

**“Raising the next generation and shaping our community has been a lifelong commitment. Now, you deserve to enjoy the benefits of your hard work.”**

— Assemblywoman

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**Making your life a little more affordable**

# Assemblywoman Peoples-Stokes helped pass a budget that saves you money

## Provides important services

- **Office for the Aging**

For additional services and expenses related to the enriched social adult day services demonstration project to help older New Yorkers age in place in the community while avoiding spend-down to Medicaid. Project shall be conducted by the Center for Functional Assessment Research (CFAR) at the University of Buffalo.....\$122,500

- **Dept. of Family Assistance – OCFS**

For sub-allocation to the division of criminal justice services for services and expenses of Legal Services for the Elderly or Disadvantaged of Western New York for the prevention of elder abuse.....\$80,000

- **Dept. of Veterans' Affairs**

For services and expenses of the New York Veterans of Foreign Wars Buffalo Service Office.....\$50,000

- **Division of Housing & Community Renewal**

According to the 2010 United States Census, in New York state, 310,876 children under the age of 18 live in homes headed by grandparent caregivers and 71,997 children under the age of 18 live in homes headed by a caregiver who is an elderly relative. The New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal, in collaboration with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, and the New York State Office for the Aging, will undertake a grandparent housing study on the increasing occurrence of children living with a grandparent or elderly relative and its affordable housing implications.....\$200,000

## Lowers your cost of living

- **Provides property tax relief** in the form of rebate checks for homeowners and tax credits for renters
- **Cuts an energy tax** on your utility bill
- **Reduces New York's estate tax** to ensure your estate goes to loved ones, not the tax collector

## Protects your health

- Expands eligibility for the **Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC)** program to help lower the cost of prescription medications
- **Protects you from surprise medical bills** if you are unknowingly treated by an out-of-network doctor
- **Ensures that you won't lose your life savings** if you have an ill spouse who needs long-term care

