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Introduction

Senator Velmanette Montgomery, Chair of the Committee on Children and Families, in partnership with Senator Roxanne J. Persaud, Chair of the Committee on Social Services and Senator David Carlucci, Chair of the Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, hosted the *“Examining the State of Our Youth”* roundtable series to learn more about the issues facing children and families throughout the State of New York.

Each roundtable spotlighted topics and featured local government agencies, community-based organizations, stakeholders, community leaders, educational institutions, parents and youth, the purpose being to inform elected officials about the issues important to advocates, communities, and families in our State. These invaluable discussions have resulted in a number of legislative remedies, creating pieces of legislation that seek to address some of the main issues expressed by roundtable participants.

As the Chairs of Human Services Committees in the New York State Senate, each roundtable provided us with invaluable insight on the issues facing New Yorkers across our State and helped guide our legislative agenda for the 2020 Legislative Session.

These discussions have presented Legislators with vast amounts of information about the State of New York as a whole, and how both upstate and downstate experience similar overarching issues with cultural competency, housing, funding, access to services and opportunities.

This Directory is a resource guide that spotlights the organizations that participated in each roundtable and the services and programs offered by each. The goal of this directory is to build a network of organizations to create opportunities to work in tandem and achieve common goals on behalf of the children, families, and residents in our great State of New York.

Below please find information on the bills that Members introduced to address issues raised at the roundtables.

Passed in Senate and Assembly & Signed Into Law

Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR) Reform

Reforms the SCR to increase the standard of proof for unfounded and indicated reports of neglect, the admissibility of reports of cases on neglect and makes a differentiation between child neglect and child abuse. It also increases the standard regarding evidence for child neglect, which will ultimately relieve individuals from the prospect of being persecuted for the “crime” of being poor. This bill also updates fair hearing rights as it relates to employment for subjects of maltreatment reports.

Creation of Family Support Services

Establishes family support centers for youth at risk of being, or alleged or adjudicated to be juvenile delinquents or someone in need of supervision; as well as authorizing reimbursements to the localities for this effective model of community-based intervention.

S1688 Montgomery/A5615 Weinstein

The “**Deed Theft Bill**” enhances consumer protection measures and closes loopholes to prevent deed fraud and mortgage scams.

S3419 Montgomery/A5494 Weprin

“**Clean Bill of Adoptee Rights**” establishes the right of adoptees to receive a certified copy of their birth certificate upon reaching the age of 18.

S3457 Montgomery/A5045 Davila

Allows the court to waive certain surcharges and fees when it is determined that the defendant is under 21 years of age and demonstrates either that the fee would impose an undue hardship, it prevents successful reintegration, or that the interests of justice require it. The State currently collects \$3 million dollars annually from fees from youth in New York State (ages 18-21).

S4637-A Montgomery/A2957-A Richardson

Requires information on possible complications from pregnancy that can endanger the life or health of the newborn or mother be provided to her.

S5514-A Montgomery/A8033 Seawright

Relates to the notification of allowance for infant support to ensure that all persons legally responsible for an infant, regardless of gender or status as a parent or legal guardian, will receive equal notice of that infant’s right to support.

**S5516-B Montgomery/A8092 Jaffee**

Amends the Family Court Act (FCA) to allow for the determination of a juvenile respondent's capacity to stand trial to be conducted at the place where the respondent is being held in custody, instead of in a hospital's psychiatric center.

S6215 Montgomery/A7974 Richardson

Ensures that all parties and children's attorneys are informed promptly of any changes in placement and of any indicated reports of maltreatment that may warrant family court intervention.

S6405 Montgomery/A8059 Jaffee

The "**KinCare Bill**" amends the Family Court Act, extending the definition of people who are eligible to petition the court to become foster parents and receive kinship resources to include those who are related to the child by blood, marriage, adoption, half-sibling or fictive kin, and those with a close, positive relationship.

S6436 Montgomery/A7748-A Rosenthal

This bill would implement a State policy to ensure public employees receive fair and equal pay for substantially similar work. This policy is extended to all employees regardless of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, disability and more.

S6874-A Gaughran/A8903-A Jean-Pierre

This bill holds real estate professionals accountable for discriminatory housing practices. Ensures that real estate agents who violate New York's Human Rights Law by "steering" minority families towards certain communities, or other racist practices that deny individuals the dignity of choosing their home and neighborhood, face penalties, by either suspending or revoking their licenses.

Passed in Senate and Assembly & Awaiting Action by the Governor**S222-C Benjamin/A1436-C Epstein**

The "**Scar Act**" mandates the Office of Children and Family Services to report to the Legislature various data pertaining to the number of unaccompanied minors that are taken from the Texas-Mexico border and placed in Centers across New York State. This legislation provides accountability on behalf of New York State as the Trump Administration continues its zero-tolerance anti-immigration policies.

S724-A Montgomery/A6710-A Rozic

The "**Proximity Bill**," or "**April's Law**," requires the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision to place incarcerated parents at correctional institutions and facilities closest to their children's home.

**S6533 Montgomery/A7970 Frontus**

Requires the video recording of any juvenile subject to interrogation when taken into custody by a police officer, without a warrant. Such video recording is to include the giving of any required notice to the child, as to his or her rights and the child's waiver of any rights. A copy of the recording will be subject to discovery.

S8421-A Persaud/A10513 Hevesi

Requires the Office of Children and Family Services to collect data on child welfare preventive services by local social services districts and compile an annual report to be submitted to the Governor and Legislature.

S8525 Montgomery/A2770-C Bichotte

Enacts the "**Jonah Bichotte Cowan Law**" which requires hospitals to inform expectant mothers if they are going into preterm labor, and provide care to women with high-risk pregnancies.

S8805 Metzger/A6679-C Ryan

Directs the Public Service Commission (PSC) to study the availability, affordability, and reliability of high-speed internet and broadband access in New York State and produce a detailed access map on its website that indicates internet service by location; addressing deficiencies in rural broadband service across New York State and recognizing access to high-speed internet as an essential tool to economic/social well-being.

S8834 Montgomery/A10581-B Wright

Authorizes former foster care youth who have been discharged from foster care to return to foster care placement during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Passed the Senate Only**S753-A Montgomery/7873 Jean-Pierre**

Directs the Office of Children and Family Services to study, make recommendations on, and report on child day care and child care assistance and the availability of funding.

**S839-A Montgomery/A9587 Steck**

Enacts the “**New York State YouthBuild Act**” mandating the Department of Labor create a codified, comprehensive statutory structure to authorize grants and establish program requirements to support YouthBuild programs throughout the State.

S854 Montgomery/A5926 Mosley

Requires the Division of Budget to submit annual reports to the Legislature detailing the distribution of State funding to community-based organizations by zip code.

S4004 Carlucci/A570 Jaffee

Requires agencies to provide potential adoptive parents with information concerning State-funded benefits or services available once the foster child is adopted as well as those that expire upon adoption.

S5808-A Montgomery

Establishes a task force in New York State to study the status of educator diversity.

S6214 Montgomery

Relates to adjournments in contemplation of dismissal and suspended judgments in child protective proceedings in the Family Court.

S6534 Montgomery

Prohibits the use of handcuffs, chains, shackles, irons, straitjackets and other restraints on children under the age of twenty-one appearing before Family Court.

S6537 Montgomery/A7501 Benedetto

Codifies the New York State Smart Scholars Early College High School Program and the New York State Pathways in Technology Early College High School Program within the New York State Education Department. Both programs provide students, including those traditionally underrepresented in post-secondary education, with the opportunity to access college-level courses and college degree credits at the high school level with the combined support of high school and college staff and resources, and for the NYS P-TECH programs, career training and employment in a highly skilled job upon completion of the program.

S7694 Persaud

Requires social services districts to maintain a waiting list of certain families applying for child care assistance.

S8332 Persaud/A10428 Hevesi

Provides a statutory definition of the term “kinship caregiver.”

Passed the Assembly Only

S5276-B Persaud/A6658-C Woerner

Establishes a living allowance for adults with developmental disabilities to aid families and dependent adult children who have surpassed the age of majority for child support, but have developmental disabilities that necessitate a living allowance.

In Committee Awaiting Action

S4476 Montgomery/A2160 Richardson

This legislation directs the Office of Children and Family Services and the New York City Administration for Children's Services to submit annual reports concerning information related to children served by their respective programs.

S5153 Thomas/A2445 Solages

Establishes a housing task force to address affordable housing for millennials in suburban communities. This task force creates a body to foster discussion of the respective issue and develops links between agencies.

S5827 Persaud/A7855 Solages

Authorizes and directs the Office of Children and Family Services to conduct a study on the family assessment response program and provides for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

S6124 Montgomery

Limits co-payments for child care subsidies based upon the family's ability to pay; co-payments can't exceed ten percent of any given family's household income.

S6433 Metzger/A7402 Lupardo

Increases the annual amount of loans authorized to be made to an agricultural producer from the housing development fund.

