




Assemblyman
Charles D. Fall
Assembly District 61

Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall
March 19, 2021

Upcoming Events


Join me and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer on **Monday, March 29** at 8 PM for an information session on **Accessing Covid 19 Relief for Houses of Worship and Schools**. **To register in advance, click here.** Contact my office at [718-442-9932](tel:718-442-9932) or sibir@nyassembly.gov with any additional questions.




Join Senate Majority Leader **Chuck Schumer** and Assembly Member **Charles Fall** to discuss:

Accessing COVID19 Relief for Houses of Worship & Schools

MONDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2021 AT 8PM



CHUCK SCHUMER
DEMOCRATIC LEADER



CHARLES FALL
ASSEMBLY MEMBER, DISTRICT 61

REGISTER IN ADVANCE HERE

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Zoom meeting.

FROM THE OFFICE OF SENATOR CHUCK SCHUMER

District 61 News

Community Food Giveaways

My office partnered with Project Hospitality and the Muslim American Society to distribute food to community members. If you know of anyone that may be in need, kindly reach out to my office.



Updates From Albany

This week the New York State Assembly debated and we passed the One House Budget Resolution. The next step is for the Joint Assembly and Senate Budget Conference Committees to convene and present the Legislature budget to the Governor.

The Assembly proposes General Fund spending of \$91.6 billion in SFY 2021-22. This is an increase of \$16.9 billion or 22.6% over SFY 2020-21. The proposed spending is \$8.7 billion or 10.6% higher than the Executive Budget proposal.

The Assembly proposes All Fund spending of \$208.3 billion in SFY 2021-22. This is an increase of \$15.6 billion or 8.1% over SFY 2020-21. The proposed spending is \$12.2 billion or 6.3 percent higher than the Executive Budget proposal.

Revenues

- The Assembly budget proposal includes increased revenues that total nearly \$7 billion in SFY 2021-22. Earlier this week, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan which included \$23.8 billion in federal funding to help New York State and local governments to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, rebuild the economy and get people back to work.
- The Assembly proposal would increase the top income tax rate from 8.82% for single filers earning more than \$1 million and couples earning more than \$2 million, to 9.85%. It would also establish two new brackets as follows: 10.85% for taxpayers between \$5 million and \$25 million and 11.85% for taxpayers over \$25 million. This would generate at total of \$4.3 billion.
- A new one percent surcharge on capital gains for taxpayers earning more than \$1 million per year would generate \$700 million.
- A new 18% surcharge would be applied to corporate franchise taxpayers, corporate utility taxpayers and insurance taxpayers, generating \$1 billion.
- To ensure that businesses with large capital resources but relatively low taxable income pay a fair amount of corporate tax, the Assembly proposal would reinstate the minimum business tax on corporate capital that will generate \$150 million.
- Owners of high value second homes in New York City will be subject to a progressive state tax generating \$300 million. An additional \$171 million will be generated from a recording tax on mezzanine debt and preferred equity investments.
- Finally, the top rate of the state's estate tax will increase from 16% to 20%, resulting in an additional \$130 million.

Getting New Yorkers Back to Work

- The Assembly's proposed budget includes \$1 billion for a new Small Business Reopening and Relief Grant Program to help small businesses that have struggled to keep their doors open over the last year. It would also set aside \$500 million of the fund for companies that fall into priority categories.
- The proposed spending plan would invest \$100 million in a new Arts Recovery and Revitalization Program to assist with reopening efforts of various arts organizations and to provide financial support for the conversion of new outdoor venue spaces.

- The Assembly budget would direct up to \$1.8 billion in anticipated federal childcare to priority areas, including expanding access to families earning up to 85 percent of the state median income and other groups not currently eligible for subsidies.
- The Assembly plan also includes \$50 million for the COVID-19 Recovery Workforce Initiative to ensure that funds are directed toward those who have been most impacted by the economic fallout due to the pandemic, including women, minorities, and those who have been receiving unemployment benefits for an extended period of time.

