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March is
Developmental
Disabilities
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Assemblyman Montesano Has Been Disappointed by Irresponsible Action

In 2013, when Gov. Cuomo and New York City politicians made significant cuts to funding for the developmentally disabled and their caregivers, Assemblyman Michael Montesano went into action.

He successfully fought to restore the \$90 million that was wrongly taken from those who need it most.



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We Need to Do Better Than That...

Assemblyman Michael Montesano knows the importance of providing developmentally disabled individuals with the services they need to help them develop the valuable life skills they need to lead fulfilling and independent lives.

The governor and commissioner of mental health's interpretation of the Olmstead Act is flawed; the Olmstead Act does not mandate wholesale elimination of state facilities and workhab programs. In fact, it acknowledges that the limitations of some developmentally disabled individuals require these programs and facilities.

In order to empower all New Yorkers to the best of their abilities and ensure that no one is left behind, Montesano wants to make sure history does not repeat itself. That's why he supports measures that would:

- **Reduce** the negative impact of the Olmstead Act on residential homes, state facilities and workhab programs;
- **Adjust** Medicaid reimbursements so direct caregivers receive the appropriate salary for their skills and work in caring for disabled individuals; and
- **Promote** funding for the availability and sustainability of residential homes, state programs and workhab programs throughout the state.