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**Upcoming
 Events:**

Art Walk Nyack
 June 16, 17, 18

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**News From
 Assemblywoman Ellen C. Jaffee**

Dear Neighbors,



As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Children and Families, I'm pleased to announce both the Assembly and the Senate passed my bill (A.7726-A) that would create a child care task force to evaluate child care needs and the availability of affordable child care across the state. Two-thirds of all families are now headed by parents in the workforce. Safe, quality care is critical for a child's early development, and enables parents to stay in the workforce and pursue their education. This bill is an important first step in developing a statewide strategy for significantly expanding access to quality, affordable child care for all children and families.

Happy Father's Day to the dads in our community!

Ellen

Raising the Wage for Direct Care Workers

I held a press conference urging the Governor and the Division of Budget to raise the wages of direct care individuals who are working in programs licensed by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), including Foster Care and Youth Facilities. We as a State have a moral responsibility to provide these children and youth the care and stability they deserve and that begins with investing in a qualified, direct care workforce who provide critical therapeutic care to these children, many who have been placed in our care as a result of abuse, neglect, and trauma.



Public Hearing on Access to Quality Child Care



It's always a pleasure to welcome Rockland AARP members to Albany. I am proud to represent them and grateful for their advocacy on so many important issues that affect older adults. Click here to learn more about [AARP](#).

Community Events



Rockland Pride Sunday

June is Pride Month. Proud to stand up and stand together on the 19th- Annual Rockland Pride Sunday. Despite the incredible heat what a fabulous reminder of what the Nyack and Rockland community will do to support each other. At a time when President Trump, his Administration and conservatives in congress and across the country are working to roll back the progress we've made for hard fought LGBT rights and protections, our unity and support of the LGBTQ community is essential.

Early Care Learning Council Awards Lunch



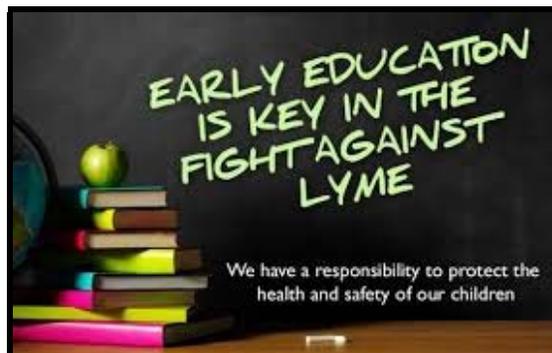
My heartfelt thanks to the Early Care and Learning Council for presenting me with its Excellence in Leadership Award. It's such an honor to be recognized for my work around early learning and child care — issues I am passionate about.

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NYACK ART WALK

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