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LISA BOSCOLA 18TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

Boscola Announces \$305,800 State Grant to ProJeCt of Easton to Promote Family Literacy

By Senator Lisa Boscola

Bethlehem, PA – June 13, 2025 – Senator Lisa Boscola announced today that ProJeCt of Easton has been awarded a \$305,800 grant to continue its programming to promote family literacy from the Pennsylvania Department of Education through the Family Literacy Direct Service Grant program.

"ProJeCt of Easton has a long and successful history in promoting programs that improve the quality of life for Easton residents, especially in the area of adult and child literacy," Boscola stated. "This state funding will assist ProJeCt in continuing to meet its mission to build a better community. The benefit of family literacy of programs cannot be understated due to the life changing opportunities these programs present."

Today, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) awarded 14 Family Literacy Direct Service Grants totaling more than \$3.6 million to 14 education entities across the Commonwealth, including colleges and universities, school districts, community-based organizations, intermediate units (IUs) and more, to support access to literacy services for 540 families with children across the Commonwealth.

The Pennsylvania Adult and Family Literacy Education Act, (Act 143 of 1986), provides funding for adult basic and family literacy programs in Pennsylvania. These adult and family literacy programs aim to help adults acquire the skills and knowledge necessary for employment, self-sufficiency, and family involvement in their children's education. The Act also supports adults in attaining a secondary school diploma and transitioning to postsecondary education

Keep Your Pets Safe This Summer

By Senator Lisa Boscola

Did you know... in 2024 alone, PETA received reports that 111 animals died from heat-related causes, and another 388 were rescued from overheating just in time? And to think - those are just the cases we know about!

Appropriate shelter is needed, something that can provide your pet protection from the sun, heat, and inclement weather, and access to potable water is a must.

Signs of heat stroke can include, but are not limited to, heavy panting, excessive drooling, vomiting, and red or purple gums. If you have concerns about your pet, contact a veterinarian.

Dogs that are tethered outside and unattended can only be so for up to nine hours in temperatures up to 90 degrees and only for 30 minutes above 90 degrees. The dog must have access to an area of shade to escape the direct rays of the sun, as well as clean water.

While the tethering section in the Pennsylvania Crimes Code is not enforceable by itself, it can be used as a determining factor if the dog is the subject of neglect.

Give pets plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot or humid outdoors as pets can get dehydrated quickly. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful not to over-exercise them and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.

Know the symptoms of overheating in pets, which include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. Symptoms can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees.

