



The Official Newsletter for State Employees

March 2026

Featured News



We are currently accepting nominations for the 2026 Governor's Ambassador Awards. These esteemed annual awards highlight public employees who have gone above and beyond to help others.

[>> Submit a Nomination <<](#)

What's in this edition?

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Executive branch employees can be recognized for contributions in the areas of:

- Governor's Customer Service Award
- Governor's Courage Award
- Governor's Teamwork Award (three or more employees)
- Governor's Community Service and Volunteerism Award
- Governor's Extra Mile Award
- Governor's Team Kentucky Excellence Award

Award recipients will be honored at a special ceremony and will receive a personalized brick placed outside the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History.

Current executive branch employees or executive branch employees who have served within the past 12 months are eligible.



Complete the 2026 Executive Branch Annual Training!

The deadline to complete the *2026 Executive Branch Annual Training* requirement is quickly approaching! You must complete the entire curriculum that has been

- Pre-K for All
- Professional Development
- Career Counseling



Get Started on MyPURPOSE Today!

- Access over 1,200 online training courses and webinars.
- Connect with team members virtually.
- Apply for career opportunities.

assigned to you in MyPURPOSE by close of business Friday, May 1, 2026.

Failure to comply will result in a required minimum rating of “Needs Improvement” for the Professional Development competency section of the 2026 Year-End Performance Evaluation for eligible employees.

Your agency HR office and the Personnel Cabinet will be monitoring for completion, so please don’t delay. Log in to MyPURPOSE now to complete your assigned training.



#OurHealthyKYHome



Our Healthy Kentucky Home: Disaster Preparedness

Floods, tornadoes, winter storms, and severe weather are often beyond our control and can devastate our communities. While we can’t control when emergencies happen, we can control how prepared we are — and preparation plays a powerful role in protecting our health, our families, and our communities. However, being prepared is not just an individual responsibility; it also relies on strong systems and trusted partnerships working together long before disaster strikes.

Here in Kentucky, we have some of the best resources, teams, and partnerships around, giving us a solid foundation to face any emergency that comes our way. Learn more about disaster preparedness on the [Our Healthy Kentucky Home website](#).

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS PERSONNEL EVENT CALENDAR](#)

BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED!

[Click here for Blood Donation Information](#)



Reminder: Appropriate Use of Email

We understand that employees are passionate about many causes and want to have their voices heard. While we appreciate an individual's pursuit of advocacy on various subjects, please be reminded that the Executive Branch employee handbook provides that while employees are not prohibited from engaging in issue advocacy, employees are not permitted to engage in issue advocacy on state time, using state resources such as email, or in a manner that conflicts with official duties.

Please also be reminded that use of all technology resources, to include state email, must always be used in accordance with the Commonwealth Office of Technology Acceptable Use Policy No. [CIO-060](#). If you have any questions about the above policies, please consult with your agency Human Resource Office.



The Kentucky Department of Revenue is pleased to offer **free e-filing of completed individual income tax returns**, with both the Kentucky Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service for all **EXECUTIVE BRANCH STATE EMPLOYEES (no extended family or friends)**. Electronic filing offers many benefits such as faster processing, fewer errors, faster refunds, and direct

deposit. The deadline to submit your returns and forms to the department for this service is April 01, 2026 (Wednesday).

Please note, this service does not include returns with business schedules such as C, D, E, F or Forms: 2106, 3903, 8606, 8615, 8949, 8889, 1099A, 1099NEC, 1099Q, 1099SA or 5498SA.

- Employees in Frankfort can drop off their **completed tax returns at the front desk** located inside of the State Office Building, at 501 High Street in Frankfort, STA 38. Please label your envelope “ATTN: Frankfort Taxpayer Service Center”. The front desk will assist with properly routing and logging the drop off to the appropriate location.
- Employees outside of Frankfort may drop off **completed tax returns** at any of the other nine taxpayer service centers located throughout the state. For a list of locations and telephone numbers of all taxpayer service centers visit <http://revenue.ky.gov/Get-Help/Pages/Service-Centers.aspx>

Participating employees must complete and sign their federal and state tax returns, as well as the following forms noted below (links provided):

1) [Federal Form 8879](#) 2) [State Form 8879-K](#). (If this form is not available, copy the federal form 8879, sign and add K behind the form number). 3) [Federal Form 14446 Taxpayer Consent](#). Please complete part III of the form. 4) [Federal Form 13614-C Intake/Interview & Quality Review Sheet](#) 5) *Copy of your Photo ID as well as copies of the social security cards for everyone on your return.*

Please include your completed tax returns, your W-2s, and all the above forms in an envelope with your name, phone number, and email address where you can be reached during business hours on the front. Once the IRS

has acknowledged that your return has been accepted, you will be contacted that your return is ready for pickup at the location you dropped it off. Returns will be entered and transmitted as soon as possible, usually within four to five working days depending on the volume of returns.

If you have questions, please contact your local taxpayer service center.



