



*News from Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee  
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**Assemblywoman Jaffee, Legislators, Direct Care Workers Call for Wage Increase, Salary Parity for OCFS Child Welfare Direct Care Workers**

(Albany, NY) – Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee (D-Suffern), Chair of the Assembly Committee on Children and Families, Legislators, and Direct Care Workers will call on the Governor and the Division of Budget to include in the Administrative Process, wage increases and equivalent support for direct care workers in programs licensed by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) including Foster Care and Youth Facilities.

The 2017-18 Budget provided to other direct care workers working in programs licensed by the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, the Office of Mental Health, and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, a 3.25% increase for direct care workers on January 1, 2018 and another 3.25% for direct care and clinical staff on April 1, 2018.

Dedicated OCFS individuals working every day with our most vulnerable children and youth should receive the living wage they deserve and parity with the increases provided to OASAS, OPWDD and OMH.

Assemblywoman Jaffee will be joined by Assemblymembers Brindisi, Bronson, Crespo, Fahy, Lupardo, Mayer, McDonald and Steck.