Rent Relief and Investments in the Social Safety Net

- The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic crisis have forced New Yorkers to struggle financially, making it hard for them to pay their rent or mortgages. The Assembly budget includes \$3.125 billion in combined federal and state dollars to provide rent relief for tenants and landlords.
 - \$400 million for prospective rent.
 - \$200 million to reduce homelessness.
 - \$100 million to supplement \$575 million in federal mortgage relief in the most recent federal stimulus, for a total of \$675 million for mortgage relief.
- The Assembly’s spending plan proposes \$2.1 billion to create a fund for New Yorkers who do not have access to unemployment, federal stimulus funds and other assistance programs during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Assembly budget would provide \$935 million in capital funding to housing authorities across New York State, including \$750 million for the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). The proposal also includes \$100 million for state- and city- supervised Mitchell Lama Housing.
- Under the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020, New York received \$1.3 billion in Emergency Rental Assistance to aid eligible renters with rental arrears, utility and home energy costs or arrears, future rent and other housing expenses.
- The spending plan includes a \$100 million carve out in rental assistance for distressed landlords whose tenants failed to pay rent, or otherwise did not qualify under the parameters of the rent relief program. It would also increase homelessness vouchers to \$200 million.

Education

- Investing in our schools, from foundation aid to funding for technology and mental health care, is more important than ever after our students have had two school years disrupted by COVID-19.
 - The proposed budget increases Foundation Aid by \$1.4 billion and fully phases Foundation Aid in over three years. As part of this increase, the Assembly’s plan would provide that school districts receive at least 60 percent of their Foundation Aid funding for SY 2021-22. Foundation Aid would be funded for a total of \$19.8 billion.
 - The Assembly’s spending proposal would ensure that transportation standby costs are added to pandemic related reimbursable costs included in the Executive Budget.
 - The Assembly’s budget also includes critical funding for our most vulnerable students and to address the mental health challenges they are facing in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan includes \$10 million for homeless students and \$10 million to support mental health in schools.

- The proposed budget also includes \$75 million to create new prekindergarten slots across the state.

Higher Education

- With so many New Yorkers struggling to make ends meet, it is more important than ever to ensure that tuition costs do not put higher education out of reach for New York's students. The SFY 2021-22 Budget rejects proposed tuition increases for SUNY and CUNY, provides \$23 million to SUNY and \$26.3 million to CUNY to begin to pay off the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) gap, and includes almost \$180 million for opportunity programs.
- The plan also increases the TAP funding award by \$1,000, bringing it from \$5,165 to \$6,165.
- SUNY community colleges would receive \$33 million and CUNY community colleges would receive \$10 million in additional funding to keep community college funding level with academic year (AY) 2020-21.

Transportation

- Investments in transportation are critical to getting the economy moving again. It provides important jobs in construction and ensures New Yorkers can get where they are going safely and efficiently.
 - The Assembly budget invests in these transportation projects, providing \$11.3 billion for the state's transportation network, including a \$504 million increase in funding for the Department of Transportation's (DOT) two-year capital plan.
 - It will also restore \$137 million in operating aid for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA).
 - The spending plan includes \$503.1 million for the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs), which includes \$65 million for extreme weather recovery.

Human Services

- The Assembly spending plan directs \$1.8 billion in federal funding to expand access to childcare, including \$500 million to support childcare providers and families to expand eligibility and access to subsidies.
- Additionally, the plan includes \$59.8 million in local assistance for programs that provide services critical to the wellbeing of New York's children, including childcare, child welfare services, foster care, adoption subsidies, adult protective and domestic violence services.
- The plan also provides \$10 million for homeless students, including funding for trauma informed practices in schools.
- The Assembly budget would create a \$32 million fund to support crisis services, problem gambling, and chemical dependence outpatient and treatment support services.
- The Assembly spending plan provides \$94.2 million for the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to create new service slots, including an expansion of certified housing supports, community habilitation, respite services, housing subsidies, self-direction of services and an expansion of day programs and employment options.

Health

- The COVID-19 pandemic has put incredible stress on our healthcare system and demonstrated just how important it is that New Yorker's have quality, affordable healthcare.

- The Assembly spending plan would make \$376 million in restorations to the Medicaid program, including \$73.9 million for hospitals and \$74.25 million for Managed Long-Term Care (MLTC) programs.
- The proposal also includes \$393 million in restorations to public health programs that were eliminated from the Executive Budget.

Environmental Protection

- The Assembly spending plan provides \$400 million for the Environmental Protection Fund, which includes \$100 million in anticipated federal funding. The budget also includes \$500 million for clean water infrastructure projects.

I along with my colleagues, Assembly leadership have ironed out a budget proposal that makes critical investments in our communities, in our people and in helping our state recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. From funding for education to quality affordable healthcare, housing to transportation infrastructure, the Assembly Majority remains dedicated to ensuring that our budget improves the lives of all New Yorkers.

