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ACLAMO and Norristown Police Department Partner to Launch HÉROES Career Exploration Program for Norristown Students

NORRISTOWN, PA — [September 16, 2026] — With grant support awarded to ACLAMO by MontcoWorks, ACLAMO and the Norristown Police Department will launch the **HÉROES** Program—Help, Emergency Response, and Occupational Exploration in Safety—this fall. This new initiative will introduce Norristown students in grades 5–12 to careers in public safety and emergency response while fostering leadership, civic engagement, and positive mentorship with local first responders.

The **HÉROES** Program brings together ACLAMO's nearly 50 years of experience serving families and youth with the Norristown Police Department's commitment to building strong relationships with the community. The Norristown Police Department will support ACLAMO in coordinating participation from local public safety and emergency response agencies, giving students an opportunity to learn firsthand about careers in public safety and emergency services.

Spanning 10 educational sessions, the curriculum combines classroom instruction, career exploration, and supervised site visits. Students will interact directly with professionals from the Norristown Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Norristown Fire Department, Montgomery County 911 Center, and local emergency medical services. Through these interactions, agency representatives will share their daily responsibilities, outline career preparation pathways, and guide students in building core skills like teamwork, communication, and responsible decision-making.

"HÉROES is about giving our young people the opportunity to see possibilities for their future," said Beatriz Gasiba, Executive Director of ACLAMO. "Through this partnership, students will meet the people who serve their community, learn about careers they may not have considered before, and see that these opportunities can be part of their future."



“We are grateful to the Norristown Police Department for partnering with us and to MontcoWorks for making this program possible. For many students, **HÉROES** may be their first opportunity to interact personally with professionals in these fields and learn about the education, training, and career pathways available to them.”

Students, families, and community partners are invited to learn about participation requirements and preview planned activities. For more information, email juliana@aclamo.org or call our Norristown Community Center. This collaborative program reflects our shared commitment to investing in the future success of Norristown's youth.

About ACLAMO:

Founded in 1977, ACLAMO is Montgomery County's only full-service Latino-serving community organization. ACLAMO provides bilingual, culturally responsive programs in education, health and wellness, workforce development, social services, housing stability, and food assistance. Through locations in Norristown, Pottstown, and Lansdale, ACLAMO empowers Latino and other underserved community members to achieve greater stability, opportunity, and well-being. For more information, please visit <https://aclamo.org>

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