



Assemblymember
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Assembly District 97

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Sept. 16th

*Airmont Day, Cherry Lane School

*Suffern Day, Suffern Athletic Fields

The Great Nyack Get Together, Memorial Park

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News From Assemblywoman Ellen C. Jaffee



Dear Friends,

Today as a nation we come together in community to remember those whose lives were lost on September 11th, as well as our courageous first responders who have died or are suffering from 9/11-related illness. Together, we carry them with us: mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, sons and daughters, neighbors and friends, heroic first responders whose bravery and sacrifice continues. Together we stand with hope and resilience. We will never forget.

Ellen

Urge Congress to Pass the DREAM Act for DREAMers

I stand with Attorney General Schneiderman, Governor Cuomo, Speaker Heastie, my colleagues in the Assembly Majority, and the 40,000 DREAMers whose contributions to our communities help make New York State a great place to call home. [The New York State Office for New Americans](#) has set up a hotline for people with questions about DACA. Phone 800-566-7636. You can also sign and share [Governor Cuomo's petition](#) calling on Congress to pass the DREAM Act. New York has and will continue to raise the torch of hope and opportunity. We open our arms to all who want to join our community.



East Ramapo Back to School Convocation



Congratulations East Ramapo for "Rising All the Way Up." The positive energy was so uplifting at the Back to School Convocation where I shared these words by [Frederick Douglas](#) "Education means emancipation, It means light and liberty. It means the uplifting of the soul of man into the glorious light of truth, the light only by which men (and woman) can be free. To deny education to any people is one of the greatest crimes against human nature. It is to deny them the means of freedom and the rightful pursuit of happiness, and to defeat the very end of their being... Than this, no greater wrong can be inflicted; and, on the other hand, no greater benefit can be bestowed upon a long benighted people than giving to them, as we are here this day endeavoring to do, the means of

useful education." Every child deserves and should be provided a quality education in our public schools. They are our future.

RCADD 10th Annual Rally and Recovery Walk

It was wonderful to gather with friends, volunteers and community to celebrate recovery and "Strengthening Families and Communities. As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Children and Families, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate those who are in recovery for the hard work they are doing--the families and friends who support them through the challenges of addiction, as well as those individuals who are working to prevent and treat substance abuse that can so easily and sadly destroy our families and our communities.



Chiku Awali of Rockland Durbar Ceremony

[Chiku Awali of Rockland](#) hosts a yearlong Rites of Passage Ceremony for young men and young women which arms these young adults with the skills and tools to become productive members of society. The ceremony is called a Durbar. Chiku Awali African Dance, Arts & Culture, Inc. of Rockland, headquartered in Suffern, NY, was founded by Alexandreena Dixon in January 2003 as a not-for-profit entity to enrich its community, particularly its youth. Chiku Awali's mission is to promote, encourage, and project civic and cultural programs and activities in Rockland County that are representative of African dance and culture. Chiku Awali also provides community outreach programs to local libraries, nursing homes, and rehabilitation facilities.



Join Me: Community Events



Third Friday of the month, 12:00 – 1:30 PM

Next meeting on Friday
September 15th, 2017

VCS New City

Lunch will be served

If you are raising a relative's child, this is for YOU!

RELATIVES AS PARENTS PROGRAM (RAPP)

SUPPORT GROUP

This month, we will have an opportunity to interact with State Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee, Chair of the NYS Assembly Committee on Children and Families, from the 97th Assembly District. You will have an opportunity to share your experiences, express your concerns, and ask questions. Some of you will have an opportunity to share your story on video with a national news organization, Vox Media.

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VCS Inc. is a non-profit organization serving Rockland County Community since 1970. The RAPP program is funded by the Rockland County Department of Social Services.

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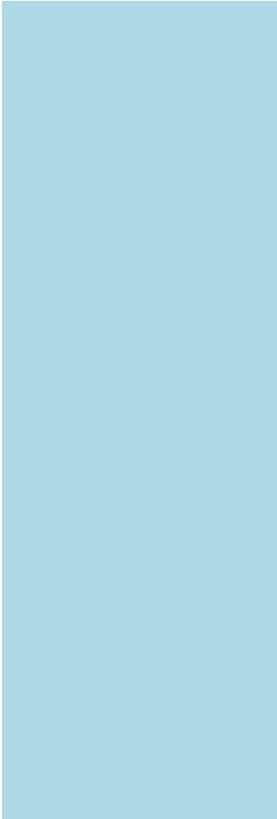
VCS: Relatives as Parents Support Group

As [Chair of the Assembly Committee on Children & Families](#) supporting [kinship caregivers](#) is a top priority. If you are raising a relative's child, come join me and the support group on Friday Sept. 15th 12-1:30 pm. Share your experiences, concerns, ask questions. Some of you will have the opportunity to share your story on video with a national news organization, Vox Media. Lunch will be served.

Did You Know?

New York Extends Obamacare Deadline

New York is extending the 2018 Obamacare enrollment period beyond the Trump Administration's new deadline. Open enrollment will run from Nov. 1 through Jan. 31, 2018, the same three-month open enrollment period we had last year. Because the [State has its own exchange, NY State of Health](#), we can set our own open enrollment dates. Click on the link above for more information.



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