S6629 Carlucci/A9535 De La Rosa

"Nicole's Law" creates a red-flag system to ensure individuals admitted to hospitals following a self-inflicted, life-threatening injury would receive enhanced person-centered treatment, their families are provided with resources on how to care for this vulnerable population, an appropriate discharge plan including an immediate connection to community services, with the person receiving priority access to community services and follow-up with the individual following discharge. The bill would also address the practices of how psychiatric clinical trials handle perspective participants disqualified because of a previous suicide attempt within the calendar year.

**S6786-A May/A8766-A Steck**

Modifies the definition of disorderly conduct for family offense proceedings to not require an intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof, but merely an intent to cause annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof.

S7546 Montgomery/A9840 Wright

Amends the social services law, in relation to a child's eligibility for kinship guardianship assistance payments after adoption by a guardian.

S7737 Kaplan/A6549-A Rosenthal L.

Requires the Office of Children and Family Services to maintain a database of available beds for runaway and/or homeless youth.

S7964 Persaud/A10069 Wright

Establishes an Office of the Foster Care Ombudsman in the Office of Children and Family Services. The ombudsman will support foster families in providing care for children at risk for removal or who have been removed from their homes.

S8048 Martinez

Requires training in developmental disability awareness and sensitivity and cultural competency, sensitivity and implicit bias for child protective services workers.

S8685 Montgomery/A10727 Jaffee

This bill would raise the lower age of juvenile delinquency from seven years old to twelve years old and would create differential response programs for children under the age of twelve whose behavior, but for their age, would bring them within the jurisdiction of the family court in an effort to prevent future interaction with the juvenile justice system.

A9841 Wright

Provides parents who are the subject of a child protective services investigation with the ability to have their rights communicated to them at the inception of said investigation.



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NYC Roundtable



The first roundtable held in New York City examined the foster care system and was sponsored by Senator Montgomery, in partnership with Senator Persaud and Senator Carlucci. With almost four hours of intense discussion from participants and Legislators, the conversations shed great light on some issues lingering within the foster care system, and all the mitigating circumstances and experiences that impugned current policies in practice. There were so many important aspects of the system that were addressed during this roundtable, but the main takeaways are as follows:

- **A stronger consideration of the birth parents' rights in CPS proceedings.**
- **Refocusing on family reunification whenever possible.**
- **Working on allocating more resources to develop corrective programs, instead of sending resources just to keep children in the foster care system.**
- **Dealing with issues of cultural competency, making changes to educate all parties involved, about the different configurations of a family and what that unit "should," or rather, can look like.**
- **Through cultural competence and other aforementioned changes, we would see more workforce diversity, pathways to leadership for people of color in the system, supportive services/correct use of pronouns for LGBTQ youth, supportive housing and financial literacy programs.**

New York State Foster Care Participants

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
<p>Joyce McMillan Founder and Executive Director, PLAN (Parent Legislative Action Network) Parent Coordinator, Sinergia Inc. Visiting Fellow, Center for NYC Affairs at the New School Fellowship with Law4BlackLives Executive Director, JMacForFamilies 2082 Lexington Avenue, 3rd Floor New York, NY 10029 AdvocateAndOrganize@gmail.com</p>	<p>She's a professional Leader, Advocate, and Organizer; dedicated to transforming the current Child Protection System in order to protect and preserve families.</p>
<p>Administration for Children (NYC) 150 William St., Room 7-L08 New York, NY 10038 (212) 341-0900 www1.nyc.gov/site/acs/index.page ina.mendez@acs.nyc.gov</p>	<p>The Administration for Children protects and promotes safety and the well-being of New York City's children and families by providing child welfare, juvenile justice, and early care and education services. ACS contracts with private nonprofit organizations to support and stabilize families at risk of a crisis through preventive services, and provides foster care services for children not able to safely remain at home.</p>
<p>Advocates for Children of New York 151 West 30th St., 5th Floor New York, NY 10001 (212) 947-9790 www.advocatesforchildren.org chinds@advocatesforchildren.org</p>	<p>Advocates for Children of New York works on behalf of children who are at greatest risk for school-based discrimination and/or academic failure due to poverty, disability, race, ethnicity, immigrant or English Language Learner status, sexual orientation, gender identity, homelessness, or involvement in the foster care or juvenile justice systems.</p>
<p>Bangladeshi American Community Development and Youth Services 1216 Liberty Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11208 (718) 235-1700 www.bacdys.org rajjumd@bacdys.org</p>	<p>Bangladeshi American Community Development and Youth Services works to give low-income youth and adults in New York City the skills, confidence and knowledge they need to change their lives for the better.</p>

<p>Bronx Defenders 360 East 161st St. Bronx, NY 10451 (718) 838-7878 www.bronxdefenders.org Info@bronxdefenders.org</p>	<p>The Bronx Defenders is a public defender nonprofit that is radically transforming how low-income people in the Bronx are represented in the justice system and, in doing so, are transforming the system itself. Each year, they defend 27,000 low-income Bronx residents in criminal, civil, child welfare, and immigration cases, and they reach thousands more through their community intake and outreach programs. They also take what they learn from that and launch innovative initiatives designed to bring about real and lasting change for the communities served.</p>
<p>Brooklyn Defender Services 195 Montague Street, 5th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201 (718) 254-0700 www.bds.org lshapiro@bds.org</p>	<p>Brooklyn Defender Services works to provide high quality legal representation and related services to people who cannot afford to retain an attorney. BDS is a public defender organization that represents nearly 35,000 people each year who are too poor to afford an attorney. Their staff consists of specialized attorneys, social workers, investigators, paralegals and administrative staff who are experts in their individual fields.</p>
<p>Brooklyn Legal Services 1360 Fulton Street, Suite 301 Brooklyn, NY 11216 (646) 442-3600 www.legalservicesnyc.org/our-program/brooklyn bstaton@bsls.org</p>	<p>Brooklyn Legal Services works to stop evictions, preserve affordable housing and homeownership, help people access essential public benefits, identify and redress discrimination in housing and mortgage lending, empower victims of domestic violence, support Brooklyn residents who are LGBTQ or HIV+ in gaining access to the services they need, promote the rights of immigrants, veterans and the disabled, protect borrowers from abusive and illegal collection tactics, and ensure proper care and housing for elderly Brooklyn residents.</p>



<p>Center for Family Representation 40 Worth Street, Suite 605 New York, NY 10013 (212) 691-0950 www.cfrny.org jfeinberg@cfrny.org</p>	<p>Center for Family Representation provides families in crisis with free legal representation and social work services to enable children to stay with their parents safely. They work to keep children out of foster care or keep the child’s time in foster care to a minimum. They strongly believe that every family matters.</p>
<p>Children’s Defense Fund 815 2nd Avenue, 8th Floor New York, NY 10017 (480) 991-1619 www.childrensdefense.org jdavis@childrensdefense.org</p>	<p>Children’s Defense Fund provides a strong, effective and independent voice for all the children who cannot vote, lobby or speak for themselves. They pay particular attention to the needs of poor children, children of color and those with disabilities. CDF educates the Nation about the importance of children and the need to encourage preventive investments before the issues at hand impact the children.</p>
<p>Children’s Aid Society 711 Third Ave., Suite 700 New York, NY 10017 (212) 949-4800 www.childrensaidnyc.org ymcbride@childrensaidnyc.org</p>	<p>Children’s Aid Society helps children in poverty to succeed and thrive. They do this by providing comprehensive supports to children, youth, and their families in targeted high-needs neighborhoods in New York City. Their work reflects their belief that all kids have limitless potential, but for those growing up surrounded by poverty, family instability, and physical or emotional stress, life is too often about survival, not possibility.</p>



<p>Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (COFCCA) 135 W 50th Street New York, NY 10020 (518) 453-1160 www.cofcca.org lgitelson@cofcca.org</p>	<p>The Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies is the principal representative for nearly all the not-for-profit organizations providing foster care, adoption, family preservation, and juvenile justice services in New York State. COFCCA is comprised of over 100 member organizations, ranging in size from small community-based programs to the Nation’s largest multi-services agencies — all of which share the mission of serving children and families. COFCCA works with its members and government to ensure quality services for children and their families.</p>
<p>Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families 151 Lawrence St. Brooklyn, NY 11201 (212) 437-3500 www.egscf.org Smadden@egscf.org</p>	<p>Edwin Gould’s Community of Care has addressed the complex and often overwhelming issues that confront society. Rooted in a history of services focused on the needs of orphaned children, their programming includes a comprehensive array of services incorporating evidence-based practices to address those in need across the lifespan. Their cornerstone foster care and adoption services are joined by community-based preventive services designed to assist at-risk families, domestic violence prevention, and advocacy toward policy change, criminal justice services and much more.</p>
<p>Girl Vow, Inc. 509 Willis Avenue, Bronx, NY 10455 www.girlvow.org kaylen@girlvow.org</p>	<p>Girl Vow, Inc. works to minimize the risks young girls face by providing direct services, by collaborating with private and public enterprises, to help transition disadvantaged girls into services that will lead to career sustainability, training, and/or post-secondary education.</p>
<p>Good Shepherd Services www.goodshepherds.org (212) 243-7070</p>	<p>Good Shepherd believes that young people are New York City’s single largest resource and their organization’s continued success and prosperity depends on how well they can prepare their clients for the future. They operate 100 programs, which help over 30,000 youth and family members in struggling neighborhoods throughout New York City and provide resources that build on their clients’ inherent strengths.</p>
<p>Graham Windham 1 Pierrepont Plaza, Suite 901 New York, NY 11201 (212) 529-6445 www.graham-windham.org WatsonK@graham-windham.org</p>	<p>Graham Windham has pioneered programs for New York City’s children, families and communities since 1806. They provide youth and family programs at 11 community-based sites in Harlem, Brooklyn, the Bronx, and Westchester. Their services include family foster care, adoption, foster care prevention through family strengthening, mental and behavioral health, parenting supports, afterschool, and youth development.</p>

