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Assemblywoman Joyner Celebrates Mother’s Day with the Community and Honors the Stitching Divas



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner celebrated Mother’s Day with community members across the 77th Assembly District. Assemblywoman Joyner also honored the Stitching Divas for their great efforts in giving back to the community through crocheting. (Pg6)

Assemblywoman Joyner Supports More Culturally Responsive Education



Assemblywoman Joyner celebrates the release of the *Culturally Responsive Education Manual* for parent engagement. (Pg4). Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner joined students and families at the Highbridge Green School in a discussion about civic duty and encouraged active participation in the political process for improving our

District Office - Constituent Service Hours

When: Monday - Thursday (10 AM-6 PM), Friday (10 AM-5 PM)
Where: 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK (btwn E. 162 & 163 Streets)
Off-site hours: Schedule varies. See page 7 for details.

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LATOYA’S LINE

“As we enter the Summer of 2017, I would like to take a moment to urge all residents of the 77th Assembly District to commit to doing at least one act of kindness for our community this summer. Whether through volunteering your time, donating items, or even reporting an issue or a problem to my Community Office, you will make an important difference in our quality of life.”

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Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner Welcomes Bronx Medical and Wellness Center



BRONX, N.Y. – New York State Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner joined Morris Heights Health Center and community residents to celebrate the opening of the new location on 167th street and Edward L. Grant. The new facility brings a wide range of health services to the community ranging from dental care, adult and pediatric medicine, to HIV testing & treatment, as well as case management and referral services.

“Services at the new clinic are available to everyone, regardless of their insurance or immigration status which makes the new facility a valuable addition when it comes to increasing access to health care in my district,” Assemblywoman Joyner stated.

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner Calls for Adequate Funding for Childcare, and Creation of a Task Force

ALBANY, N.Y. – New York State Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner joined NYS Legislative Women’s Task Force in urging Governor Cuomo to establish a Childcare Task Force, to address the shortage of the childcare slots in the State budget.

“The SFY17-18 State Budget fell short of fulfilling New York’s need for greater investments in our children and families, especially funding for child care. Currently only 17% of eligible children in New York are receiving childcare subsidy, and this number could further decrease with the current alarming budget underfunding. I strongly urge my partners in government to support the NYS Legislative Women’s Task Force proposal to create a new task force to ensure that our children and families will have access to affordable, safe, and quality childcare,” Assemblywoman Joyner commented.



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner Stands With Over 2.1 Million New York Workers Against Exploitation

New York, N.Y. – New York State Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner joined aggrieved workers and victims of wage theft in opposing exploitation that results from signing pre-dispute arbitration agreements as a condition of employment. With more than \$3 billion in wages and benefits stolen each year, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner introduced Assembly Bill [A.7958](#) making it possible for aggrieved workers to file claims against an employer for any violation of State Labor Law. This legislation also allows unions to file claims on behalf of impacted workers in order to protect the public interest.



“Unscrupulous employers have developed business models that rely on the exploitation of hardworking New Yorkers, leaving them unfairly underpaid, subject to hazardous working conditions and without the benefits they have earned.” Assemblywoman Joyner said. “Too often hardworking New Yorkers are left isolated and unprotected in a hostile work environment that unfairly marginalizes them. This is particularly true of an immigrant workforce that came to our



shores in pursuit of a better life. The EMPIRE Worker Protection Act turns the page on these practices, builds upon the existing enforcement efforts of the state Department of Labor and empowers workers and unions to take action to protect workers’ rights in our state. These actions would supplement DOL’s own efforts and would mark a huge step forward in leveling the playing field and ensuring that

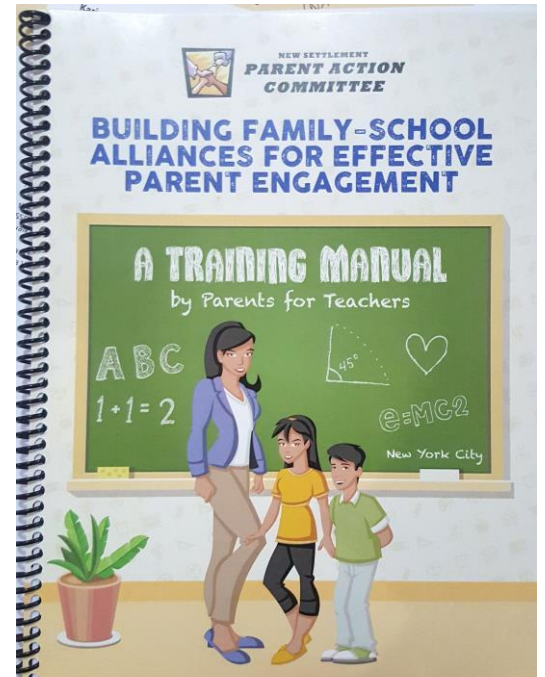
New York’s families truly receive the protections we all know they deserve,” Assemblywoman Joyner added.