You are required to complete the LivingWell Promise between January 1, 2026, and July 1, 2026, if you want a health insurance premium discount in 2027.

To complete the Promise, all you have to do is take the Castlight Health Assessment at mycastlight.com/mybenefits. The Health Assessment only takes about 10 minutes to complete and asks various health and lifestyle questions.

The Promise must be completed between January 1, 2026, and July 1, 2026. By completing the Promise, you earn up to a \$480 premium discount (\$40 a month) for plan year 2027.



LivingWell Health Clinic:
where quality meets
convenience.

LivingWell Health Clinics

Our LivingWell Health Clinics aren't only for the occasional sick visit! Providers at the Livingwell Health Clinics offer members a comprehensive range of services, including primary care, chronic condition management, women's health screenings, vaccines and more.

Our providers are committed to helping you get, stay and be well.

Learn more about the clinics here: [LivingWell Health Clinic | Premise Health](#)



All of your retirement savings
**can enjoy KDC
advantages**

A rollover could simplify your finances — and your fees.

Consider the benefits of combining all of your retirement assets into your KDC account through a [rollover](#).

Through a rollover, you can transfer assets from other retirement accounts into your KDC account while

preserving the tax-deferred status of those assets and avoiding current taxes or early withdrawal penalties. In addition, you get:

- Tax-deferred earnings until you take a withdrawal
- Potential loan availability
- Access to local Retirement Specialists and CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® professionals, at no additional cost
- One set of administrative and investment fees — probably less than you're paying now



Holidays for State Personnel

State offices shall be closed and state employees shall be given a holiday on the following days:

- **Good Friday:** April 3, 2026 (1/2 day)
 - **Memorial Day:** May 25, 2026
 - **Juneteenth:** June 19, 2026
 - **Independence Day:** July 3, 2026
 - **Labor Day:** September 7, 2026
 - **Veterans Day:** November 11, 2026
 - **Thanksgiving:** November 26–27, 2026
 - **Christmas:** December 24–25, 2026
 - **New Year's:** December 31, 2026–January 1, 2027
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Pre-K for All

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KENTUCKY.



When kids miss out on pre-K, we all feel it. Not just in our schools, but in our economy too. Building a stronger Kentucky begins with investing in our kids. A brighter future for our Commonwealth starts by increasing access to preschool.

This isn't just an education issue. It's a bottom-line issue. Pre-K for All:

- Increases Kindergarten Readiness
- Expands Kentucky's Labor Force
- Boosts Take-Home Pay
- Grows Kentucky's Economy
- Attracts Pre-K Professionals
- Eliminates Child Care Deserts
- Saves Out-of-Pocket Child Care Costs

Learn more about Pre-K for All and ways to get involved at prek4all.ky.gov!



Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

View the professional development opportunities provided by the Kentucky Employees Assistance Program (KEAP) and Governmental Services Center. Employees should log in and request training in [MyPURPOSE](#) under “MyLEARNING” - “Event Calendar”

Manager approval is required.

March

- **Your Most Healthy Brain:** Thursday, March 12, 10:30 - 11:30 AM ET
- **Change Challenge: Tips for Growing Healthy Responses to Change:** Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 - 11:30 AM ET

April

- **Building Resilience:** Wednesday, April 1, 10:30 - 11:30 AM ET
- **Stress Management Part One:** Tuesday, April 21, 10:30 - 11:30 AM ET
- **Stress Management Part Two:** Tuesday, April 28, 10:30 - 11:30 AM ET

May

- **Mental Health Issues in the Workplace:** Tuesday, May 12, 10:30 - 11:30 AM ET
- **Preventive Care for Mental Health:** Wednesday, May 20, 10:30 - 11:30 AM ET
- **Anxiety Awareness:** Wednesday, May 27, 10:30 - 11:30 AM ET



Connect with a career counselor today!

Career Counseling for State Employees

Are you looking for the next step in your career path? Let our experts help you! Through the Personnel Cabinet's free career counseling services, you can receive customized career recommendations based on your goals, interests, education, and experience.

Please email pers.careercounseling@ky.gov to connect with our career counselors.

About the Personnel Cabinet

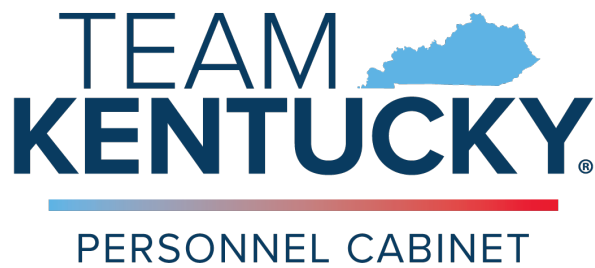
The Personnel Cabinet provides leadership and guidance to attract, develop, motivate, and retain a talented, diverse workforce that provides outstanding service to state agencies and citizens of the Commonwealth; foster an understanding of and adherence to legal requirements; and create a positive and inclusive work environment that supports the holistic well-being of all employees.

The Personnel Cabinet is located at 501 High Street, Frankfort, KY 40601
Normal business hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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