



Dear Neighbor,

With the legislative session now behind us, I wanted to share a few updates from Albany, highlight some recent work here in the district, and pass along a few reminders from our office.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve our community, and please don't hesitate to contact my office if we may be of assistance.

Wishing you a great summer.

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Andrew Hevesi

Assembly District 28

Legislative Update

This year, Assemblymember Hevesi introduced and advanced numerous measures to better support children and families across New York. These include one of the most significant Family Court reforms in decades, expanded support for children with complex needs, stronger protections for survivors of domestic violence, and increased access to child care and family services.

One bill which passed both the Assembly and Senate **would establish a statewide Supervised Visitation Initiative** through the Office of Victim Services, in consultation with the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, addressing one of the most pressing needs consistently raised by Family Court judges across New York.

On April 28 of this year, Assemblyman Hevesi debated the bill on the Assembly floor, leading to its passage.

Specifically, the initiative will expand access to professionally supervised visitation services for families navigating family court, including custody and visitation matters involving domestic violence, child safety concerns, or other circumstances where courts determine supervision is appropriate.

32 counties – more than half the state – currently have NO access to Supervised Visitation. And where programs do exist, there are significant gaps and waitlists that prevent visitation from occurring, adding to the burdens on families and the children impacted.

A.65 addresses statewide gaps by establishing programs in communities where none currently exist, expands capacity where services are available, improves language access and cultural responsiveness across communities, **and significantly reduces financial barriers for families of all income levels**, while requiring ongoing assessments to ensure services continue meeting local needs.

Because of the wide scope of this problem and the comprehensive reform laid out in A.65, the bill has been supported by family advocates, legal service organizations, and judges across the state.

This bill awaits final signature from Governor Hochul.

Preserving Child Care for Working Families

As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Children & Families, Assemblymember Hevesi has passed legislation to eliminate a State requirement tying child care assistance to a parent's exact working hours. The bill has been vetoed by Governor Hochul several times.

Many working parents – including those employed in retail, hospitality, health care, the gig economy, and other industries – work variable or unpredictable schedules that change from week to week. Under existing State policy, those changes could have reduced a family's child care coverage because assistance was calculated based on the exact hours a parent was scheduled to work.



This year, efforts to change this system culminated in an agreement between the Governor and the New York City Mayor to preserve New York City's longstanding child care voucher model, allowing families to continue receiving consistent child care assistance despite changing work schedules.

The agreement ensures that more than 100,000 eligible New York City families relying on the Child Care Assistance Program will not see their child care coverage reduced while the City continues operating its existing system.

Ensuring a permanent statewide solution amidst further advancements towards universal child care remains a priority for Assemblyman Hevesi going into 2027.

Investments in Our Community

This year, Assemblymember Hevesi secured \$110,000 in State funding to continue the partnership with ACE Programs in the 28th Assembly District, to support another year of neighborhood cleanings, litter removal, general maintenance, and workforce development.



Since launching the partnership in 2024, **ACE crews have logged more than 200 hours of work across our neighborhoods every month, and removed thousands of pounds of litter from neighborhood streets, sidewalks, bus stops, and public spaces**, while providing employment opportunities for individuals transitioning out of homelessness.

The renewed funding will allow this work to continue for another year. Further announcements for District 28 will be shared as disbursements are processed.

Around the District

While the Legislature is out of session, Assemblymember Hevesi and the district office remain active throughout the community.



Recent highlights include neighborhood cleanups, community celebrations, civic events, and meetings with local organizations across the district. Stay tuned for more announcements, and we hope to see you soon!



Enhanced Energy Affordability Program (EEAP)

If your income is below the area median for New York City and Westchester you may be eligible to apply for the Enhanced Energy Affordability Program. Monthly discounts range from \$1 to \$135.24 and vary based on your income, household size, and whether you use electricity or gas for heating. Once approved, you’ll be enrolled for up to 18 months.



To qualify you must be a residential customer with an active electric and/or gas Con Edison Account, earn below the area median income, and not be currently enrolled in the existing Energy Affordability Program (EAP) and/or enrolled in a qualifying government assistance program.

Household Size	Income Below
1	\$ 113,400
2	\$ 129,600
3	\$ 145,800
4	\$ 162,000
5	\$ 175,000
6	\$ 188,000
7	\$ 200,900
8	\$ 213,900

More details on eligibility, program information, and the link to apply can be found here:
[Link](#)

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