



Dear Neighbor,

Autumn is my favorite season and the Finger Lakes region is one of the best places in the world to experience Fall colors and fun! September was a big month, as we transitioned back into school and began to gear up for session in January. September was also Early Intervention Awareness Month, and I was proud to host the [Early Intervention Awareness resolution](#) in the Assembly this year.

Early intervention (EI) services are therapies such as speech, physical or occupational therapy that children aged 0-3 are legally entitled to if they are failing to reach certain developmental milestones. These services are paid for through the county, with a mix of county and state dollars, to help ensure that kids are healthy and school-ready. After age 3, the school districts pick up the cost of these services if they are still needed. We do not have nearly the number of EI providers necessary to meet the need, and we have tens of thousands of children across the state on waitlists for services. Right here in Monroe County we have, on average, 1,000 kids on the waitlist. This not only fails to meet our legal obligation to these children, but it fails to meet our moral obligation. Children who receive

timely EI services have substantially better outcomes than children who don't; some children go on not to need any services at all as they age. Not only does EI help us build stronger, more independent and resilient kids, but it is a cost-saver over time, as fewer kids need to be pulled out of classrooms for intervention, or go on to require additional physical or occupational support throughout their lives.

In order to help address this crisis, the Kids Can't Wait campaign has been pushing for an 11% increase in EI funding in the state budget. Since entering this office in 2021, we have successfully helped push this increase into the Assembly one-house budget, only to have it fall out of the final budget during negotiations. This summer, I dedicated my time to broadening the Kids Can't Wait Coalition to include teachers, school administrators, unions, county leaders and advocacy groups to ask the Governor to put this increase in her Executive budget this year. We hosted a very well-attended legislative briefing at the beginning of the month to educate other legislative offices about this issue and the game plan for getting this increase across the finish line this year. We then ended the month with a press conference with Assemblymember Michaelle Solages and our friends in the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus, who are joining us in this fight as the EI crisis disproportionately impacts black and brown families. This will be one of our top priorities in the upcoming budget.

We have much more to come this Fall, so stay tuned! I hope to see you at the pumpkin patches.

Best,

Jen Lunsford

Digital Libraries Webinar



Join Assemblymember Jen Lunsford for a webinar from Monroe County Library System's Outreach Department about digital library services for readers and enthusiasts of the arts.

Learn about Libby, Hoopla, and Medici.tv and see demonstrations on how to browse and borrow from each service!

Register online at www.nyasembly.gov/lunsford

Thursday, October 5th at 2 pm on Zoom



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Halloween Festivities

FIND THE RIGHT EVENT FOR YOUR FAMILY!

Trunk or Treat

Schutt's Apple Mill
10/24 @ 6:30 - 7:30pm
1063 Plank Rd, Webster

Family Halloween Fest

Pittsford Community Center
10/22 @ 2 - 5pm
35 Lincoln Ave, Pittsford

Trunk or Treat

Parking Lot of Piano Works
10/28 @ 2 - 4pm
333 W Commercial St, East Rochester

Family Halloween Fun

Penfield Community Center
10/20 @ 5:30 - 7:30pm
1985 Baird Rd, Penfield

Family Halloween Parade

Johanna Perrin Middle School
10/27 @ 6pm
85 Potter Pl, Fairport

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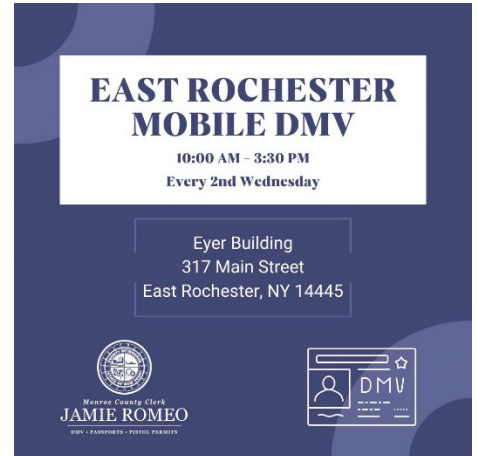


2024 NYS ASSEMBLY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Applications for the NYS Assembly Internship Program are now being accepted! The program is open to full-time juniors and seniors in a degree program AND graduate students that are enrolled in or graduated within a year. This is a semester-long, paid internship based in Albany. For more information and the application, [click here](#).

MOBILE DMV IN THE EYER BUILDING


The Monroe County Mobile DMV will be at the Eyer Building in East Rochester every second Wednesday of the month from 10 am - 3 pm. No appointment is necessary; all services are available except for REAL ID and permit testing. For more information about the Mobile DMV, [contact the County Clerk's office.](#)



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Every 2nd Wednesday

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