<p>JCCA 120 Wall St. New York, NY 10005 (917) 808-4800 www.jccany.org richterr@jccany.org</p>	<p>JCCA helps abused, neglected and traumatized children to heal physically and emotionally through compassionate care. Their 37 programs include foster care, residential treatment facilities, mental health services, case management, education programs and special services for children who have been the victims of sexual abuse. They serve New York’s most vulnerable children and families to insure that their safety, permanency and well-being leads to a life of stability and promise.</p>
<p>Jewish Board of Family and Children’s Services 135 W 50th St. New York, NY 10020 (212) 582-9100 www.jewishboard.org bmcbrien@jbfcs.org</p>	<p>The Jewish Board provides critical health and human services for all New Yorkers, regardless of religion, ethnicity, cultural background, gender identification, ability or age. They help adults and children living with mental illness, families and individuals who need supportive housing, adolescents who deserve a safe and protected environment within which to recover, people living with developmental disabilities, and New Yorkers who need counseling and mental health services.</p>
<p>Lawyers for Children 110 Lafayette Street New York, NY 10013 (212) 966-6420 www.lawyersforchildren.org kfreedman@lawyersforchildren.org</p>	<p>Lawyers for Children works to provide protections when children are in crisis. In addition to free legal and social work services for children in foster care, Lawyers for Children provides targeted public policy and class action advocacy to achieve system-wide changes in the field of child welfare.</p>
<p>Legal Aid Society 199 Water St. New York, NY 10038 (212) 577-3300 www.lasnny.org TBMoser@legal-aid.org</p>	<p>The Legal Aid Society works throughout New York City to ensure everyone has access to justice. Their teams work across practice areas on nearly every area of law that impacts New Yorkers. Legal Aid Society works to protect and defend the rights of everyday New Yorkers who need legal support, regardless of who they are, where they come from, or how they identify. Their work keeps families and communities together, and in many cases, saves lives.</p>
<p>Martin de Porres Group Homes 218-24 136th Ave. Springfield Gardens, NY 11413 (718) 527-0606 www.mdpyfs.org ygrant@mdpgh.org</p>	<p>Martin de Porres Youth & Family Services offers the opportunities necessary to maximize the potential of the youth and families entrusted to their care, and they believe, that when given the means and support, everyone can become more self-sustaining. Their Trauma Informed Lasallian Culture of Care model embraces all without distinction, and their programs and interventions are developed to “Touch Hearts, Instill Hope and Transform Lives.”</p>



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New Alternatives for Children was founded on the belief that every child deserves a safe, nurturing home and a bright future. With more than 35 years of focus on an exclusive mission, NAC has developed a strong expertise. Their size and array of services continue to grow and, year by year, they expand their capacity to serve New York City’s most vulnerable children and families.

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The Redlich Horwitz Foundation works to accelerate transformation in New York’s child welfare system to keep children, youth and families supported and thriving. The Foundation believes children do best when they are raised by their families of origin, where they have a strong sense of love, belonging and community. They also believe children should remain with their families whenever possible, and that all caregivers — birth, foster and kinship — should have access to the same types and levels of support, including financial, programmatic, and therapeutic.

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Sheltering Arms works to foster a society where every child and family they serve has the opportunity to succeed and thrive. They address the effects of social inequity in some of the most challenged communities in New York City. Their innovative programs and compassionate services measurably enhance the education, well-being, and development of children, their families, and the communities they live in.

<p>The Coalition for Behavioral Health 123 William Street, Suite 1901 New York, NY 10038 (212) 742-1600 www.coalitionny.org mzomakiefer@coalitionny.org</p>	<p>The Coalition for Behavioral Health represents over 100 nonprofit, community-based behavioral health agencies. These agencies serve over 400,000 individuals in the greater New York area, providing counseling, mental health treatment, substance use treatment, and supportive housing. The Coalition has a robust policy agenda, focused on improving behavioral health for all New Yorkers. Their advocacy focuses on supporting providers, increasing the behavioral health workforce, and removing barriers to accessing care.</p>
<p>The Coalition for Children’s Behavioral Health PO Box 7124 Albany, NY 12224 (212) 742-1600 www.coalitionny.org andrea@asmythadvocacy.com</p>	<p>The New York State Coalition for Children’s Behavioral Health Services represents children’s best interests in all the areas that affect youth and families with severe emotional disturbances. They are a great resource for policy information, state-of-the-art education and training, and other children’s behavioral health care information. Their members actively discuss issues that influence their success in the treatment and services provided to children across New York State.</p>
<p>The Door 555 Broome Street New York, NY 10013 (212) 941-9090 ext. 3249 www.door.org snelson@door.org</p>	<p>The Door works to empower young people to reach their potential by providing comprehensive youth development services in a diverse and caring environment. They have helped a diverse and rapidly growing population of disconnected youth in New York City gain the tools they need to become successful in school/work and in life.</p>
<p>The New York Foundling 590 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10011 (212) 633-0300 www.nyfoundling.org sylvia.rowlands@nyfoundling.org</p>	<p>The New York Foundling works to ensure that all children, adults and families have access to opportunities that will help them reach their full potential. They provide carefully designed programs, services and opportunities for children, families, and adults to create transformational change in their own lives. They believe everyone is capable of making the right decisions for their future and that a zip code should not be a limitation to someone’s potential.</p>
<p>You Gotta Believe 3114 Mermaid Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11224 (718) 372-3003 www.yougottabelieve.org mkeane@yougottabelieve.org</p>	<p>You Gotta Believe’s goal is to find youth permanent families so that they have the support system they need to live safely, and to their highest potential. They believe no child should leave the foster care system without a lifelong support network in place. They say, everyone deserves a family – and that family is a critical element to human health and prosperity.</p>



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Mental Health Services in Central New York

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Syracuse Roundtable

The second roundtable in Syracuse, New York was sponsored by Senator Montgomery, in partnership with Senator May, Senator Persaud, and Senator Carlucci, and examined Mental Health Services in Central New York. The issues in Syracuse are, in part, due to the City itself being a large urban center with more rural surrounding counties and towns, which often leads to inadequate funding and disproportionate jurisdictional access to organizations. Some of the main points and issues raised are as follows:

- Due to the detachment along jurisdictional lines, there appear to be significant differences in the needs between Onondaga County and Madison County.
- Here, we also learned that 1 in 5 children has a diagnosable mental health condition and suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for youth nationwide.
- Increased concerns with ideations of suicide and violence, plus inadequate funding for organizations, has all led to high job turnover, and issues with the organizations' ability to build rapport with youth.
- There was also serious concern with difficulties that families experience in navigating the mental health system.
- In Syracuse, there are significant gaps in family access, which leaves many families to their own devices. Based on the discussion, it seems that if a family can't afford help or find a way to navigate the process on their own, their youth are being left untreated.

Mental Health Services in Central New York Participants

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<p>ACR Health 627 West Genesee Street Syracuse, NY 13204 (315) 475-2430 www.acrhealth.org ssimone@ACRHealth.org</p>	<p>ACR Health is a not-for-profit, community-based organization providing an array of support services to individuals affected by a wide range of chronic diseases, including HIV/AIDS, with the goal of positive health outcomes; as well as Navigators to help individuals and businesses make informed health insurance decisions. Furthermore, ACR Health has a Syringe Exchange, a Drug User Health Hub, and provides a wide variety of targeted prevention and sexual health services to individuals, from youth through adulthood, to community groups and individuals to empower them to make informed and responsible decisions.</p>
<p>ARISE Child and Family Service, Inc. Syracuse 635 James Street Syracuse, New York 13203 (315) 472-3171 www.ariseinc.org jnabewaniec@ariseinc.org</p>	<p>ARISE is a non-profit, community-based organization that works to ensure that everyone, regardless of disability, has the power to make life choices and achieve their dreams. Navigating the world of disability services can often be confusing and overwhelming for many families. Whether you have a simple question or have no idea where to start, they can be a reliable resource.</p>
<p>ARISE Inc. Madison County 1091 Northside Shopping Center Oneida, New York 13421 (315) 363-4672 www.ariseinc.org christina.sudol@ariseinc.org</p>	<p>They provide opportunities so that people with disabilities can live freely and independently in the community. Everything they do is based on the independent living philosophy, the belief that people with disabilities have a right to self-determination – the freedom to make choices and work toward achieving personal goals and changing the system.</p>