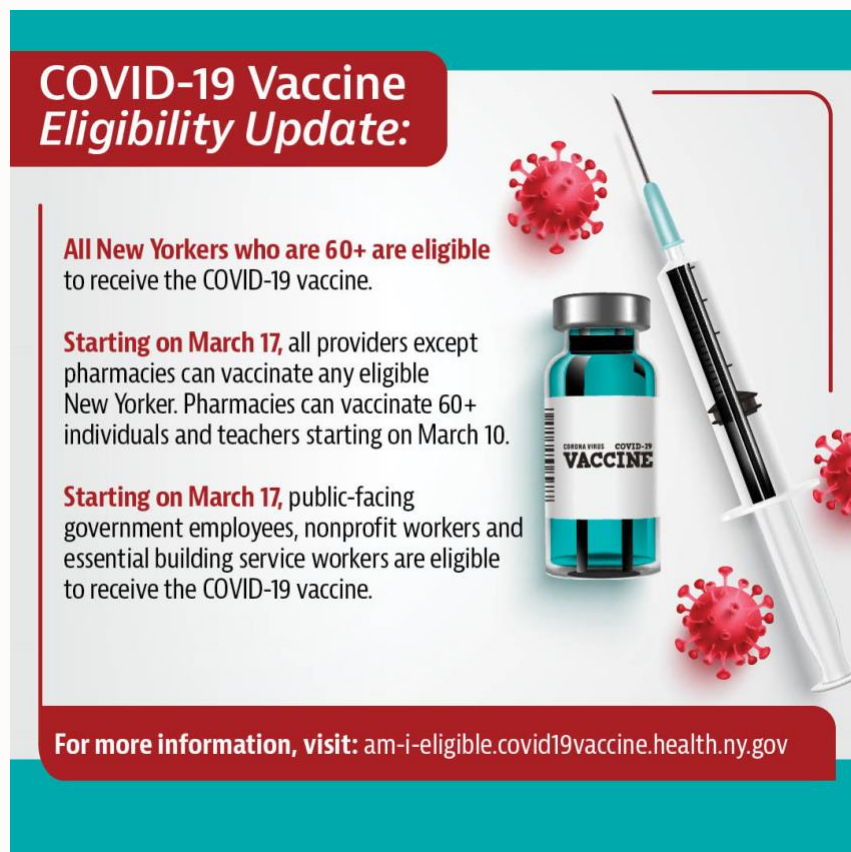


Critical Updates, New Policies, and Testing Locations to Protect You and Your Community

1. **New York's Major League Baseball teams, the New York Mets and New York Yankees, can resume play with spectators in the stadiums, beginning April 1.** Professional sports in large outdoor stadiums that hold 10,000 people or more will be allowed to reopen at 20% capacity.
2. **Blended learning students in grades 9-12 will return to their school buildings beginning March 22.** Like elementary and middle schools, as well as District 75 programs, high schools will follow the strong practices that have been established to help keep school communities healthy and safe, and to

maximize in-person learning time. This includes weekly random testing of students and staff for COVID-19, physical distancing, masks, and nightly deep cleaning.

3. **Governor Andrew Cuomo signed legislation (S.2588-A/A.3354-B) granting public and private employees time off to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.** Under this new law, employees will be granted up to four hours of excused leave per injection that will not be charged against any other leave the employee has earned or accrued.
4. **Beginning April 2, arts and entertainment venues can reopen at 33% capacity, up to 100 people indoors and up to 200 people outdoors.** If all attendees present proof of negative test prior to entry, capacity can increase up to 150 people indoors and up to 500 people outdoors. Social distancing and face coverings will be required by all attendees, as well as strict adherence to all applicable Department of Health guidance.
5. **New York State is launching a new pilot program to begin administering the Johnson & Johnson's single-dose vaccine to eligible New Yorkers during the overnight hours at the Yankee Stadium, Javits Center and New York State Fair Mass Vaccination Sites.** Following a discussion with the White House COVID-19 Task Force, New York is taking measures to distribute the state's allocation of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine as quickly as possible, as states have been informed there will be a lag in the following week's allocation. As part of this effort, thousands of new appointments will be made available at each of the three sites in the coming days. Counties, pharmacies, and Federally Qualified Health Centers will also be receiving Johnson & Johnson allocations this week.
6. **As of Wednesday, [March 17th](#), all providers except pharmacies can vaccinate any eligible New Yorker with the Covid 19 vaccine, public facing government employees, nonprofit workers and essential building service workers are now eligible. Pharmacies can now vaccinate seniors 60 and over and teachers.**



COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Update:

All New Yorkers who are 60+ are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Starting on March 17, all providers except pharmacies can vaccinate any eligible New Yorker. Pharmacies can vaccinate 60+ individuals and teachers starting on March 10.