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner Celebrates the Release Of *CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE EDUCATION* Manual



BRONX, N.Y. – Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner joined the Parent Action Committee, the New Teacher Center, and Chancellor Betty Rosa to celebrate the release of the *Culturally Responsive Education Manual*. The manual, which serves as a tool for teachers to use, offers information on parent engagement and bridging cultural gaps between schools and

the families of the diverse NYC student population they serve.



“Culturally Responsive Education is a bold step toward inclusion – it embraces our diversity and makes our schools a welcoming and supportive environment for our young leaders of the future. I am really proud to have been able to contribute to developing the Parent Action Committee Teacher’s Manual – which is a critical part of implementing what is needed in our schools,” Assemblywoman Joyner said during the celebration.



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner Landmark Criminal Justice System Reform - Raising the Age

BRONX, N.Y. – Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D – Bronx), along with her Assembly Majority colleagues, has successfully enacted landmark legislation that raised the age of adult criminal responsibility in the State of New York. In response Assemblywoman Joyner has issued the following statement:

“By raising the age of criminal responsibility to 18, children will be considered as children under the eyes of the law. With the passage of this piece of legislation, 16 and 17 years olds will no longer be forever impacted by past mistakes, but will be given a second chance to make better choices for their futures.

Prior to this groundbreaking law, 16 and 17 years olds were prosecuted as adults. Under the new law, non-violent felony charges and all misdemeanor cases will be eligible to be adjudicated in Family Court. Youth will also be provided with additional support services and educational programming through the Youth Part of the Criminal Court. Violent felony charges will remain in the Youth Part of the Criminal Court, where the seriousness of the offense determines eligibility for presumptive removal to Family Court.

As a Member of the State Assembly, I’m confident that under these changes youth will have a better chance of correcting their wrongs today than they did yesterday. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure teens will have access to vital intervention services in the criminal justice system. These services will be essential to providing young people hope of a more fruitful future by eliminating the stigma of their past.”



Assemblywoman Joyner Celebrates Mother's Day with the Community

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner shared Mother's Day joy with seniors from our community, she also discussed the concerns of seniors and quality of life issues. She shared updates from the recently passed FY 17-18 New York State Budget as well.



Assemblywoman Joyner honors the Stitching Divas at Concourse plaza Wellness Center for Adults for giving back to the community through their Crochet Club

In 2009 several of the seniors at Concourse Plaza Wellness Center for Adults expressed interest in learning how to crochet. The group started out by making personal items, then moved on to crocheting projects for different charities. The crochet club members used their skills to make hats, scarfs, and shawls for the homeless. They also made Crochet for Cancer, Shaking Baby Syndrome, and Hospital Cocoons for Homeless Infants. They created dolls for children at Montefiore Hospital, baby blankets and dolls for newborns. They have been working on a new project; making sleeping mats out of plastic for people in Haiti.



Assemblywoman Joyner attends Mother's Day fashion show at Bronx Works Heights Neighborhood Senior Center



Assemblywoman Joyner with members of the crochet club with a mat that they are sending to Haiti

Assemblywoman Joyner Wins Major Investment in Affordable Housing

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner knows that families throughout our community are struggling to afford quality housing and she played an important role in winning substantial state funding in the housing our families need and deserve that makes \$2.5 billion in affordable housing funding available. The funding includes:

- \$1 billion for the Supportive Housing Program
- \$472 million for the Multifamily New Construction Program
- \$125 million for the Senior Housing Program
- \$200 million for NYCHA Capital Repairs
- \$100 million for New York City 100 Percent Affordable Housing Program
- \$75 million for Mitchell-Lama Preservation programs
- \$21 million for the Low Income Housing Trust Fund
- \$41 million for home ownership programs
- \$2 million in funding for NORC and NNORC developments

“The state budget includes a firm commitment to investing in housing for our seniors, working families, and NYCHA residents that will assist families throughout our district with accessing quality affordable housing,” Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner said.

Assemblywoman Joyner Enhances Opportunities for Our Youth

Assemblywoman Joyner is a leader in the fight to enhance opportunities for our youth and she played an instrumental role in expanding opportunities for our children. As part of her efforts, Assemblywoman Joyner won:

- \$50 million increase in state funding for community schools,
- \$35 million in support for after-school programs, and
- \$16.7 million for Early College High School programs which help at-risk students earn both a high school diploma and an associate degree.

“Combined with record state funding for New York’s City’s schools, our support for at-risk students and after-school programs will open doors of opportunity for countless youth in our community,” Assemblywoman Joyner said. “It will make a tremendous difference and open doors of opportunity for our youth.” Assemblywoman Joyner added.

BRONX, N.Y. – Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner (D-Bronx, 77th AD), in collaboration with Highbridge Public Library, begins her Summer Reading Challenge this July, which supports improving literacy and reading this summer for District 77 students and their families.

This year's theme is Women Empowerment

Calendars, pamphlets and bookmarks are available for all families in the Assemblywoman's Community office or online at: <http://bit.ly/2rgBHCJ>

Participate in the 77th Assembly District's
2017 Summer Reading Challenge and receive a
New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading certificate!



77th Assembly District
**Reading
Challenge**

in partnership with
High Bridge Public Library

Simply read 15 minutes a day for 40 days during July and August, then mark off the days you read on a calendar. At the end, send your marked-off calendar.

