

Assemblyman Santabarbara unveils first Certified Autism Center ER in the nation!

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Assemblyman Santabarbara is helping those with disabilities

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The emergency room at Ellis Hospital is the First Certified Autism Center of its Kind



Dear friends and neighbors,
Let's face it, we all know emergency rooms can be pretty chaotic places—the lights, the noise, the people and the list goes on. Special needs can create barriers to accessing health care when needed. It's a situation I've lived through with my son, Michael, and unfortunately it's something that's all too real for many families.

Part of the solution is addressing sensory overload and that's exactly what the new sensory friendly emergency room at Ellis Medicine is designed to do. Specially designed treatment areas provide for a quieter setting, dimmed lighting and a number of other sensory control measures that can significantly improve outcomes. Additional training provided for hospital staff will lead to improved diagnosis, better treatment and assistance for patients and their families that ensures their unique needs are met to the greatest extent possible.

With everything that's happening in the world right now, this announcement shines bright in our community. It speaks to the needs of some of our most vulnerable and has the potential to change the way we think about special needs in emergency rooms everywhere!

Your friend,

Angelo

Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara



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The Recorder News

Additional funding secured for Project Lifesaver Program

Lifesaving Technology:

Assemblyman Santabarbara secured important funding to expand the Project Lifesaver program here in our area. Partnering with our local Sheriff Departments, the Project Lifesaver is designed to help local law enforcement agencies find missing people who have a tendency to wander, including people with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Alzheimer's and other related conditions. These individuals wear a discreet bracelet on their wrist or ankle, which when activated, helps law enforcement officers to quickly find them without the need for massive search and rescue efforts. Learn more at nyassembly.gov/mem/Angelo-Santabarbara or call (518) 382-2941 for assistance.



Expansion of telemedicine:

Assemblyman Santabarbara worked to expand the use of telehealth, and it paid off during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially for those with disabilities. The legislation allows doctors and therapists to use communications technology to provide health care and essential therapy services, for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

The Daily Gazette

New ID card helps first responders understand people with autism when it matters most

New York's Autism/Disability ID Card Program:

Whether it's an interaction at the airport, in a crowded theme park, or with first responders during an

emergency, this new communication tool can help individuals, parents or guardians easily convey important information about a person's diagnosis and describe some of the challenges they may face. The card is unique and easily recognizable throughout the state, replacing locally issued identification and the homemade notes that many have relied on in the past.

A companion bill, also passed by Assemblyman Santabarbara, created New York's Autism Training Program for Law Enforcement and First Responders, who will now also be trained to recognize the card and the important information it contains. The cards are completely optional and are provided at no cost upon request. Learn more at nyassembly.gov/mem/Angelo-Santabarbara or contact (518) 382-2941 for assistance.