Starting on March 17, public-facing government employees, nonprofit workers and essential building service workers are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

For more information, visit: am-i-eligible.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov

7. Eligible individuals can schedule vaccine appointments by contacting:

- - The NYC Vaccine hotline at [877-829-4692](tel:877-829-4692) or clicking [here](#)
 - The NYS hotline at [888-364-3065](tel:888-364-3065) or clicking [here](#)
 - SOMOS, a community health provider at [833-766-6769](tel:833-766-6769)
 - Eligible individuals will have to fill out a screening form and attest to being in an eligible category. Anyone who is NOT eligible for vaccination, should not sign up for an appointment. [Click here to find updated vaccine eligibility lists, vaccine locations near you and to schedule a vaccine appointment when eligible.](#)
 - [Click here for a COVID-19 vaccine fact sheet.](#)

STATEN ISLAND COVID-19 TEST SITES

Week of **3/15/2021 - 3/21/2021**

H+H test site updates: bit.ly/HH_testsites / H+H wait times: bit.ly/HH_waittimes

• No-Cost tests.
• ID/Insurance are NOT required.
• For age 2 & older, unless otherwise noted.

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS TESTING SITES (ONGOING) - DAYS AND TIMES VARY

<p>Gotham Health, Vanderbilt 165 Vanderbilt Avenue Staten Island, NY 10304 344-NYC-4NYC Also offers Antibody Tests Mon - Sun, 8:30am-4:30pm</p>	<p>Staten Island Ferry Terminal 1 Bay St, Retail Space 103 (Level 1 of the Terminal, next to the North Shore Esplanade exit) Staten Island, NY 10301 Also offers Rapid Molecular Test Rapid testing is sometimes limited Mon-Sun, 9am-7pm</p>	<p>Greenbelt Recreation Center 501 Brielle Avenue Staten Island, NY 10314 Also offers Rapid Molecular Tests Rapid testing is sometimes limited Mon-Sun, 9am-7pm</p>	<p>Mariners Harbor Library 206 South Avenue Staten Island, NY 10303 Also offers Flu Shots Mon-Sun, 9am-7pm</p>	<p>Former St John Villa HS 57 Cleveland Place Staten Island, NY 10305 Mon-Sun, 9am-7pm</p>
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H+H MOBILE TESTING VAN Mon-Fri (9:30am-4:30pm)

None at this time.

NYC HEALTH DEPT. COVID-19 EXPRESS Mon-Fri (9am-5pm)

by appointment only: nyc.gov/health/covidexpress

<p>Central Harlem Central Harlem Center 2238 Fifth Ave. New York, NY 10017</p>	<p>Riverside Chelsea Health Center 160 W 100th St. New York, NY 10025</p>
<p>Washington Heights Washington Heights Center 600 W 168th St, 3rd Fl. New York, NY 10032</p>	<p>Chelsea Chelsea Health Center 303 Ninth Ave. New York, NY 10001</p>

PARTNER MOBILE TESTING VANS (Age 4 and older)

Due to parking issues, vans may be within 1-2 blocks away. Rapid/PCR tests are available. Days and times vary.

<p>Fox Hill Mon-Sun Mar 15-21, 8am-7pm African Refugee Parking lot 185 Park Hill Ave. Staten Island, NY 10304</p>	<p>Prince's Bay Mon-Sun Mar 15-21, 8am-7pm Wolfe's Pond Park (Parking Lot) Wolfe's Pond Park Chester St. Staten Island, NY 10312</p>
<p>West Brighton Mon-Sun Mar 15-21, 8am-7pm NYCHA West Brighton I & II Parking lot entrance at 820 Henderson Ave. Staten Island, NY 10310</p>	<p>Tottenville Sat-Sun March 20 & 21, 8am-7pm Conference House Park Corner of Satterlee Street and Hylan Boulevard Staten Island, NY 10302</p>

SELF TEST SITES (Age 4 and older)

Days and times vary. Please verify on the website: bit.ly/HH_testsites

Not available at this time.

8. **Veterans enrolled in the VA Care system can call and schedule an appointment to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Call [1-877-877-9267](tel:1-877-877-9267). If you are not yet eligible call [877-222-8387](tel:877-222-8387) to enroll.**

Attention NYC Veterans

VA New York Harbor Healthcare System is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners to provide COVID-19 vaccines to Veterans and VA health care personnel.



