opportunities, career exploration trips, upcoming SAT testing dates, winter music concerts, and continued yearbook sales. Each of these experiences plays a role in supporting students academically, creatively, and in planning for life beyond high school.

We encourage families to stay connected by reviewing upcoming announcements and calendars, and by reaching out with any questions. Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we begin this exciting next chapter of the school year.

# HOUNDS HIGHLIGHTS

Your monthly dose of Ship Shenanigans!

## MISSION/ VISION

Vision: Prepared to contribute; Prepared to succeed.

Mission: Our mission is to design engaging and intellectually demanding work that empowers all learners to define their talents, exercise effective collaboration, practice skillful communication, and develop their critical thinking skills in order to lead them to success.

## FUTURE PLANNING

**January 2, 2026**

- School Closed

**January 5, 2026**

- School Resumes

**January 8 & 9, 2026**

- Keystone Schedule - Testing Window from 7:30 to 9:30am
- 2- Hour Delay Schedule

**January 10, 2026**

- Career & Tech Center Applications Due!

**January 12, 2026**

- Marching Band Concert - 6pm - SASHS Auditorium

**January 16, 2026**

- 2nd Semester Begins

**January 19, 2026**

- District Closed

**January 26 - 27, 2026**

- WIDA ACCESS Testing

**January 28, 2026**

- 2-Hour Early Dismissal

**January 29 - 30, 2026**

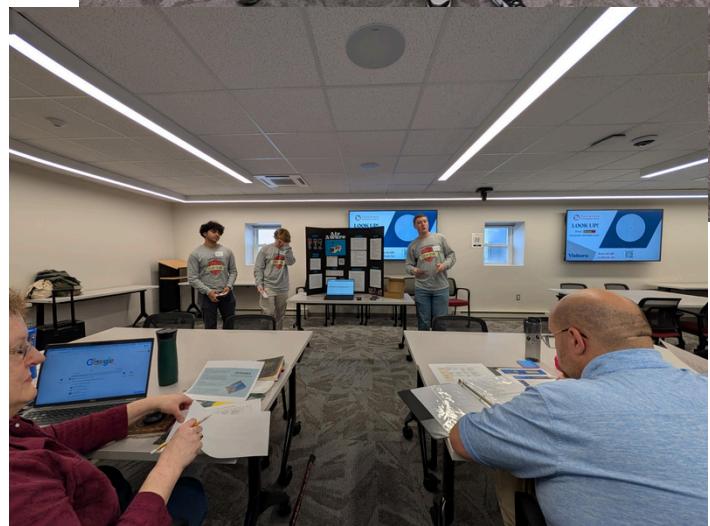
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# STEM TEAM HIGHLIGHT

On December 19, 2025 -  
the STEM Team  
competed in a regional  
competition at Tuscarora  
Intermediate Unit 11.

We took 1st place!

The team will have roughly 2 months to make adjustments, modifications and improvements to our prototype and our project to compete at States in Hershey on February 4th at the PETE&C Conference.



## WINTER FEST HIGHLIGHTS

Student Counsel & Key Club helped create a wonderful winter fest on December 19<sup>th</sup>. This included: Highland Cows, Gingerbread House Judging, Basketball, Cookie Decorating, Guess the Baby Elf, and ornament creation!



# LEADERSHIP FRANKLIN COUNTY TEAM

Katie Shirk, Jenna Witmer, and Ben Kougher are SASHS representatives in the Leadership Franklin County program. At the end of their freshman year, they applied and interviewed for the program for the 2025–26 school year and were accepted. Throughout the school year, they meet monthly to develop leadership skills and plan a community leadership project.

Their project involved reading the kindness-themed book *The Mitten Tree* to third-grade students at Nancy Grayson Elementary and creating holiday cards to send to seniors in local assisted living facilities. Students in the leadership program selected classmates to assist with the reading and card-making activities in the classroom. Olivia Perdew, Trajan Anderson, and Clinton Horn helped run the slides, distribute card-making supplies, and work directly with students. Through this experience, they gained valuable skills in organization, peer leadership, and professional communication with adults. From SASHS to Nancy Grayson, our students built meaningful connections and created lasting memories.



