



ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

NOTICE OF HEARING

SUBJECT: Supports for foster parents and relative and non-relative caretakers

PURPOSE: To examine the impact of the State budget on supports for foster parents and caretakers of children removed from their homes

Hearing Room C, Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY
Thursday, December 14th
11:00 a.m.

Caregivers of children removed from the home may be foster parents or non-foster parents, and relatives or non-relatives. Regardless of the situation it is critical that such caregivers have adequate support to ensure the safety and well-being of the children they are caring for. This support comes in many forms including foster care subsidies, kinship programs and services such as counseling, respite and legal assistance. This hearing is intended to examine the adequacy of supports for caregivers in the context of the State budget.

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Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible. In the absence of a request, witnesses will be scheduled in the order in which reply forms are postmarked.

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**Ellen Jaffee
Member of Assembly
Chair
Committee on Children and Families**

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