At this time, VA New York Harbor is offering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to **Veterans 65 years of age and older currently enrolled in VA Healthcare.**

The vaccine is being administered at the following locations by appointment only:

- *Manhattan VA Medical Center*
- *Brooklyn VA Medical Center*
- *St. Albans Community Living Center*
- *Staten Island Community VA Clinic*

Eligible Veterans must schedule an appointment by calling
1-877-877-9267

Veterans who are not yet enrolled in VA Healthcare may visit www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply/ or call 877-222-8387 for more information on how to apply.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

9. **Review the State guidelines for travelers arriving in New York State.**
- View the Test-and-Trace corps **COVID-19 Wait Times Dashboard** for estimated wait times for NYC Health + Hospitals COVID-19 testing locations. This wait time information is updated by site staff every two hours.
 - **Use the DOH map to find all State-run testing sites.**
 - **Click here for a full list of NYC Health + Hospitals walk-in testing sites available at no cost to you on the North Shore.**
 - Use the Phone-a-Clinician program with Health + Hospitals, by calling (844) NYC-4NYC. Call to connect with a medical provider free of charge seven days a week from 9 AM - 9 PM.
 - Individuals that are unable to safely isolate at home may be afforded a free temporary hotel room. **Click here to learn more** or call [\(844\) 692-4692](tel:844-692-4692). **Please click here if you have any further questions.**

Crucial Resources to Support and Aid Your Everyday Needs

- SCORE Staten Island is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping both aspiring and established entrepreneurs get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through cost-free education and confidential mentorship. The organization is Chapter 476 of the nationwide SCORE, and as a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration, SCORE is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the SBA. It has both local mentors, who have proved to be successful in their fields, and a network of 10,000 volunteer mentors across the country providing web-based seminars and resources. It can provide:
 - Volunteer mentors who share their expertise across many different industries
 - Free, confidential business mentoring in person, via email, phone or by video
 - Free business tools, templates and tips online
 - Inexpensive or free business workshop/webinars(locally) and webinars (online 24/7)
 - For additional information, or to schedule an appointment, SCORE-Staten Island may be visited [here](#). Or you call them at [718-727-1221](tel:718-727-1221); email at info@scoresi.org and visit on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).
- Need free tax assistance? **Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation offers a free tax preparation program** that provides NYC residents with assistance filing their returns and maximizing their credits and refunds. Call NAMIC's hotline **Monday – Wednesday 11 am – 7pm** and **Saturday and Sunday 9am – 5pm**. Contact Maria Guzman-Colon at taxhelp@nmic.org or [929-415-8745](tel:929-415-8745) with any questions.

 <p>NYC FREE TAX PREP</p> 	 <p>NYC FREE TAX PREP</p> 
<p>FREE TAX PREPARATION</p> <p>January 23 – April 15, 2021</p> <p>Please be prepared with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo ID (New York State ID preferred) • Social Security card • Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for all family members • W-2s for all jobs you held during 2020 • Any other tax-related documents • Your bank account number and routing number (if you want to direct deposit your refund) <p>*If you are filing jointly, your spouse must be present with photo ID.*</p>	<p>When? Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 11AM - 7PM Saturday, Sunday 9AM-5PM</p> <p>How do I sign up? Book an appointment online at www.nmic.org/taxes</p> <p>Who is eligible? People who earned less than \$68,000 in 2020</p> <p>Additional questions? Contact us at taxhelp@nmic.org or (929) 415-8745</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>
<p>PREPARACIÓN GRATUITA DE IMPUESTOS</p> <p>ENERO 23, - Abril 15, 2021</p> <p>Por favor esté preparado con:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identificación con foto (se prefiere la identificación del estado de Nueva York) • Tarjeta de seguridad social • Contribuyente Individual Número de Identificación (ITIN) para todos los miembros de la familia • W-2 para todos los trabajos que tuvo durante 2020 • Cualquier otro documento relacionado con impuestos • Su número de cuenta del banco y número de ruta (si desea su reembolso por depósito directo) <p>*Si presenta una declaración conjunta, su cónyuge debe estar presente con una identificación con foto.*</p>	<p>¿Cuándo? Lunes, Martes y Miércoles de 11 AM a 7 PM Sábado, Domingo 9 AM - 5PM</p> <p>¿Cómo me registro? Haga una cita en línea en www.nmic.org/taxes</p> <p>¿Quién es elegible? Personas que ganaron menos de \$ 68,000 en 2020.</p> <p>¿Preguntas adicionales? Contáctenos taxhelp@nmic.org o (929) 415-8745</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>

3. **Staten Island Legal Services wants to help you.** For matters of immigration, foreclosure, small business advice and more. If you need **free legal help** during the Covid-19 crisis **call them at [718-233-6480](tel:718-233-6480)**.