## Help Wanted!

The following are open positions at the high school:

- High School Academic Competition Advisor
- High School Assistant Baseball Coach
- High School Head Field Hockey Coach
- High School Full-Time Custodian
- High School Cafeteria - Baker/ Assistant Cook

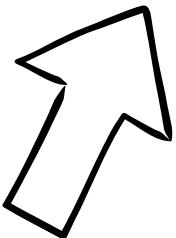
If you are interested in applying for these positions apply through the district website!



## Athletics!

Spring sports sign ups during flex...

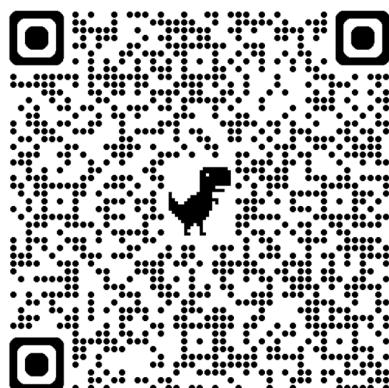
- Monday January 26th--HS Track & Field
- Tuesday January 27th--Softball
- Wednesday January 28th--Baseball



# YEARBOOK

The yearbook staff is working hard on this year's yearbook.

This is a reminder to order your yearbook soon! Prices will increase on January 9th!!



The yearbook staff needs photos from this year's Play and Homecoming Dance. If you have photos that you would like to submit to be used in the yearbook, please scan the QR code to upload your photos.



The French classes have 19 students traveling to Québec City in Canada on Feb. 12th-16th!

They'll be visiting ...

- The Ice Hotel
- A maple-syrup sugar shack
- Dog-sledding
- Enjoying all kinds of cultural winter-based activities at the world-famous Caranaval de Québec





# We are hosting ... the SAT!

The SAT exam will be administered at SASHS on **3/14/26**. The deadline for registration is 2/27/26. Please visit College Board website to register.

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/dates-deadlines>



Here is a link to the  
Cumberland County Food  
Calendar -

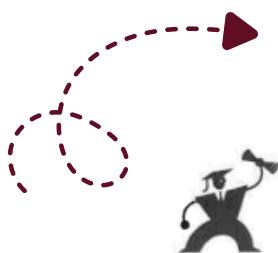
<https://foodsystemalliance.org/finding-food/>



Here is a link to the  
Shippensburg Food  
Resources -

<https://www.shipresource.org/food>

## PLEASE READ IF YOU HAVE A SENIOR!



Do you have a senior graduating?  
If so, please take action...



### INDIVIDUAL GRADUATION ORDER PROGRAMS

Jostens appreciates being a part of your Senior's Graduation year! Since the Original and Extended Order Dates for Group / Class orders have been missed, Jostens has the following Individual Service Order Programs available to meet all of your Graduation needs. Please use the following steps to complete your orders.

TO ORDER A CAP / GOWN / TASSEL UNIT      or

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS, NAME CARDS, & SENIOR KEEPSAKES:



Go to [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com)  
to view products and place your order

Use QR Code to get you to the website directly



or



717-249-8218

Jostens Customer Service is available to provide information about products and answer questions about placing your order, order status and how to make a payment.

# Counseling CORNER



A thumbnail image of a Smore newsletter. The header reads "News from Your School Counselors!" with a blue heart icon. Below it says "SASHS Counseling Department • Fall Updates &amp; Opportunities". The main content area has a "Welcome Message" with a smiley face icon, a "Hello Students and Parents," and a "Your SASHS School Counselors have had a busy and exciting start" message. There's a small photo of a student and a "TUE WED THU" calendar. At the bottom, it says "News from Your School Counselors!", "Smore / Nov 4", and "Smile" icon.

