

*"As a father, I only want the best for my children, and that is why it's very important to me that children from any background receive a quality early childhood education. I am proud to be a co-sponsor of multiple proposals to help not only invest \$1 billion in New York state's child care system but also identify how to correct deep-rooted child care accessibility and affordability issues that have persisted for years in our state."*

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## DEFENDING AND SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN NEW YORK

Robert Smullen Has Supported Efforts To:

- 1. INCREASE** the state allowance of qualified expenses for the Child and Dependent Care Credit to help reimburse parents and/or guardians caring for a child or adult dependent;<sup>1</sup>
- 2. INCREASE** the state Earned Income Tax Credit and the Empire State Child Credit to support families and children;<sup>2</sup>
- 3. DOUBLE** the existing Child Care Creation and Expansion Tax Credit amount from \$25 million per year to \$50 million per year to expand child care services statewide;<sup>3</sup> and
- 4. CREATE** a new Child Care Facility Capital Improvement Program to provide \$250 million in tax credits to help child care providers enhance and update facilities.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>A.9242    <sup>2</sup>A.9258, A.9257    <sup>3</sup>A.9245    <sup>4</sup>A.9264



## Herkimer County Children's Center

*Bridging the Gap for a Brighter Future*

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**The Herkimer County Children's Center has developed a comprehensive plan to bring children's services to parents at a local level—municipalities statewide should take a page out of their book! This remarkable center provides:**

- Child Care
- BOCES Pre-K Classroom
- Children's Mental Health Clinic And Outpatient Services
- Developmental Pediatric Services
- Early Intervention Therapy Room
- Mohawk Valley Diaper Bank
- System Of Care
- UCP Developmental Playgroup
- Connected Community Schools Hub
- Preceptorship Site For Herkimer College
- Lactation Counseling And Support
- Childbirth Classes
- EFNEP Nutrition Education
- Local Food Access Support

For any questions about these or other issues, please contact Assemblyman Smullen at his district office at: 315-866-1632, 5659 State Route 5, Suites 1-3, Herkimer, NY 13350, [smullenr@nyassembly.gov](mailto:smullenr@nyassembly.gov)



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