DO YOU NEED FREE LEGAL HELP DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS?

Staten Island Legal Services is here to help you and your family get through this together.

- Unemployment Benefits & Employment Issues
- Food Stamps (SNAP), Public Assistance, Medicaid
- Eviction/Illegal Lockouts
- Mortgage Relief & Foreclosure Prevention
- Small Business Advice
- Immigration
- Bankruptcy and Consumer Help
- Student Loan and Debt Collection
- Domestic Violence, Orders of Protection, & Child Support
- Education
- LGBTQ/HIV+


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FORECLOSURE PREVENTION NETWORK



Legal Services NYC **DEMAND JUSTICE**

Since 2007, Legal Services NYC's Foreclosure Prevention Network has assisted nearly 17,000 New York City homeowners facing foreclosure. With community-based foreclosure prevention projects in our Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island offices, our dedicated team of nearly 40 attorneys and advocates provide critical legal services to homeowners navigating the judicial foreclosure process and fight to help them save their homes. LSNYC Foreclosure Prevention Network partners include non-profit organizations, housing counselors, social service agencies and local government. Our advocates conduct trainings, outreach and education activities in conjunction with community and government partners.

WHAT WE DO

Legal Services NYC's Foreclosure Prevention Network attorneys represent homeowners in foreclosure as well as in state and federal court litigation challenging predatory lending, abusive mortgage servicing, scams targeting vulnerable homeowners, and fair housing and lending violations. We are the largest group of free civil legal services attorneys that help NYC homeowners by:

- Representing homeowners in court-mandated settlement conferences
- Providing legal advice and pro se assistance to homeowners through court-based clinics
- Helping clients negotiate home-saving solutions
- Advocating for fairer lending rules, and for better enforcement of laws protecting consumers from predatory practices.

CLIENT SUCCESS STORY

Ms. M, a 68-year-old Black homeowner, fell one month behind on her mortgage when she had to pay for her sister's funeral expenses. For one year, her mortgage company continued to accept her payments, but then her servicing was transferred to a new company. The new mortgage company refused to accept Ms. M's payments unless she could catch up on the one missed payment. For three years, Ms. M tried to negotiate with her lender, but it refused to work with her even though she had sufficient income and was caring for her husband, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease. After being sued in foreclosure, Ms. M was able to connect with Brooklyn Legal Services, who helped her negotiate a modification with a lower interest rate and more affordable monthly payment, saving her \$300 per month on her housing expenses and allowing her family to remain in their home.

CONTACT US

Homeowners can talk to an LSNYC foreclosure advocate by contacting our citywide access line at 917-661-4500. For more information about our services, you can reach our leadership team, listed below.

Citywide: Jacob Inwald
Citywide Director of Foreclosure Prevention
jinwald@lsnyc.org

Bronx: Alexis Lorenzo
Director, Bronx Foreclosure Prevention/Community Economic Development Unit
alorenzo@lsnyc.org

Brooklyn: Shabnam Faruki
Interim Director, Brooklyn Foreclosure Prevention Project
shfaruki@lsnyc.org

Queens: Christopher Newton
Acting Director, Queens Homeowner and Consumer Rights Project
cnewton@lsnyc.org

Staten Island: Sara Manaugh
Director, Staten Island Homeowner Defense Project
smanaugh@lsnyc.org