<https://app.smore.com/n/r1j73>

**Pathway Pop-in's in the library for juniors and seniors to ask questions about scholarships, college application assistance, FAFSA, financial aid questions or concerns, and career exploration.**  
**No appointment is necessary!!**

**Dates:**

**January 6 & January 9**

**8-9, 10-11, 1-2**

**January 12, 14, & 15**

**8-9, 10-11, 1-2**

## Scholarship Spotlight – Don't Miss These Dates!

### TFEC Scholarships:

TFEC applications will be available on The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) website starting on **January 1st**. Families and students can access them directly here:

<https://www.tfec.org/scholarships/>

Students can also get help during the Application Assist Day

**TFEC Applications Open:** Jan 1

**TFEC Application Help:**

Jan 7, 10–11 AM (SASHS Library)

### SASHS Local Scholarships:

Seniors were given local scholarship applications on December 10 during FLEX. Families are encouraged to review these and help students meet the **January 16 deadline**. You can access the list of local scholarships and the application instructions using the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gKIp0CDGSsyE5vfxKGRWALP4kSyapuPR99ERz3m0Wlk/edit?tab=t.0>

- **Applications Opened:** Dec 10

- **Application Help:**

- Jan 9, 10–11 AM (SASHS Library)

- **Deadline:** Jan 16, 11:59 PM



# Career Coordinator Corner!



Applications are now open for the Leadership Franklin County Youth program!

The LFCY program is a nine-month leadership development program where students gain leadership skills, learn more about the community, and find ways to serve others. Current 9th grade students in good academic, attendance, and behavioral standing are eligible to apply.

The program is free and will primarily take place during school hours beginning in the Spring of 2026 and run through April 2027.

For more information on the program and to access the application, please visit:

<https://www.chambersburg.org/leadership/>

There will also be a virtual information session on **Tuesday, January 6, at 6:00 PM** for any interested students & parents.

Please register using the following link:

<https://business.cvballiance.org/events/details/lfc-youth-info-session-class-of-2026-2027-42108?calendarMonth=2026-01-01>

## Upcoming Career Trips

- January 13 - Business & Marketing
- January 23 - Forensics Day at Harrisburg University

Students - to stay up to date on Career opportunities be sure to check your G-mail and the announcements.

Parents - to stay up to date on Career opportunities be sure to "Like" Shippensburg High School Career Corner on Facebook.



# LEADERSHIP FRANKLIN COUNTY YOU APPLY TODAY



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## Leadership Skills Development:

LFC Youth began in 2009 with the mission: "To create a community of young people who are actively engaged in responsible, ethical and effective leadership." Key curriculum components include ***The Five Practices of Exemplary Student Leadership***

## Community Awareness:

Students learn about Franklin County through panel discussions with community leaders and meeting other youth.

## Service Learning:

Students will work in school project teams to complete a service learning project and volunteer as a group at various community events.

## Eligibility:

- High School 9th grader in spring 2026
- Attend a Franklin County public, private or home-school
- Complete application and two references
- No prior leadership experience needed

**NO COST TO STUDENT**

Sessions During School Hours

## Application Deadline:

Tuesday February 3, 2026

[bit.ly/LFCYApp2027](https://bit.ly/LFCYApp2027)



**Virtual INFO SESSIONS —Tuesday Jan. 6, 2026 at 6pm**

Information, application and registration link for Info Sessions can be found at

[Chambersburg.org/leadership](http://Chambersburg.org/leadership)

# SASHS Career Day February 25, 2026

## Imagine Their Future!

Join us on February 25, 2026 for Career Day and share the endless possibilities that await them! Help our students discover their passions, connect with professionals, and start planning their journey to success.



## What We Expect

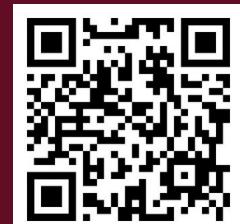
Industry Experts – Share your experiences  
Interactive Workshops – Provide hands-on activities and simulations  
Career Counseling – Offer career advice  
Networking Opportunities – Connect with students

Consider participating in one of the following ways:  
Option 1 – Speaker Only (9:00 – 10:30 AM)  
Option 2 – Job Fair Only (10:30 AM – 12:30 PM)  
Option 3 – Speaker & Job Fair (9:00 AM – 12:30 PM)

Shippensburg Area  
Senior High School

Contact Krista Akers, Career Coordinator  
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717-530-2730 ext. 6914