<p>Center for Community Alternatives (CCA) 115 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 300 Syracuse, NY 13202 (315) 422-5638 www.communityalternatives.org dcondliffe@communityalternatives.org</p>	<p>Center for Community Alternatives is a leader in community-based alternatives to incarceration and policy advocacy to reduce reliance on incarceration. They provide direct services to communities in New York City, Syracuse and Rochester, engaging approximately 2,500 youth and adults annually who would otherwise be incarcerated.</p>
<p>Center for Court Innovation 601 Tully Street Syracuse, NY 13204 (315) 266-4330 www.courtinnovation.org rsreckess.gov</p>	<p>Center for Court Innovation was founded as a public/private partnership between the New York State Unified Court System and the Fund for the City of New York. They have, and continue to create, operating programs to test new ideas and solve problems, perform original research to determine what works, and provide expert assistance to justice reformers around the world.</p>
<p>Community Action Program for Madison County 1001 New Market Drive Canastota, NY 13032 (315) 697-3588 www.capmadco.org bchurch@capmadco.org</p>	<p>Community Action Program for Madison County works for and with low- and moderate-income families in Madison County to provide education, guidance, and resources for individuals and families striving for economic self-sufficiency.</p>
<p>Friends of the CanTeen 6046 State Route 31 Cicero, NY 13039 (315) 699-1391 www.canteencny.com tbrauchle@ciceronewyork.net</p>	<p>The CanTeen provides teens between 8th and 12th grade a safe place to hang out after school. They provide a place where teens can come connect with friends, have fun, and also have access to food, and everyone is welcome.</p>
<p>Hillside Children’s Center (HCC) 215 Wyoming St. Syracuse, NY 13204 (585) 256-7500 www.hillside.com mbelge@hillside.com</p>	<p>Hillside Children’s Center is a provider of care for youth and families with a wide range of emotional and behavioral challenges. HCC offers mental health, child welfare, juvenile justice, special education, crisis support, and developmental disabilities services to children and families throughout Central and Western New York. They also work closely with families, community partners and school districts to provide individualized educational services that address broad challenges affecting learning, academic success, graduation and much more.</p>

<p>Hillside Family of Agencies 215 Wyoming St. Syracuse, NY 13204 (585) 256-7500</p>	<p>Hillside Family of Agencies provides comprehensive health, education, and human services for children and families whose challenges threaten their ability to realize their full potential. They are guided by a deeply held belief that healthy children and strong families with opportunities to succeed are the foundation of a thriving community.</p>
<p>Liberty Resources 1045 James St. Syracuse, NY 13203 (315) 425-1004 www.liberty-resources.org amikowski@liberty-resources.org</p>	<p>Liberty Resources was founded on their belief in high-quality healthcare, behavioral healthcare, and social support being a prime portion of the services delivered in a way that best suits the patient. Too often, the healthcare and social service systems evoke feelings of dread, fear, exclusion, and even judgment, but Liberty Resources works to ensure no New York State residents have to experience that.</p>
<p>Madison County Mental Health Veterans Memorial Building 138 N Court Street Wampsville, NY 13163 (315) 366-2327 www.madisoncounty.ny.gov Teisha.Cook@madisoncounty.ny.gov</p>	<p>Madison County Mental Health provides the single entry point for persons requesting any type of mental health services. The Clinic provides emergency mental health services and coordinates the Department’s crisis line. Crisis intervention may range from one contact with a distressed person, to several psychotherapeutic sessions with the person and family members. The Outpatient Clinic provides regularly scheduled assessments and treatments for on going mental health problems.</p>
<p>McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center 601 E Genesee St. Syracuse, NY 13202 (315) 701-2985 www.mcmahonryan.org mfmocete@mcmahonryan.org</p>	<p>McMahon Ryan’s approach partners law enforcement, children and family services, social workers, medical professionals, victim advocates, prosecutors, therapists and volunteers under one roof and preserves the best evidence for investigators in cases of child abuse or human trafficking. Whenever possible, children tell their story only once to a highly-trained forensic interviewer who knows the right questions to ask in a way that does not retraumatize the child. The child connects to a victim advocate, gets one medical exam, and meets with a therapist. Team members then work together to provide the child and family the support services they need, all the way through trial and beyond.</p>
<p>NASW-NYS 188 Washington Ave. Albany, NY 12210 (518) 463-4741 www.naswnys.org rstetson@bienestar-bcc.com</p>	<p>The National Association of Social Workers – New York State Chapter (NASW-NYS) works to promote and advocate for the strength, unity, identity, and status of the social work profession; the enhancement of social work practice; and policies, services, and programs that promote social justice throughout New York State.</p>

<p>New Justice Conflict Resolution Services, Inc. 1153 W Fayette St. Syracuse, NY 13204 (315) 471-4676 www.newjusticeservices.org johnmccullough@newjusticeservices.org</p>	<p>New Justice Conflict Resolution Services is dedicated to the constructive resolution of interpersonal and small group conflicts. The agency seeks to accomplish this mission through the design and delivery of intervention and prevention programming in three Central New York counties: Onondaga, Oswego, and Cortland. New Justice Services offers mediation, arbitration, and process facilitation services as alternatives to litigation for resolving disputes. Due to its contracts with the NYS Unified Court System, they are empowered to intervene in an extensive array of situations and conflicts in the region’s civil, criminal, and family courts. New Justice Services provides a State certified mediation skills training program to its paid and volunteer staff under the auspices of the NYS Community Dispute Resolution Centers Program.</p>
<p>NYS DCJS Office of Public Safety Office of Public Safety 80 South Swan St. Albany, NY 12210 (518) 457-2667 www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/ops/index.htm Kristin.Geiger@dcjs.ny.gov</p>	<p>The Office of Public Safety is responsible for the administration of both mandated police and peace officer certified training programs as well as initiatives developed to enhance the productivity and professionalism of public and private law enforcement and public safety personnel in New York. Additionally, the Office of Public Safety is responsible for the approval and certification of police training courses and security guard instructors and schools.</p>
<p>OGs Against Violence (607) 235-4489 www.facebook.com www.ogsagainstgunviolence Cryan81393@gmail.com</p>	<p>OGs Against Gun Violence is a community-based organization on a mission to take back the community, to stop the bloodshed of losing children to violence and to hold the prison system accountable.</p>
<p>Peaceful Schools Syracuse City School District 161 Intrepid Ln. Syracuse, NY 13205 (315) 558-4219 www.syracusecityschools.com YolandaS@peacefulschools.com</p>	<p>Peaceful Schools are committed to giving everyone the power to be peaceful. To them, this means helping everyone identify their own peaceful power and giving them the tools and resources on how to use it to make the world a better place. The C.A.R.E.S. skills – Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-control are the main skills embedded in their direct instruction with students, training and support with adults, social-emotional curriculum for others to implement, and community outreach and support.</p>



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Prevention Network works to create a healthier community by providing proven measurable programs that prevent addictions and address other problem behaviors.

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The Syracuse City School District educates more than 21,000 students each day, from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Their vision is to prepare and inspire all of their students to innovate locally and contribute globally and they are embracing the challenge of giving all of their students a vibrant education.

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Syracuse Cure Violence (SNUG) is an evidence-based program utilizing the Chicago Cure Violence model, designed to reduce gun violence among Syracuse youth, ages 13-22, in the south and southwest neighborhoods. Through the use of street outreach workers and violence interrupters from the community, who themselves have experienced violence and also have strong relationships with young adults, community leaders and service providers stop conflicts before they happen and redirect the highest-risk youth away from life on the streets. SNUG is focused on behavioral changes in the target population and preventing victimization and the perpetuation of gun violence.

<p>Syracuse Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (YSAP) 906 Spencer Street Syracuse, New York 13204 (315) 471-1359 www.facebook.com/SyracuseYSAP cjackson@preventionnetworkcny.org</p>	<p>The Syracuse Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition is a community partnership aimed at reducing youth substance use in the City of Syracuse. The coalition is comprised of community members from 12 different sectors: youth, parents, businesses, media, schools, youth-serving organizations, law enforcement, religious/fraternal organizations, civic/volunteer groups, healthcare professionals, governmental agencies, and other organizations involved in reducing substance abuse.</p>
<p>Vera House, Inc. 723 James St. Syracuse, NY 13203 (315) 425-0818 www.verahouse.org jmoran@verahouse.org</p>	<p>Vera House was founded in 1977 by a group of concerned individuals led by Sister Mary Vera, CSJ, who recognized the need for emergency sheltering services for women in crisis. This original mission blossomed into a wide range of domestic violence services including outreach and advocacy, domestic violence education programming, children’s counseling, the Syracuse Area Domestic and Sexual Violence Coalition and a domestic violence education and accountability program for perpetrators of violence.</p>





Home Grown:

A Round Table Discussion on Youth and the Future of Work in Upstate New York

Hosted by:

NYS Senator Velmanette Montgomery

Chair, Committee on Children and Families

NYS Senator Jen Metzger

Chair, Committee on Agriculture

NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther

Chair, Committee on Mental Health

NYS Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee

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NYS Senator David Carlucci

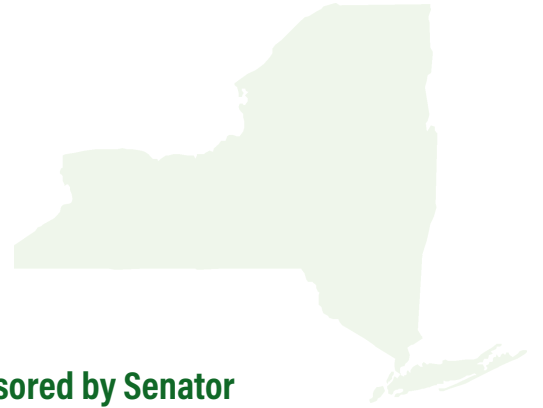
Chair, Committee on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

NYS Senator Roxanne J. Persaud

Chair, Committee on Social Services

"This roundtable was held to discuss support for opportunities for youth in the 42nd district of New York State. The discussion evaluated services available as it relates to the jurisdiction of the respective Human Services Committees."

