

Kinship Care: Kinship care refers to grandparents, other relatives, and even family friends who are caring for children. Most kinship caregivers are not foster parents and privately provide full time care for children. OCFS has a number of programs to assist these relative caregivers. For more information visit <http://ocfs.ny.gov/kinship/default.asp>

Youth in Progress (YIP) –YIP provides a support system to foster youth to help them become successful adults. For more information on YIP, visit <http://www.youthinprogress.org/>

Healthy Families New York Home Visiting Program - This initiative provides home visiting services to at-risk families, providing home-based child development and child abuse prevention services from pregnancy until the child is in school. For more information visit <http://healthyfamiliesnewyork.org>

Native American Services: Our Native American Services unit responds to the needs of New York State's Indian Nations and their members, acting as a liaison between state agencies, local social services districts, courts and tribal groups. Native American Services also provides social work and educational counseling and fosters the importance of cultural identity for Native American children in foster or adoptive homes. For more information visit <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/nas/>

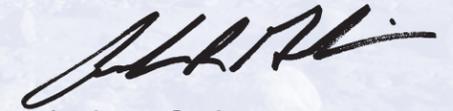
Neighbors,

I hope this brochure finds you enjoying another great summer here on beautiful Long Island.

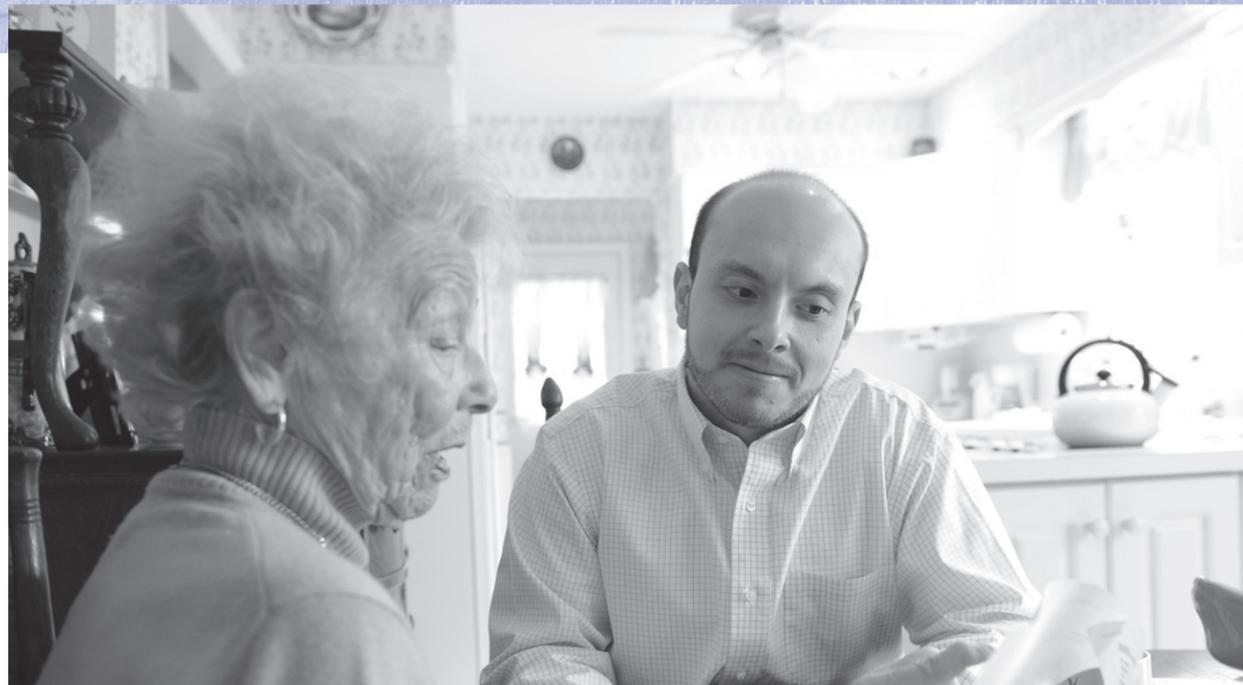
I wanted to take this opportunity to remind and encourage you to look into some of the outstanding but under-utilized programs and services our state currently offers.

If you have any questions or would like assistance in utilizing any of these services, please don't hesitate to call my district office at 631-589-0348 and we would be glad to help.

Best wishes,



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MONEY-SAVING PROGRAMS

New York State holds over \$13 billion in “unclaimed funds.” These funds are from old/forgotten bank accounts, uncashed checks, or even store credit. To find out if you are entitled to any of these funds, please check the NYS Office of Unclaimed Funds website.

NYS office of Unclaimed Funds (NYS Comptroller)

<http://www.osc.state.ny.us/ouf/>

Department of Financial Services: Homeowners Resources

General information on shopping for homeowners insurance (including problems obtaining insurance). Also provides numerous disaster assistance resources for use prior to and post natural disasters.

http://dfs.ny.gov/consumer/home_resources.htm

NYSERDA Energy Efficiency Programs (Commercial and Residential)

<http://www.nyserdanyc.gov/BusinessAreas/Energy-Efficiency-and-Renewable-Programs/Residential.aspx>

You can get a free Energy Efficiency assessment of your home that will explain what you can do to be more energy efficient.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) (Office of Aging)

<http://www.aging.ny.gov/NYSOFA/Services/Index.cfm?id=SCSEP,#SCSEP>

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) helps senior job seekers improve their skills, obtain training and find a job. The goal of the program is for participants to gain the skills they need to find and sustain employment in the workforce. SCSEP is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor and provides comprehensive training and support that helps individuals:

- Obtain new job knowledge;
- Enhance their skills;
- Gain a competitive edge in today's job market; and
- Feel confident in their newfound abilities.

New New York Leaders (internships w/ NYS) (Dept. Civil Service)

<http://nysinternships.com/nnyl/>

The New New York Leaders: Student Intern Program brings students into state government where they will be exposed to the work of governing and introduced to the increasingly complex policy challenges facing New York State.

Empire State Development, Small Business Division (Small business loans)

<http://esd.ny.gov/SmallBusiness/AboutUs.html>

This dedicated team directs a wide array of programs and initiatives to support small business growth and help entrepreneurs maximize their opportunities for success.

Department of Labor

<http://labor.ny.gov/workforcenypartners/osview.asp>

Anyone, unemployed or employed, can walk into our Career Centers to get help finding a job:

The Shared Work Program

<http://labor.ny.gov/ui/employerinfo/shared-work-program.shtm>

The Shared Work program allows businesses experiencing a temporary downturn in business to avoid layoffs. The program reduces the hours of all or a group of employees and the employees receive partial Unemployment Insurance benefits. Employees do not lose their jobs and employers do not lose their trained workforce and can gear back up more quickly when business picks up.

Children and Family Programs and Services

I love NY Tourism Website

<http://iloveny.com/>

New York is a big state with the best of everything, from the great outdoors, the arts, to festivals and foods from almost everywhere in the world.

The New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB) assists legally blind New

Yorkers of all ages in achieving self-sufficiency by providing adaptive equipment, training, vocational rehabilitation and other services. For more information about NYSCB visit their website at <http://visionloss.ny.gov>

Child Care: Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) provides a range of resources

to help parents with their child care needs, people who want to start or are currently running child care programs, and anyone with a concern about the health or safety of a child in a day care program. For help in finding child care visit: <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/looking.asp>

Adoption: OCFS oversees the New York State Adoption Service, which provides a variety of resources on the adoption process, as well as a video gallery of adoptable children throughout New York State. For more information visit <http://ocfs.ny.gov/adopt/>