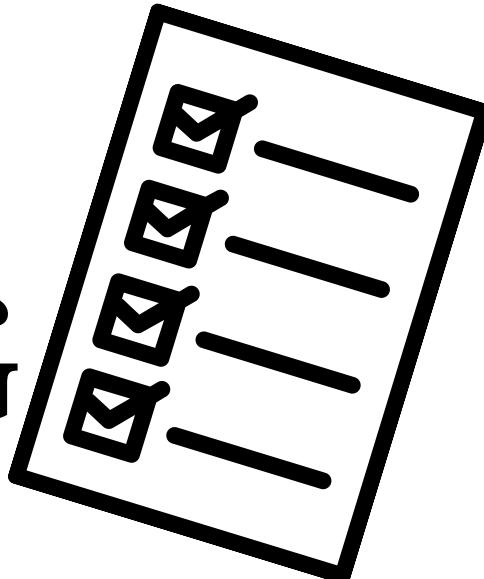
Scan the QR Code or  
[Click Here](#) to register by  
January 9, 2026





# KEYSTONE

# TESTING



## Keystone Testing Reminder — January 8 & 9

A few weeks ago, I shared important information about our upcoming Keystone Assessments in January. As a reminder, testing will take place on January 8 and 9, and we will follow a two-hour delay schedule for those two days.

### Students Who Must Arrive by 7:27 AM

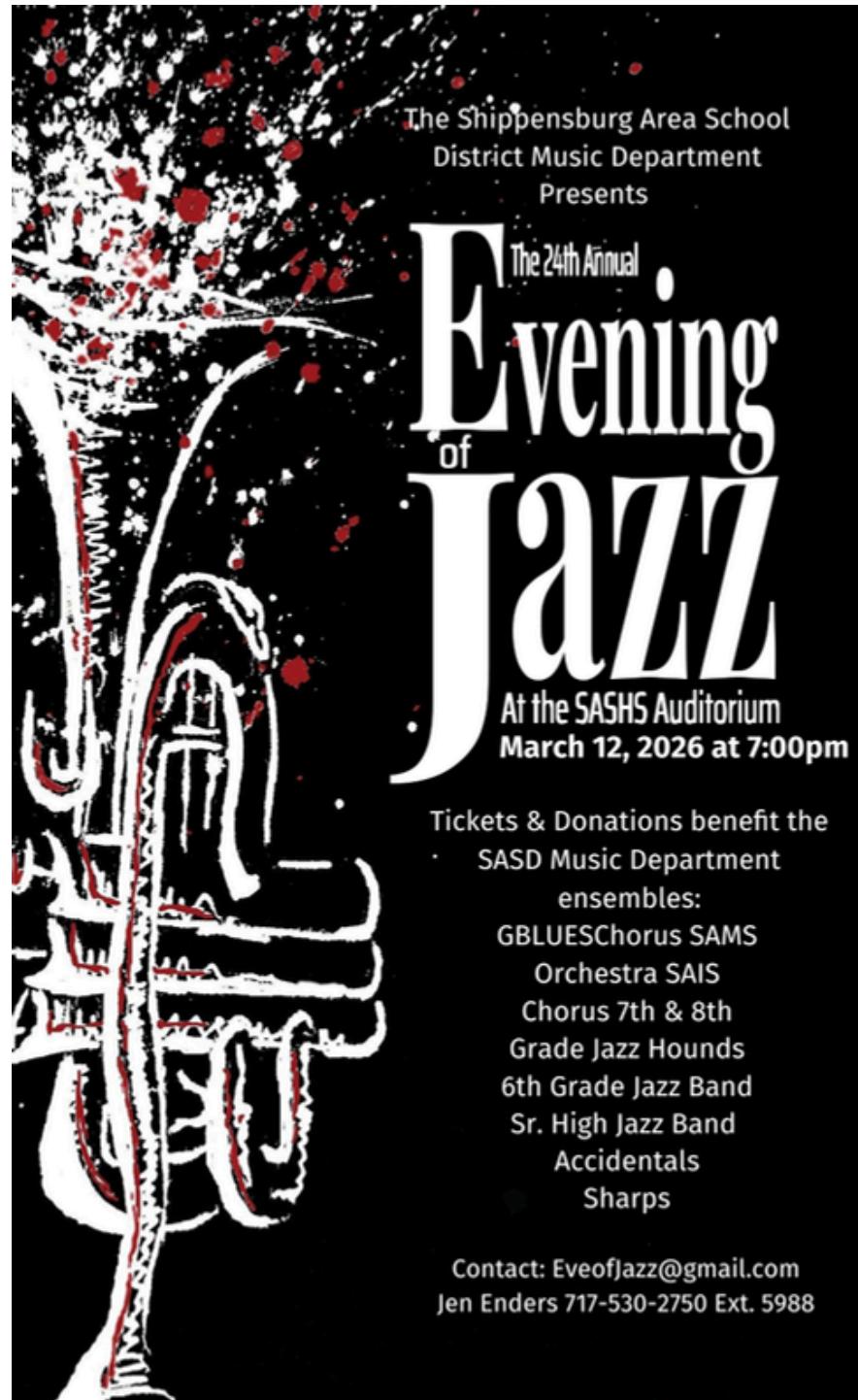
- Students enrolled in a Keystone-tested course (Algebra 1, Biology, or Literature 10)
- Semester 1 Career Tech students
- Students who rely on district transportation