Sullivan County Roundtable



The third roundtable in Sullivan County was sponsored by Senator Montgomery, in partnership with Senator Metzger, Assemblywoman Jaffee and Assemblywoman Gunther. The focal points of this roundtable were Youth and the Future of Work in Upstate New York. There was a strong focus on how legislators and organizations alike could create opportunities for youth to create a self-sufficient life for themselves in upstate counties like Sullivan. Some of the takeaways are as follows:

- **Funding to sustain quality of life, investments, jobs and opportunities for Sullivan County.**
- **Youth in attendance expressed their wishes to stay in their hometown, but without job opportunities, they couldn't afford to live or create a life for themselves without living with parents or depending on roommates.**
- **Access to broadband in rural areas, as youth in rural schools and communities rely on service for school work, access to jobs/ opportunities, and much more.**
- **Smaller towns often find themselves on the wrong side of the digital divide in New York due to large gaps in broadband access that is readily available to most people in urban centers, that then draw youth away.**
- **When youth leave rural areas, over time, it can greatly impact the economy and future of that area, because newer generations are no longer 'taking over' for those aging out into retirement.**

Youth and the Future of Work in Upstate New York Participants

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<p>Downsville Central School District 14784 NY-30 Downsville, NY 13755 (607) 363-2107 www.dcseagles.org RRhinehart@dcseagles.org</p>	<p>Downsville Central School is a public school located in Downsville, NY. It has approximately 226 students in grades PK, K-12 with a student-teacher ratio of 7 to 1.</p>
<p>Dragon360 8 N. Front Street, 2nd Floor Kingston, NY 12401 www.dragon360.com auchitelle@gmail.com</p>	<p>Dragon360 is an independent digital agency proudly based in Kingston, NY. They forge close relationships with brands of any size, working to highlight and solve business challenges with performance-based marketing.</p>





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Frost Valley YMCA provides exceptional outdoor experiences for over 4,000 children through day and overnight camp programs that include but, are not limited to: equestrian camp, farm camp, adventure trips, a 'Kidney Camp' for children with kidney disease or transplants, and of course, the traditional overnight camp.

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Future Farmers of America is a dynamic youth organization that changes lives and prepares members for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. FFA develops members' potential and helps them discover their talent through hands-on experiences, which give members the tools to achieve real-world success. These youth will be future chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers and premier professionals in many career fields.

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<p>IBEW Local 363 67 Commerce Dr. S., Harriman, NY 10926 (845) 783-3600 www.ibewlu363.org ncorcoran@ibewlu363.org</p>	<p>Local 363, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is a local union representing the Hudson Valley and Upper New York State telephone members.</p>
<p>LIUNA - Laborers' Local 17 Counties Served: Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster 451A Little Britain Rd. Newburgh, NY 12550 (845) 565-2737 www.nysliuna.org tdiorio555@aol.com</p>	<p>The New York State Laborers' Union represents over 40,000 members employed in the construction industry and other fields throughout the State. Their members are organized into more than 24 local unions and 5 district councils, and they are a proud affiliate of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), which represents more than 800,000 workers in the construction trades, factories, hospitals and many other workplaces.</p>
<p>The New England Regional Council of Carpenters (NERCC) 10 Corporate Park Drive, Suite A Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 (845) 440-1024 (845) 763-2456 www.nercc.org mross@nercc.org</p>	<p>The New England Regional Council of Carpenters organized carpenters in a process that led to the founding of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, with a key ingredient to the success of the union being member involvement. The basic philosophy of unionism is that individuals working together can achieve more for all than each working alone. They work to prepare for tomorrow by training, educating, and representing the next generation of construction professionals. The Carpenters Union is an organization that can thrive only when members are involved. Members are encouraged to play an active role in their union and to participate in the wide range of training opportunities available at no cost to the individual member.</p>
<p>Orange County IDA Accelerator 4 Crotty Lane, Suite 100 New Windsor, NY 12553 (845) 234-4192 www.ocnyida.com/about-us/the-accelerator lvillasuso@ocnyida.com</p>	<p>The Orange County Industrial Development Agency Accelerator, with locations in New Windsor and Middletown close to major interstates, is a certified New York State incubator focused on bringing manufacturing back to the mid-Hudson Valley. Powered by the Orange County IDA, the Accelerator works to attract manufacturing-based businesses in the areas of fashion design and production, medical devices, software, personal care products, technology and more by providing below-market occupancy costs, workforce training, mentoring programs, easy access to experienced professionals and a host of other resources.</p>

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<p>Sportsfield Specialties PO Box 231 41155 State Highway 10 Delhi, NY 13753 (607) 746-1404 (607) 287-9460 www.sportsfield.com dmoxley@sportsfieldspecialties.com</p>	<p>Sportsfield Specialties has been the innovative industry leader in the manufacture and sale of sports construction equipment for the high school, college and professional levels of competition. By combining outstanding product quality, strategic partnerships with other industry leading companies and an emphasis on customer service from project conception through completion, SSI has been able to provide their clients with the highest level of confidence through both the design and construction processes.</p>
<p>Sullivan BOCES 6 Wierk Avenue Liberty, NY 12754 (845) 295-4015 www.scboces.org (845) 204-8248 robert.dufour@scboces.org</p>	<p>Sullivan County BOCES delivers a wide range of instructional and management services to its eight school districts and several other schools. Their three hundred staff members collaborate with their customers to create solutions to educational challenges, increase operational efficiencies, and reduce costs. Sullivan BOCES works to improve student success by providing quality educational experiences, helping students achieve their goals, learn skills, increase knowledge and develop a work ethic for the 21st century.</p>
<p>SUNY Delhi Integrated Energy Systems Program 454 Delhi Drive Delhi, NY 13753 www.delhi.edu Macdonnr@delhi.edu</p>	<p>At SUNY Delhi, just a few hours from New York City in the foothills of the Catskill Mountains, students learn and work in an intimate setting with faculty who focus on their individual learning styles and goals. SUNY Delhi prides itself on offering flexible and affordable educational options to meet the needs of aspiring learners from all walks of life, always with a focus on academic excellence, innovation and practical experience.</p>

<p>SUNY Sullivan 112 College Road Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759 (845) 434-5750 x4261 www.sunysullivan.edu jquaintance@sunysullivan.edu</p>	<p>SUNY Sullivan provides programs and resources that educate, inspire, and empower students and the broader community. Through excellence in teaching and learning, they prepare students for a diverse and interconnected world, and they support positive economic and social change within Sullivan County and beyond. They model sustainable actions and promote socially, environmentally, and economically responsible citizenship through an overarching culture of excellence.</p>
<p>The Center for Discovery 31 Kinnebrook Rd. Harris, NY 12742 (845) 707-8507 (845) 417-5667 The Center for Discovery tburnham@tcfcd.org</p>	<p>The Center for Discovery, designated as a Center of Excellence by the New York State Department of Health and OPWDD, is a major research and specialty center that offers residential, medical and special education programs, as well as world-class Music and Creative Arts Therapy, Adapted Physical Education, and a biodynamic agricultural program, among other unique services. Located less than two hours from New York City, the Center has become a magnet institution where individuals from around New York State and the world travel to receive highly advanced care and access to groundbreaking research and treatment for a myriad of disabilities and complex conditions.</p>
<p>The Youth Economic Group 172 North Main Street Liberty, NY 12754 (845) 392-7279 www.ruralmigrantministry.org/en/youth-economic-group coop@bagsforjustice.com</p>	<p>The Youth Economic Group is an innovative group of teenagers in Sullivan County. They seek to create a new model of economic opportunity for young people in the Catskills. They plan to do this by building a youth-led cooperative business and raising awareness of issues of injustice that affect their communities.</p>
<p>Tri-Valley Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) 34 Moore Hill Road Grahamsville, NY 12740 (845) 985-2296 x4250 www.innovationtrivalley.org/ matthewhaynes@trivalleycsd.org</p>	<p>Future Business Leaders of America is a nonprofit educational association for middle school, high school, and collegiate students who are interested in learning more about the free enterprise system. The purpose of FBLA is to prepare members for careers in business and to assist them by becoming better employees and citizens. FBLA helps students develop leadership abilities, prepares them for entry into business-related occupations, and offers a setting where they can compete at regional, State and national levels in business and technology curriculum.</p>

<p>Ulster YouthBuild Partnership 2 Main St., Box 5 Kingston, NY 12401 (845) 331-2381 www.ulsteryouthbuild.weebly.com ymcayb.landi@gmail.com</p>	<p>Ulster YouthBuild is a comprehensive job training, educational, leadership development, and community development program for out-of-school, low income young adults between the ages of 16 to 24. The program serves eligible young people in Kingston, NY and surrounding Ulster County locations. The program components include HSE/TASC preparation, Leadership Development/Life Skills training, Case Management/Counseling, on-the-job construction skills training and training that leads to specific certifications such as HBI-PACT, NCCER, OSHA, BSP, and CPR/First Aid/Narcan.</p>
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Pre-Budget Briefing:

Impacts of the Family First Prevention Services Act on Kinship Care in New York State

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Chair, Assembly Subcommittee on Foster Care

"This briefing was held by New York State Senate and Assembly Members to discuss the implementation of the Family First Act and what it means for Kinship care in New York State."

