

State of Northampton County Address

By Jessica Berger

[Northampton County, PA] – Northampton County Executive Lamont G. McClure will give his State of the County address in the Historic Hotel Bethlehem on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. This event includes continental breakfast and is hosted by the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation (LVEDC). Northampton County is an LVEDC investor and partner. As County Executive, McClure is a member of LVEDC's Board of Directors. Sponsors include Workforce Board of the Lehigh Valley and Penn Community Bank. During his Annual Address, Executive McClure will highlight Northampton County's strongest accomplishments over the past seven years, including key initiatives that have shaped the county's progress and development.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Northampton County over the past seven years," said McClure. "In this address, I look forward to sharing our collective achievements and the hard work of our dedicated team. Together, we have made significant strides, and I am excited to discuss our path forward as we continue to advocate for the needs and aspirations of our community."

The meet-and-greet mixer and networking event is open to the public at no cost. Media is encouraged and registration is required for anyone planning to attend.

You may sign up at:

<https://www.lehighvalley.org/events/2025/04/16/special-events/2025-state-of-northampton-county/>. Executive McClure's speech will begin at 9:30 AM.

We Don't Have Enough Qualified Workers To Care For Pennsylvania's Fast-growing Older Population

By Erin McDermott Dir. Member Engagement and Workforce Solutions/LeadingAge PA

PA - Pennsylvania's aging services providers, including nursing homes, senior living communities, and home and community-based services, continue to sound the alarm about their ongoing workforce crisis. We don't have enough qualified workers to care for Pennsylvania's fast-growing older population, due to costly staffing agencies and limited government support.

To help, LeadingAge PA has launched Career Growth Partners, a collaboration with educational institutions that provides staff with exclusive access to discounted tuition rates for undergraduate and graduate degrees. It also offers certifications and opportunities to advance careers through shadowing, mentorship, hands-on training, and customized curriculum that addresses the unique needs and challenges of aging services.

Current partners include: Carlow University, Central Penn College, Chestnut Hill College, Drexel University, Elizabethtown College, Harrisburg University, Marywood University, Messiah University, Saint Joseph's University, and the newest addition, K-12 Commonwealth Charter Academy (CCA).

Career Grown Partners will build staffing depth for LeadingAge PA members as they navigate the ongoing workforce crisis. To achieve this, LeadingAge PA also provides scholarships, grants, and resources aimed at hiring, retention, and more. For instance, our "Careers to Love PA" initiative helps job seekers find meaningful career opportunities in aging services.



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