### Students Who May Arrive by 9:27 AM

- Students not enrolled in a Keystone-tested course
- Students with alternate transportation who do not need to be at school for a morning commitment

Please take time to plan ahead for your child's schedule on these dates. Ensuring that students arrive on time—whether for testing or the adjusted start—will help our building run smoothly during the assessment window.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 717-530-2730 ext. 6903 or [Matthew.Flohr@ship.k12.pa.us](mailto:Matthew.Flohr@ship.k12.pa.us).



## Music Department Important Dates

Marching Band Concert:  
Monday, January 12, 2026 @ 6:00pm  
SASHS Auditorium

Cumberland County Band Festival:  
January 8-10, 2026  
Messiah University

PMEA District 7 Chorus Festival:  
January 9-10, 2026  
Boiling Springs High School

PMEA District 7 Orchestra Festival:  
January 22-24, 2026  
Dallastown Area High School

PMEA District 7 Band Festival:  
February 6-7, 2026  
Steelton-Highspire High School

SASD Choral Masterclass  
Wednesday, February 11, 2026

SASD Evening Of Jazz Concert  
Thursday, March 12, 2026



# **PBIS UPDATES**

## **Midyear celebration- 1/23**

**Students will enjoy a modified schedule in order to celebrate their CHAMP accomplishments**

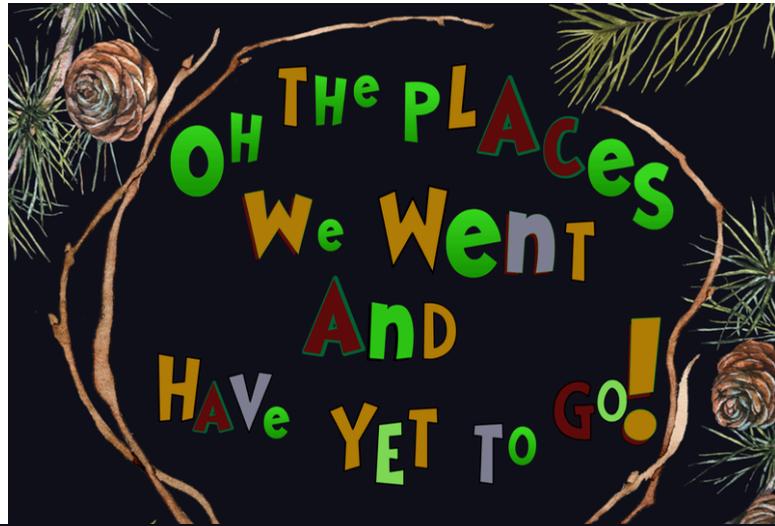
**Entertainer/Assembly: River Barry-magic and bubbles  
Student/Staff Volleyball games**

