

“My son Michael was diagnosed with autism at age 3, he’s 16 now.

As your voice in the New York State Assembly, I’m working to create more opportunities for all those living with disabilities.”

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Autism Action UPDATE



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A voice for people with disabilities



- ✓ **PASSED:** New York State's **FIRST Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Board** to develop, implement and update a statewide Autism Action Plan (Ch. 469 of 2016)
- ✓ **PASSED:** **High school graduation program**, which ensures students with disabilities can take part in graduation ceremonies (Ch. 410 of 2017)
- ✓ **PASSED:** The **New York Achieving a Better Life Experience (NY ABLE) Program** that helps New Yorkers with disabilities and their families save for disability-related expenses in individual accounts (Ch. 576 of 2015)
- ✓ **PASSED:** **Expansion of telemedicine** that allows doctors to use communications technology to provide health care to patients with disabilities (Ch. 57 of 2018)

Bills passed this year

Autism Training for First Responders

This first-of-its-kind statewide program ensures that police and first responders are properly trained to recognize the signs of autism and how to respond (Ch. 57 of 2018).

Autism ID Cards

This legislation creates a first-of-its-kind New York State Autism ID card, which would be available to individuals and their families as a communication tool for emergency situations and interactions with law enforcement and first responders (A.249-C).

Early Screening for Autism

This legislation will provide early screening for autism in New York State at 18 and 24 months as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (A.9868).

Supporting New York's Direct Care Workforce

Assemblyman Santabarbara continues the fight for New York's direct care workers.

"My son, Michael, is one of more than 128,000 New Yorkers with developmental disabilities that depend on direct care support. I know what it means to thousands of families across the state and how it makes a difference in people's lives every day. We must make this commitment. It defines who we are as a community."



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More to come

- **Autism response teams for hospitals** (A.7262)
- **High school transition program** (A.7262)
- **Autism pathways for college** (A.8075)
- **Expanding employment opportunities** (A.205-A)
- **Access to technology** (A.207)
- **Supportive housing opportunities** (A.220)