**This year's theme is
Women's Empowerment!**



For more details and the suggested book list, call my office or the High bridge Public Library!

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High Bridge Public Library
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Children simply need to read
15 minutes a day for 40 days.

When children have marked
at least 40 days this summer
of reading, they will be
invited to celebrate
completing the challenge for
2017 with Assemblywoman
Joyner and Highbridge public
Library.

The children who complete
the challenge will earn an
Excellence in Reading
certificate by submitting their
completed forms to the
Assemblywoman's
Community Office at 910
Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK
Bronx NY 10451 or calling
718-538-2000.

Assemblywoman Joyner Offers Free Immigration Screenings for Community



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is pleased to announce FREE immigration screenings for Bronx families. Representatives from **Bronx Legal Services** and **Sauti Yetu Center for African Women and Families** will be available in her Community Office at 910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK (between E. 162nd and E. 163rd Streets), Bronx, N.Y. 10451 on a monthly basis.



The next day will be Friday, June 16 from 3 PM-5 PM

Please call **718-538-2000** to set up your appointment if you require immigration assistance

TENANT SUPPORT SERVICES

Every Thursday, Tenant Support Services are available in Assemblywoman Joyner's Community Office

In coordination with New York City's Tenant Support Unit, tenant support specialists are on hand every 1st and 3rd Thursday, from 11 AM-3 PM. This effort will focus on helping tenants with concerns and issues related to harassment, purposeful denial of essential services, overcharges and possible eviction.

Also, legal professionals from the Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs are available every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 3 PM-6 PM to assist with your legal housing issues. Please call to set up an appointment.

For more information, see flyers or call the Assemblywoman's Community Office at 718-538-2000

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is proud to announce a partnership with New York City's Tenant Support Unit

Tenant Support Specialists every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Where: Assemblywoman Joyner's Community Office
910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK
Bronx, NY 10451

Tenant Support Specialists will be holding joint office hours to provide support to tenants that may be experiencing housing related issues such as:

- Harassment
- Purposeful denial of essential services
- Overcharges
- Possible eviction

For more information, please call Assemblywoman Joyner's Office at 718-538-2000

Free Housing Legal Services!

Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner is proud to announce a partnership with the Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs to offer **FREE HOUSING LEGAL SERVICES!**

N.A.I.C.A. legal professionals will be on hand to assist your housing concerns

When: Every second and fourth Thursday from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Where: Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Community Office
910 Grand Concourse, Suite 1JK
Bronx, N.Y. 10451

For more information or to set up an appointment, please call Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner's Community Office at 718-538-2000

TENANT SUPPORT SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE:	N.A.I.C.A LEGAL PROFESSIONALS AVAILABLE:
JUNE 15	JUNE 22
JULY 6	JULY 13
July 20	AUGUST 10
AUGUST 3	AUGUST 24
AUGUST 17	SEPTEMBER 14
SEPTEMBER 7	SEPTEMBER 28
SEPTEMBER 21	OCTOBER 12



Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner wants to make her office more accessible to families and constituents in the 77th Assembly District. Her staff will be offering off-site constituent services at local senior centers, community centers and libraries.

- **Highbridge Library**
78 West 168th Street
Bronx, NY, 10452
Every 3rd Mon. from 10 AM-1 PM
- **Davidson Community Center**
2038 Davidson Avenue
Bronx, NY 10453
Every 2nd Wed. from 10 AM-1 PM
- **New Settlement Community Center**
1501 Jerome Ave
Bronx, NY 10452
Every 3rd Wed. from 4 PM-6 PM

BRONX AFFORDABLE HOUSING

AVAILABLE BRONX AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

Below listing are Subsidized Rental Opportunities lotteries, as provided by NYC Housing Preservation & Development and New York State Homes and Community Renewal. Each housing opportunity is a lottery with application deadlines.

For more information, please visit [NYC Housing Connect](#) or [HCR Affordable Rental Units](#) and [NYHousingSearch.gov](#).

ADDRESS	APTS AVAILABLE	HOW DO YOU APPLY?	DEADLINE
1561 Walton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10452 MT. EDEN	50	Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to nyc.gov/housing connect . To request an application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to: Affordable Housing Dept. 1561, 1357 Broadway, and Box 309, New York, NY 10018. Only send one application per development. Do not submit duplicate applications. Do not apply online and also send in a paper application. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.	July 3, 2017
255 EAST 138TH STREET, MOTT HAVEN, BRONX	87	Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to nyc.gov/housing connect . To request an application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to: The Graham, 5925 Broadway, Bronx NY 10463. Only send one application per development. Do not submit duplicate applications. Do not apply online and also send in a paper application. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.	July 17, 2017
6469 Broadway, Bronx (Riverdale), NY 10471	77	Applications can be downloaded from the marketing agent's website: www.BronxProgroup.com . Applications can also be requested by mail by sending a double-stamped, self-addressed envelope to Bronx Pro Real Estate Management Inc., 1605 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Bronx, NY 10453, ATTN: VAN CORTLANDT GREEN.	No Deadline