## **Student of the Month**

**Many of our students are nominated by their teachers for student of the month. Please make sure your student is checking their school email to see if they were nominated and they should pick up their CHAMP checks in the guidance office.**

## **Champ Checks=Cool incentives**

**Students earn CHAMP (Character, Honor, Attitude, Mindful, Prepared) paper checks from teachers when they are observed demonstrating any of these qualities/traits. These checks can be redeemed each month for raffle prizes and many other incentives. Three students earned a holiday themed Squishmallow plush this month just by putting a check in the raffle.**



Oh, the things that we funded,  
oh the joy that we found—  
in the halls, in the gyms,  
all across Shippensburg town!

In the year Twenty-Twenty-Five,  
we went big, we went bold—  
for the learners and teachers,  
both the young and the old.

We helped PBIS shine,  
kept it sturdy and strong—  
with support, skills, and systems  
that teach right from wrong.

We stocked health and hygiene,  
we boosted self-care—  
so each hound could feel ready,  
steady, and aware.

Adaptive fitness equipment?  
Oh yes—what a win!  
To help every student  
feel strong from within.

We backed Life Skills programs,  
and safe spaces to grow—  
like Resolution Rooms teaching  
how to pause, breathe, and slow.

We built outdoor classrooms  
where kids learn by doing,  
and natural-environs teaching  
to keep curiosity brewing.

Heart-rate tech, fitness software—  
tools to stay fit—  
we said "Yes!" to it all,  
every last little bit.

We sharpened our skills  
with a new knife block station,  
and we read, read, and read—  
with great determination!

From GBlues Reads as One  
to Read Live and Thrive,  
we helped keep the love  
of good books alive.

We funded archery arrows  
that soar straight and true,  
and the Burd greenhouse blooms  
burst in colorful hue.

We welcomed musicians  
to teach, guide, and play—  
from masterclass choirs  
to bands in the café.

Library books? But of course!  
You can never have too many.  
Coffee House jams?  
We said, "Let's fund plenty!"

Then STEM took the spotlight—  
oh, the wonders we saw!  
Lego Spikes, laser cutters,  
and robotics in awe.

Pond biodiversity  
buzzed back with delight,  
as engines roared learning  
that clicked into sight.

Leadership forums,  
competitions galore—  
for curious minds  
hungry to learn more and more.

We lifted our youngest  
with Smooth Sailing's embrace—  
helping early learners  
find calm, rhythm, and pace.

We backed Healthy Hounds  
in the workplace too,  
and athletic shoes giving  
every runner new "zoooom!"

Scholarship software  
that streamlines the way—  
so dreams can take shape  
and bright futures can sway.

And with sponsorship magic,  
we strengthened our schools—  
helping the district  
with heart, hope, and tools.

So, here's to the givers,  
the doers, the crew—  
to the Greyhound Foundation,  
especially YOU.

For a year packed with moments  
that truly uplift—  
we are grateful, delighted,  
and proud of each gift.

Wherever a need rose,  
you stepped in to say:  
"We'll help you, dear Greyhounds—  
we're with you - all the way!"

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Written by Dr. Seuss (via AI Companion)



In the spirit of Dr. Seuss  
we wish you all the very best and the knowing that we can  
do really great things when we do them together.

Happy Holidays from The Greyhound Foundation





## NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?

Enrollment specialists can help:

- **Determine eligibility** for medical assistance or other programs
- **Answer questions** about the application by phone or in person
- **Complete** the application process; translation service available
- **Review** health care provider options
- **Provide education** on how to use health insurance coverage

Contact one of our Enrollment Specialists today.

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## ¿NECESITAS SEGURO MEDICÓ?

Los especialistas de inscripción pueden:

- **Determinar elegibilidad** para asistencia médica u otros programas
- **Contestar preguntas** sobre la aplicación por el teléfono o en persona
- **Ayudar a contestar y completar** el proceso de la aplicación. Tenemos servicios de traducción disponible
- **Revisar** opciones de doctores primarios
- **Proveer educación** para saber cómo usar seguro medicó

¡Póngase hoy en contacto con uno de nuestros especialistas de inscripción!

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