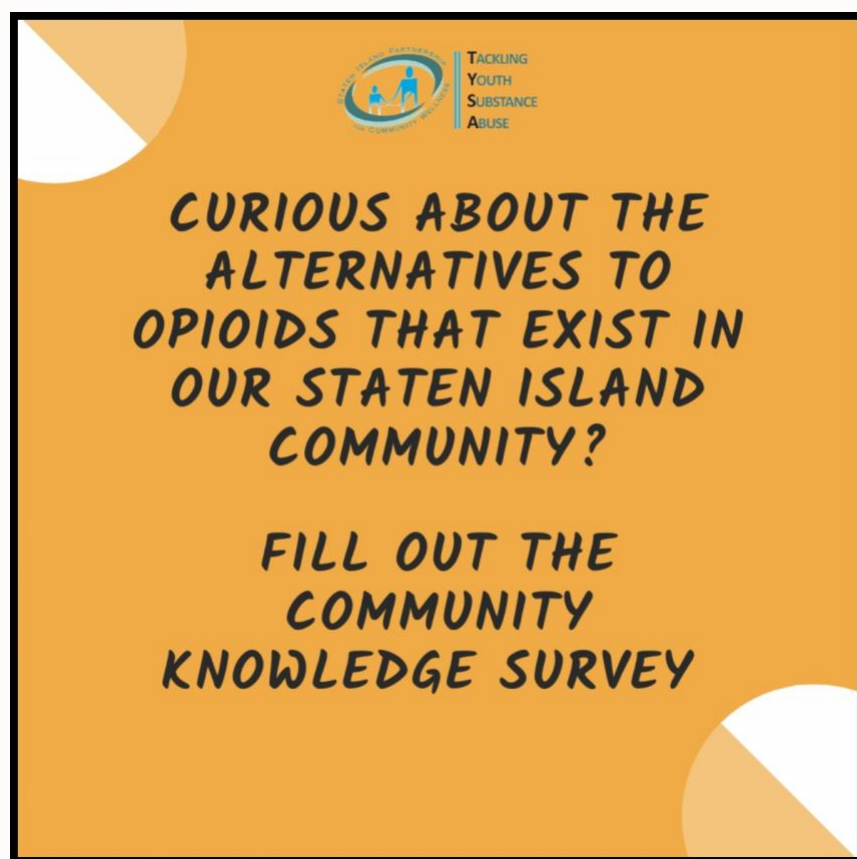
CONTACT US FOR FREE LEGAL HELP AT 917-661-4500

4. Small Business Resources:

- **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) provides loans to help businesses keep their workforce employed during the Coronavirus crisis.** The PPP application for all lenders is now open. There are limited funds, so applicants are advised to apply early! **[Click here for more information and to find the right application for your business.](#)**
 - In preparation for your application, gather your documentation. For a complete list of required documents and additional PPP information, **[click here.](#)**
 - **List of participating lenders:**
 - Lower East Side People's Credit Union- North Shore Branch, for PPP inquiries, email lending@lespfcu.org or apply directly online on their **[website.](#)**
 - TruFund, **[click here for an application](#)** or email Mark Brazier (English) at MBrazier@trufund.org or Marcos Reyes (Spanish) at mreyes@trufund.org.
- **Free Digital Ordering Program**, food businesses who join Ritual ONE through **March 31, 2021**, will have their commission, credit card processing fees, and subscription fee waived. **[Click here to apply.](#)**

Useful Events and Opportunities

1. As part of the CADCA non-opioid choices project, **Tackling Youth Substance Abuse is surveying community members about their thoughts and knowledge on the availability of alternatives to opioids in the community.** There are no wrong answers. The survey is short and can only be completed electronically. **[Click here to fill out the survey.](#)**



2. **In honor of Womens History Month the Staten Island District Attorney's Office partnering with Soroptimist International of Staten Island for their "Dream It, Be It" program.** This is a career support program for young women that aims to equip them with the necessary tools to achieve their education and career goals. **For questions, or to sign up contact Morgan at Morgan.Mazzarella@rcda.nyc.gov**



DREAM IT • BE IT
CAREER SUPPORT
{for girls}

District Attorney Michael E. McMahon and Soroptimist International of Staten Island are proud to announce their partnership for the "Dream It, Be It" program

What is "Dream It, Be It?"
"Dream It, Be It" is a career support program for young women that aims to equip them with the necessary tools to achieve education and career goals.

Topics We Cover

- Career opportunities
- Setting and achieving goals
- Overcoming obstacles to success
- Moving forward after setbacks or failures

How to Register for the Program?
To find out more or to register for the program, email Jennifer Bollinger at jb4587@yahoo.com or Morgan Mazzarella at Morgan.Mazzarella@rcda.nyc.gov

This award-winning program helps teen girls grow up to be confident, happy, successful adults by providing access to professional role models, career education and the resources to achieve their dreams.



3. **Join the NYC Women's Business Centers and the SBA on **March 25** from **10:00 AM to 2:00 PM** for their **4th Annual Women's Business Conference**.** This conference caters to women business owners and offers a great opportunity to connect with other women businesses, develop professional strategies, and get expert advice from leading executives and decision makers. **RSVP here.**

4. **BJ House of Community & Aquila's Voices** are joining forces to bring you **Autism Awareness Chronicles, Different is Beautiful**. This 10-week program begins on Wednesday, **March 17th** at 7pm and offers virtual parent support group sessions with a host of guest speakers, healthcare professionals and organizations whose specialty is none other than children on the spectrum. **Register here.**

Save the Date

MARCH 25, 2021 | 10-2 PM EST

"The Power and Impact of Women Entrepreneurs"

The 4th Annual Women's Business Conference

Co-hosted by: QEDC Women's Business Center (Queens), LDCENY Brooklyn Women's Business Center, BOC Brooklyn/Staten Island Women's Business Center and BOC Bronx Women's Business Center and the SBA | Partners: Brooklyn Public Library

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Industry Speakers
Breakout Sessions
Business Leaders
and more!