Pre-Budget Briefing

The Pre-Budget Briefing held in New York City examined the Impacts of the Family First Prevention Services Act on Kinship Care in New York State, sponsored by Senator Montgomery, in partnership with Senator Persaud, Assemblymember Jaffee, Assemblymember Hevesi, and Assemblymember Wright. The Family First Prevention Services Act changed the child welfare system across the Nation, altering the State criteria required for Title IV federal childcare funding, placing an emphasis on the need for more family-based care. This briefing was held in an effort to make sure New York State adapts its own approach to child welfare and kinship care. Kinship care has been proven to be a successful approach to child welfare that provides support for families and children in care, ultimately helping youth to avoid the traumatic experience of being placed in a foster care setting. This conversation between the legislators and the participants shed great light on the implementation process, and how those changes would impact Kinship care. There were so many important questions that were addressed during this briefing, but the main takeaways are as follows:

- There is a lack of resources in many programs, which makes it difficult for the primary focus to be on the kin-child relationship. As a result, more support services for non-relative kin are necessary to create a situation to allow a relationship to develop (i.e., meetings within the 48-hour mandatory time limit). Having access to coaches helps both the birth parent and kin parent/guardian to navigate the whole process and can help convey what their expectations should be.
- There may be a need for interdisciplinary parent support services (i.e., more lawyers and social workers). Caseworkers and a legal team can work to make sure a child is not placed for long, if placed at all. As the goal is shifting toward keeping children with their families, there needs to be a solid process in place, to ensure the family knows their rights in family court; primary prevention services should be offered to everyone.
- Many residential treatment programs have limited beds and should not be used as a placement. They should be properly funded to fully accommodate more people. The Act is currently reimbursed at 62% instead of the statutory max of 65%; if fully reimbursed, that extra 3% could help a lot of programs to function or be further used to invest in programs outside of the City.
- Aging out youth should have access to higher preventative services subsidies, raising it from \$300/mo to \$600/mo.
- Making strides to ensure foster care is a temporary respite for struggling families, not permanent, a pathway to adoption, with no consideration of reunification.

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<p>Brooklyn Legal Services 1360 Fulton Street, Suite 301 Brooklyn, NY 11216 (646) 442-3600 www.legalservicesnyc.org/our-program/brooklyn bstaton@bsls.org</p>	<p>Brooklyn Legal Services works to stop evictions, preserve affordable housing and homeownership, help people access essential public benefits, identify and redress discrimination in housing and mortgage lending, empower victims of domestic violence, support Brooklyn residents who are LGBTQ or HIV+ in gaining access to the services they need, promote the rights of immigrants, veterans and the disabled, protect borrowers from abusive and illegal collection tactics, and ensure proper care and housing for elderly Brooklyn residents.</p>
<p>CASA of New York State 14 Columbia Circle, Suite 206 Albany, NY 12203 (315) 246-3558 www.casany.org rheyldeortiz@casany.org</p>	<p>CASA of New York State works to promote and support trained community volunteer advocacy programs that assist Family Courts in making crucial decisions affecting children. Court Appointed Special Advocates are community volunteers who are recruited, trained and supervised by professional staff and appointed by family court judges to serve as advocates for children who have been abused or neglected. CASA volunteers make a life-changing difference for New York’s most vulnerable children, many of whom are in foster and kinship care.</p>
<p>Center for Family Representation 89-14 Parsons Blvd., 2nd Fl. Jamaica, NY 11432 (646) 734-4671 www.cfrny.org tcoles@cfrny.org</p>	<p>Center for Family Representation provides families in crisis with free legal representation and social work services to enable children to stay with their parents safely. They work to keep children out of foster care or keep the child’s time in foster care to a minimum. They strongly believe that every family matters.</p>
<p>Children’s Defense Fund 815 2nd Avenue, 8th Floor New York, NY 10017 (480) 991-1619 www.childrensdefense.org jdavis@childrensdefense.org</p>	<p>Children’s Defense Fund provides a strong, effective and independent voice for all the children who cannot vote, lobby or speak for themselves. They pay particular attention to the needs of poor children, children of color and those with disabilities. CDF educates the Nation about the importance of children and the need to encourage preventive investments before the issues at hand impact the children.</p>

<p>Children’s Aid Society 711 Third Ave., Suite 700 New York, NY 10017 (212) 949-4800 www.childrensaidnyc.org ymcbride@childrensaidnyc.org</p>	<p>Children’s Aid Society helps children in poverty to succeed and thrive. They do this by providing comprehensive supports to children, youth, and their families in targeted high-needs neighborhoods in New York City. Their work reflects their belief that all kids have limitless potential, but for those growing up surrounded by poverty, family instability, and physical or emotional stress, life is too often about survival, not possibility.</p>
<p>Citizens’ Committee for Children 14 Wall Street, Suite 4E New York, NY 10005 (212) 673-1800 www.cccnewyork.org mmena@cccnewyork.org</p>	<p>Citizens’ Committee for Children of New York (CCC) is a nonprofit and nonpartisan child advocacy organization. casting a light on issues, educating the public, engaging allies, and identifying and promoting practical solutions to ensure that every New York City child is healthy, housed, educated and safe.</p>
<p>Family Defense Clinic, NYU 245 Sullivan Street, 5th Floor New York, NY 10012 (212) 998-6100 www.law.nyu.edu/academics/clinics/ familydefense gottlieb@mercury.law.nyu.edu</p>	<p>The NYU Family Defense Clinic's primary focus is preventing the unnecessary breakup of families and assisting separated families to reunite by representing individual parents and relatives of children who are at risk of foster care placement. The Clinic also undertakes projects designed to address systemic problems in the foster care and Family Court systems. The Clinic involves a mixture of fieldwork, seminar meetings, and participation in simulated exercises and hearings. The Family Defense Clinic has pioneered an interdisciplinary model that integrates social workers into legal teams to ensure that representation includes securing appropriate social services and providing meaningful support for family preservation efforts.</p>
<p>Graham Windham 423 W. 127th Street New York, NY 10027 (212) 529-6445 www.graham-windham.org Harryl@Graham-Windham.org Rossl@graham-windham.org</p>	<p>Graham Windham has pioneered programs for New York City’s children, families and communities since 1806. They provide youth and family programs at 11 community-based sites in Harlem, Brooklyn, the Bronx, and Westchester. Services include family foster care, adoption, foster care prevention through family strengthening, mental and behavioral health, parenting supports, afterschool, and youth development.</p>
<p>JCCA 120 Wall St. New York, NY 10005 (917) 808-4800 www.jccany.org richterr@jccany.org</p>	<p>JCCA helps abused, neglected and traumatized children to heal physically and emotionally through compassionate care. Their 37 programs include foster care, residential treatment facilities, mental health services, case management, education programs and special services for children who have been the victims of sexual abuse. They serve New York’s most vulnerable children and families to insure that their safety, permanency and well-being leads to a life of stability and promise.</p>

<p>Jewish Board of Family and Children’s Services 135 W 50th Street New York, NY 10020 (212) 582-9100 www.jewishboard.org bmcbrin@jbfcs.org</p>	<p>The Jewish Board provides critical health and human services for all New Yorkers, regardless of religion, ethnicity, cultural background, gender identification, ability or age. They help adults and children living with mental illness, families and individuals who need supportive housing, adolescents who deserve a safe and protected environment within which to recover, people living with developmental disabilities, and New Yorkers who need counseling and mental health services.</p>
<p>Lawyers for Children 110 Lafayette Street New York, NY 10013 (212) 966-6420 www.lawyersforchildren.org Bkramer@lawyersforchildren.org</p>	<p>Lawyers for Children works to provide protections when children are in crisis. In addition to free legal and social work services for children in foster care, Lawyers for Children provides targeted public policy and class action advocacy to achieve system-wide changes in the field of child welfare.</p>
<p>Legal Aid Society 199 Water St. New York, NY 10038 (212) 577-3300 www.lasnny.org TBMoser@legal-aid.org</p>	<p>The Legal Aid Society works throughout New York City to ensure everyone has access to justice. Their teams work across practice areas on nearly every area of law that impacts New Yorkers. Legal Aid Society works to protect and defend the rights of everyday New Yorkers who need legal support, regardless of who they are, where they come from, or how they identify. Their work keeps families and communities together, and in many cases, saves lives.</p>
<p>New Alternatives for Children 37 West 26th Street, 6th Floor New York, NY 10010 (212) 696-1550 www.nackidscan.org/home/index.php corfield@nackidscan.org</p>	<p>New Alternatives for Children was founded on the belief that every child deserves a safe, nurturing home and a bright future. With more than 35 years of focus on an exclusive mission, NAC has developed a strong expertise. Their size and array of services continue to grow, and year by year, they expand their capacity to serve New York City’s most vulnerable children and families.</p>
<p>NYS Kinship Navigator 87 N. Clinton Avenue Rochester, NY 14604 (877) 454-6463 www.nysnavigator.org ryanjohnson@cfcrochester.org meimeiwallace@aol.com</p>	<p>The Navigator seeks to assist caregivers by providing information on financial assistance, legal information and referrals, and other types of issues that caregivers face when raising children in order to provide stability and permanency in the home. County resources allow kinship caregivers to find resources specific to the county they reside in.</p>



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The Outpatient Treatment Program at the Outreach Recovery Center (ORC) helps adults break the cycle of addiction to alcohol and drugs at an outpatient rehab center located centrally in Suffolk County. Outreach Recovery Center provides a quality addiction rehab program that follows a patient-centered and multicultural approach in individual, group and family counseling, and specialized substance use disorder treatment.

