



New York State Assembly Member

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Assembly District 79

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LEADING WITH PURPOSE

Assembly Member Chantel Jackson
Named Chair of the Legislative Women's Caucus



Photo includes Members of the Legislative Women's Caucus, including Speaker Carl E. Heastie,

Minority Leader Pro Tempore Mary Beth Walsh (Assembly District 112), Assembly Majority Leader Crystal

D. Peoples-Stokes (Assembly District 141), and Chair Assembly Member Chantel Jackson (Assembly

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A New Chapter of Leadership and Legacy

On May 7th 2025, I had the honor of being elected Chair of the New York State Legislative Women's Caucus by my fellow colleagues. To be chosen by these powerful, passionate, and purpose-driven leaders is both humbling and inspiring. I stepped into this role with a deep sense of responsibility, not only to represent, but to uplift and champion the voices, needs, and visions of women across our great state.

As Chair, I will be working alongside an extraordinary executive board to advance our shared mission to empower the whole woman- mind, body, and purpose. Our work will go beyond policy; it will focus on nurturing leadership, building community, and creating space for women to thrive in all dimensions of their lives.

This summer, I'll be visiting the districts of my fellow women legislators, taking time to listen, learn, and connect. We're planning a series of workshops and conferences designed not only to support our legislative work, but to provide tools for personal growth, wellness, and professional evolution. Because to serve effectively, we must also be sustained and seen as whole people.

This moment is about more than a title. It's about legacy. It's about sisterhood. And it's about planting seeds that will bloom for generations to come. I am honored to serve, to walk alongside you, and to continue fighting for a stronger, more equitable future for all women in New York State.





In 2025, we began the legislative session with a historic milestone: **73 women** serving in the New York State Legislature — **51 in the Assembly and 22 in the Senate**. This marks the highest number of women in our state's legislative history. More women than ever before are now chairing committees and holding leadership positions. Despite these gains, New York currently ranks **23rd in the nation**, with **women holding 34.3%** of the Legislature's 213 seats.

The **New York State Legislative Women's Caucus (LWC)**, founded in 1983 by 22 trailblazing legislators, is a unique **bipartisan, bicameral** body representing all women elected to the State Legislature. The LWC provides a vital space for collaboration, support, and information-sharing across party lines and chambers. Each year, we proudly organize a Women's History Month display and host joint events with women leaders across state government — including commissioners and SUNY/CUNY college presidents.

Over the decades, the LWC has consistently championed policies that advance **equity, inclusion, and access to resources** for women, children, and families throughout New York. As a bipartisan caucus, we focus on common-ground issues that impact women across the state.

In recent years, our work has centered on the **caregiving continuum** — from infant and childcare to long-term care for individuals with special needs and eldercare. Through a series of statewide virtual roundtables, we brought together advocates, providers, and legislators to highlight how caregiving disproportionately impacts women, especially women of color and immigrant women, many of whom are underpaid despite providing essential care to our most vulnerable populations.

The LWC continues to prioritize legislation related to **childcare, caregiving, and family well-being**, while deepening partnerships with other women’s legislative organizations. The Women’s Caucus hosts a biannual retreat during the first year of each legislative session to build unity, share insights, and strategize for the future.

Save the date: Join us October 27th–29th for this important gathering as we strengthen our commitment and collaboration.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to amplifying the voices of women in leadership and to ensuring New York continues to lead the nation in promoting gender equity and inclusion.



We also recognize **Assemblymember Helene Weinstein**, the last remaining founding member of the LWC. She retired last year after an extraordinary 43 years of service in the New York State Legislature. Her legacy continues to inspire.



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