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BJ HOUSE OF COMMUNITY & AQUILAS VOICES

BRINGS YOU

Autism Awareness Chronicles

(Different is Beautiful)

A 10 week Virtual Parent Support Group Workshops Just For You!

STARTING
MARCH 17TH, 2021
7 PM

NYREE MARTINEZ,
FOUNDER OF
AQUILA'S VOICES

LA'RAE SPIVEY,
BOARD MEMBER OF
BJ HOUSE OF COMMUNITY

Whether you recently learned that your child has autism spectrum disorder or not; wondering or worrying about what comes next; feel like you cannot deal with the everyday - Join our FREE online sessions and hear from healthcare and professional experts. Workshops are held once a week and for one hour.





For more information contact:






347-356-4842 or email: aquilasvoices@gmail.com
718-442-0923 or email: info@baitujamaat.com





www.baitujamaat.com






5. **2020WON Women EntrepreneurHER ROCK** is a 2-day conference, both virtual and in-person for female entrepreneurs who want to learn about resources, opportunities, and connections. **Wednesday, March 24th at 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (virtual) and Sunday, March 27th, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (in person).** For more information email tdonegan@centralfamilylifecenter.org or call **(718)273-8414**.



10 Winners will attend a VIP Luncheon on Day 2

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2020WON Women EntrepreneurHER ROCK

RESOURCES, OPPORTUNITIES, CONNECTIONS & KNOWLEDGE

A TWO-DAY CONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 24th 5:30pm - 8:30pm (virtual)

Participate in workshops that will prepare, inspire, and empower you to start and grow your business and hear from a panel of women entrepreneurs

Saturday, March 27th 12:00pm - 3:00pm (in-person)

Central Family Life Center, 59 Wright Street, Staten Island

Shop vendors, network with business owners while celebrating women's history. Our History Is Our Strength.

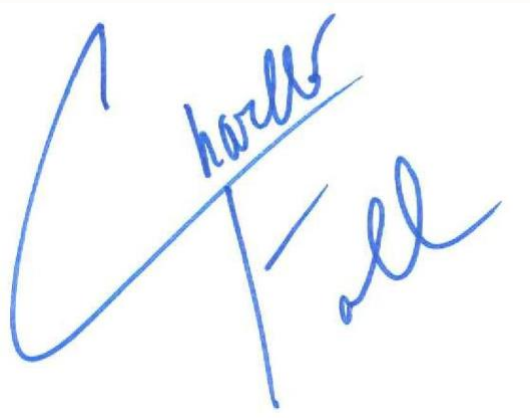
Registration Required:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/LJwvcu-grjwJGNXEDgCJAPmuBMS8asCXqBDu>

For More Info please email tdonegan@centralfamilylifecenter.org or call (718) 273-8414

6. **Citizens Committee for New York City is offering** grants of up to \$10,000 to grassroots organizations responding to the immediate needs of struggling New Yorkers to open food pantries, distribute surgical masks, arrange elderly check-ins, or design other projects to meet their neighborhoods' urgent needs amid the COVID-19 crisis. Applications are open and there is a rolling deadline. **[Click here to learn more.](#)**
7. Are you a non-profit organization looking for volunteer support from a dedicated student? Students from Wagner are searching for volunteer/internship opportunities as part of their senior capstone class. **Please send your job posting or volunteer information to Tara Chiari at this email cace@wagner.edu so she can help connect with the students to apply.**
8. **During these difficult times, the Northfield Bank Foundation is offering a grant opportunity for COVID-19 emergency related requests for health and wellness and feeding the hungry initiatives.** The mission of the Northfield Bank Foundation is to promote charitable purposes within the communities in which Northfield Bank operates - Staten Island, Brooklyn and Central New Jersey. **[Click here to learn more about the grant process.](#)**
9. **Richmond County Savings Foundation - Nonprofit organizations may request funding for program or project support, journal ad or event sponsorship.** Grant requests are reviewed throughout the year for amounts up to \$5,000. **[See here for more information.](#)**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles D. Fall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "F".

Charles D. Fall
Member of Assembly

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