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The Redlich Horwitz Foundation works to accelerate transformation in New York’s child welfare system to keep children, youth and families supported and thriving. The Foundation believes children do best when they are raised by their families of origin, where they have a strong sense of love, belonging and community. They also believe children should remain with their families whenever possible, and that all caregivers — birth, foster and kinship — should have access to the same types and levels of support, including financial, programmatic, and therapeutic.

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Safe Horizon is a victim assistance nonprofit that has been standing with victims of violence and abuse in New York City since 1978. They provide assistance, advocacy and support to victims who have experienced domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, youth homelessness and other crimes.



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Sheltering Arms works to foster a society where every child and family they serve will have the opportunity to succeed and thrive. They address the effects of social inequity in some of the most challenged communities in New York City. Their innovative programs and compassionate services measurably enhance the education, well-being, and development of children, their families, and the communities they live in.

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The New York Foundling works to ensure that all children, adults and families have access to opportunities that will help them reach their full potential. They provide carefully designed programs, services and opportunities for children, families, and adults to create transformational change in their own lives. They believe everyone is capable of making the right decisions for their future and that a zip code should not be a limitation to someone’s potential.



Examining the State of the Youth:

The Affordable Housing Crisis & the Impact on Homelessness on Long Island

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This Roundtable was held in conjunction with Nassau Suffolk Law Services, to discuss affordable Housing and Homelessness as it relates to the jurisdiction of the respective Human Services Committees.

Long Island



The final and largest roundtable held on Long Island was sponsored by Senator Montgomery, in partnership with Senator Kavanagh, Senator Thomas, Senator Brooks, Senator Martinez, Senator Kaplan, Senator Gaughran, Senator Kaminsky, Assemblywoman Jean-Pierre, Assemblywoman Solages, Assemblywoman Darling, and Nassau Suffolk Law Services, Inc. and focused on the Housing Crisis and Homelessness on Long Island. Some of the takeaways are as follows:

- On Long Island, there are a vast number of issues with affordable housing because there seems to be a shortage of accessible single-family homes and apartments, and although some household sizes may vary, new homes being built seem to be on the larger size and new rental properties tend to have very high monthly rent rates.
- High production costs and restrictions often lead developers away from making smaller homes or affordable apartments, which negatively impacts youth as they, or their families, can no longer afford to live on Long Island.
- Although the conversation was on housing, this issue brought the conversation to cultural competency and other issues related to racism in the housing sector.
- There were also points made about perceptions of the counties (Nassau & Suffolk) and a breakdown of issues they each face and how those similarities and differences can lead to progress and organizational unity.

The Affordable Housing Crisis & the Impact on Homelessness on Long Island Participants

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<p>Community Housing Innovations 75 South Broadway Suite 340 White Plains, NY 10601 (914) 683-1010 www.communityhousing.org aroberts@communityhousing.org</p>	<p>Community Housing Innovations, Inc. guides families and individuals from homelessness to a home by providing emergency, transitional, and permanent housing. They provide an array of options for supportive services, homeownership counseling, education and grant assistance, foreclosure prevention counseling, and affordable housing development. All their programs have the end goal of housing permanency and stability.</p>
<p>EAC Alternatives For Youth Suffolk 60 Plant Ave. Hauppauge, NY 11788 (631) 648-2700 www.eac-network.org/alternatives-for-youth Demishia.owens@eac-network.org</p>	<p>EAC Network is a diverse social service agency that empowers, assists, and cares for people in need across Long Island and New York City. Their objective is to reach individuals within their communities, through innovative programs that improve quality of life.</p>
<p>Empire Justice Center 225 Eastview Drive Central Islip, NY 11722 (631) 650-2306 www.empirejustice.org dfriedman@empirejustice.org</p>	<p>The Empire Justice Center identifies critical issues, develops and implements creative solutions and monitors ongoing results. Their staff works to protect and strengthen the legal rights of people in New York who are poor, disabled or disenfranchised. They do this through three major areas of service, teaching the law, practicing the law, and improving the law by engaging in policy analysis, research and advocacy.</p>

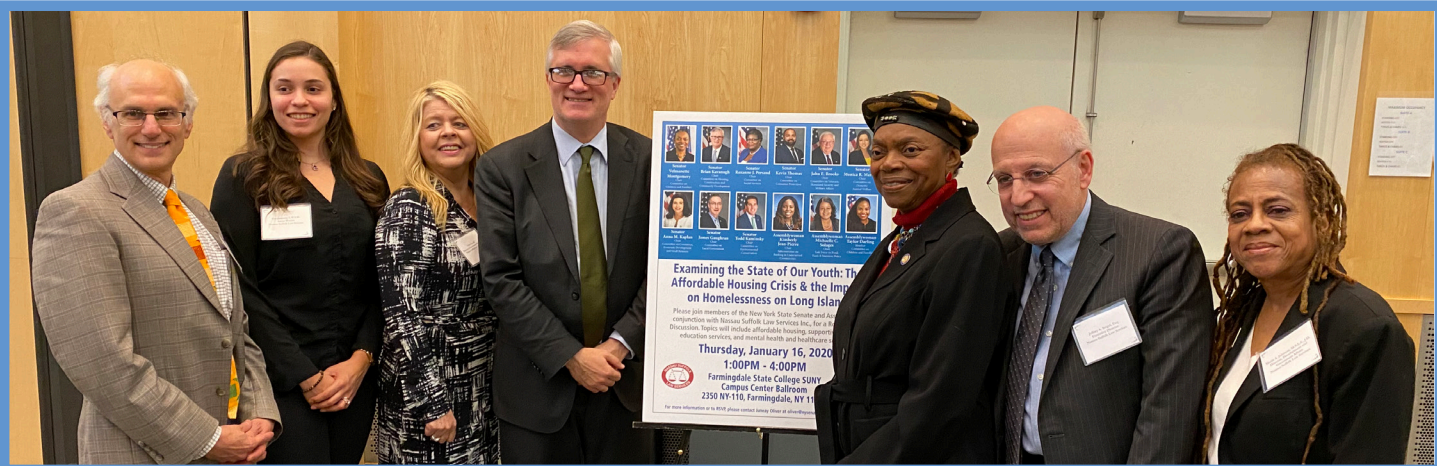


<p>ERASE Racism 6800 Jericho Tpke., Suite 109W Syosset, NY 11791 (516) 921-4863 www.eraseracismny.org elaine@eraseracismny.org</p>	<p>ERASE Racism is a regional organization that leads public policy advocacy campaigns and related initiatives to promote racial equity in areas such as housing, public school education, and community development. They engage in a variety of research, education and consulting activities to address institutional and structural racism. Long Island, New York was the site of ERASE Racism’s initial work and continues to be its geographic home and key focus area. At present, ERASE Racism’s work is expanding to encompass Statewide and tri-state regional activities with related national work as needed.</p>
<p>Family & Children’s Association 100 E Old Country Rd. Mineola, NY 11501 (516) 746-0350 www.fcali.org jreynolds@fcali.org</p>	<p>FCA is a non-sectarian, not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to providing help and hope to Long Island’s most vulnerable children, families, seniors and communities. FCA is comprised of experienced professionals who serve the most vulnerable residents of Long Island.</p>
<p>Family Residence and Essential Enterprises, Inc. 191 Bethpage-Sweet Hollow Rd. Old Bethpage, NY 11804 (516) 667-2858 www.familyres.org jjankowski01@familyres.org</p>	<p>Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. benefits and proudly supports more than 4,000 individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental illness and traumatic brain injury. FREE works to help individuals of all abilities realize their full potential. They provide a diverse array of supports and services including: housing; recovery services; transition to work; employment; day, community and family services; respite; crisis services; education and after school support; specialty health services; and advocacy.</p>
<p>Island Harvest 40 Marcus Blvd. Hauppauge, NY 11788 (631) 873-4775 www.islandharvest.org rosalyn@islandharvest.org</p>	<p>Island Harvest’s mission is to end hunger and reduce food waste on Long Island. Island Harvest has become Long Island’s largest hunger-relief organization. Their volunteers and staff now deliver millions of pounds of good, surplus food to a network of 570 Long Island-based food pantries, soup kitchens and other non-profit organizations that offer feeding services for those in need.</p>

<p>LGBT Network 125 Kennedy Dr. Hauppauge, NY 11788 (516) 640-6933 www.lgbtnetwork.org lcorcorandoolin@lgbtnetwork.org</p>	<p>The LGBT Network is an association of nonprofit organizations working to serve the LGBT community of Long Island and Queens. This Network consists of: Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth (LIGALY), The Long Island LGBT Community Center (The Center), Services and Advocacy for LGBT Elders – Long Island (SAGE-LI), and the Queens LGBT Community Center (Q Center). LIGALY is the original organization of The Network and is nationally known for its work with LGBT youth in the areas of education, advocacy, youth leadership and development and support. The Center and SAGE-LI, along with the Network, were founded in 2005 to unite all these non-profits to help more LGBT people and create a cost efficient way of serving the Long Island LGBT community.</p>
<p>L.I. Against Domestic Violence 320 Carleton Ave., Ste. 8000 Central Islip, NY 11722 (631) 666-7181 www.liadv.org c.merlo@liadv.org</p>	<p>L.I. Against Domestic Violence is committed to the empowerment of victims and survivors of domestic violence through supportive services including hotline, counseling, vocational training, emergency shelter, prevention and education resources, and legal advocacy.</p>
<p>Long Island Cares, Inc. The Harry Chapin Food Bank 10 Davids Dr. Hauppauge, NY 11788 (631) 582-3663 www.licares.org mhaynes@licares.org</p>	<p>Founded by the late Harry Chapin, Long Island Cares brings together all available resources for the benefit of the hungry and food insecure on Long Island and provides for the humanitarian needs of their community. Their goals are to improve food security for families, sponsor programs that help families achieve self-sufficiency, and educate the general public about the causes and consequences of hunger on Long Island.</p>
<p>Long Island Coalition for the Homeless 600 Albany Ave., Suite 2 Amityville, NY 11701 (631) 464-4314 www.addresssthehomeless.org gguarton@addresssthehomeless.org</p>	<p>Long Island Coalition for the Homeless was originally founded in 1985 as a grass roots local advocacy effort to bring non-profits and other community partners together to unite around the cause of homelessness, seeking to expand and enhance services to meet local needs. As a small local entity, LICH has always relied on partnerships and joint efforts in order to adequately provide support for those who are experiencing homelessness on Long Island.</p>



<p>Long Island Crisis Center/Pride for Youth 628 Long Island Ave. Deer Park, NY 11729 (631) 940-1964 www.longislandcrisiscenter.org/pride-for-youth Dzappasodi@longislandcrisiscenter.org</p>	<p>Pride for Youth provides services and is an advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) young people through age 30. Their mission is to enhance the health, wellness and cultural competency of LGBTQ young people through education, support services and youth development. They serve New York State's Nassau, Suffolk and Queens counties.</p>
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<p>Minority Millennials, Inc. 334 14th St. West Babylon, NY 11704 (631) 942-7569 www.minoritymillennials.org daniel@minoritymillennials.org</p>	<p>Minority Millennials, Inc. works to represent minorities and millennials in any policies that affect the future. Their goal is to also help educate minorities, to ultimately contribute to their future success. Their vision is to change the negative narratives in minority communities, bridge the gap between policy and culture, and empower millennials with the necessary tools to solve problems and think critically.</p>
<p>MTA Long Island Rail Road Jamaica Station, Mail Code 1131 Jamaica, NY 11435 (718) 558-7305 http://www.mta.info/lirr hgarci@lirr.org</p>	<p>The MTA Long Island Rail Road, founded in 1834, is the busiest commuter railroad in North America, carrying about 265,000 customers each weekday on 735 daily trains. The LIRR system is comprised of over 700 miles of track on 11 different branches, stretching 120 miles from Montauk - on the eastern tip of Long Island - to Penn Station in the heart of Manhattan, and Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn. The LIRR plays an essential role in providing transportation services.</p>



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The Office of Housing and Community Development is committed to supporting all of the communities within Nassau County, especially those in the areas that have been underserved in the past. Their staff is diligently working to establish stronger economic bases in various downtown areas.

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Nassau Suffolk Law Services' staff is comprised of attorneys, paralegals, social workers and support staff. The program is committed to helping people in need vindicate their rights under the law. They provide free legal services in thousands of civil cases each year as well as legal support to community advocates to ensure that low-income, disabled and disadvantaged individuals have equal access to the civil justice system on Long Island.

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New Hour for Women & Children LI's vision is to provide successful support for children and mothers during and after incarceration. They recognize the need for specialized support for mothers whose pathways to prison or jail are often tied to domestic violence or substance abuse. They work to provide mothers with parenting skills, work skills, wellness programs during and after incarceration, and they seek to support healthy relationships and end the trauma that children of incarcerated mothers face.

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<p>Options for Community Living, Inc. 25 Howard Place Ronkonkoma, NY 11779 (631) 316-1726 www.optionscl.org/ yrobanogross@optionscl.org</p>	<p>Options for Community Living, Inc. provides housing, support services, and care coordination for people recovering from mental illness and those living with HIV/AIDS or other chronic health conditions. Many of the people they serve were formerly homeless. Options is a private not-for-profit agency, operating on Long Island since 1982. Their goal is to help each program participant and family find stability, improved health and the tools to build productive self-sufficient lives as community members.</p>
<p>SCO Family of Services 1 Alexander Place Glen Cove, NY 11542 (516) 953-1855 www.sco.org thassler@sco.org</p>	<p>SCO Family of Services helps New Yorkers build a strong foundation for the future. Their organization works to get young children off to a good start, launch youth into adulthood, stabilize and strengthen families and unlock potential for children and adults with special needs. SCO has provided vital human services throughout New York City and Long Island for 125 years.</p>
<p>The INN 211 Fulton Ave. Hempstead, NY 11550 (516) 534-2809 www.the-inn.org dsinclair@the-inn.org</p>	<p>The INN is a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization, that provides a broad variety of essential services to assist those challenged by hunger, homelessness and profound poverty. Located in Bethpage, it was created in 2014 through the merger of the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CADV) and the Coalition Against Child Abuse & Neglect (CCAN). Each had been providing services for victims of abuse for over 30 years.</p>
<p>The Retreat 13 Goodfriend Dr. East Hampton, NY 11937 (631) 329-4398 www.theretreatinc.org ldavis@theretreatinc.org</p>	<p>The Retreat works to provide safety, shelter and support for victims of domestic abuse and to break the cycle of family violence. The Retreat provides direct services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, their families and the Eastern Long Island community through a 24-hour bilingual hotline, counseling, legal advocacy, prevention education, and emergency shelter.</p>

<p>The Safe Center 15 Grumman Road West, Suite 1000 Bethpage, NY 11714 (516) 465-4738 www.tscli.org tgregoretti@tscli.org</p>	<p>The Safe Center LI, Inc. is a creation of two former non-profit agencies that separately served victims of domestic abuse and child abuse. Located in a historic Grumman building in Bethpage, it was created in 2014 through the merger of the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CADV) and the Coalition Against Child Abuse & Neglect (CCAN). Each had been providing services for victims of abuse for over 30 years.</p>
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<p>Urban League of Long Island, Inc. 100 Terminal Dr. Plainview, NY 11803 (631) 882-9512 www.urbanleaguelongisland.org tsanders@urbanleaguelongisland.org</p>	<p>Urban League of Long Island is a nonprofit organization and an affiliate of the National Urban League, the Nation’s largest civil rights and urban advocacy group. They offer a broad range of services to individuals living and working on Long Island, serving over 20,000 individuals and families by providing quality Empowerment Programs.</p>
<p>Youth Enrichment Services, Inc. PO Box 105 West Islip, NY 11795 (631) 587-5172 www.yesnews.org map@yesnews.net</p>	<p>Youth Enrichment Services serves children, youth and their families on Long Island. Their programs and services are inclusive of all youth and families. YES is able to provide high quality programs due to the strong collaborations and working relationships developed over the years with the Long Island school districts, other agencies, governmental partners and the private business sector.</p>



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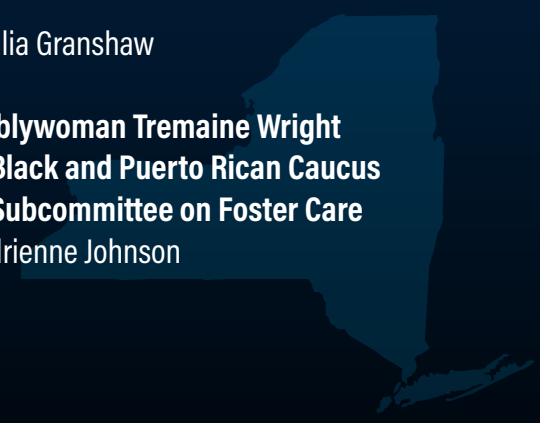
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