



## Legislative Scorecard:

### Voting Records on Selected Issues Affecting Children and Youth in the 2011 Westchester County Budget

Legislative District	Legislator Name	Invest in Kids	Early Step Forward	Child Care		
				Lower Parent Co-Pay	Subsidies for Families	Scholarships
<b>District 1</b> Peekskill, Buchanan, Yorktown	Testa, John					
<b>District 2</b> Somers, Bedford, Mount Kisco, North Salem, Lewisboro	Harkham, Peter					
<b>District 3</b> Mount Pleasant, Pleasantville, North Castle	Nonna, John					
<b>District 4</b> Yorktown, New Castle, Somers	Kaplowitz, Michael					
<b>District 5</b> White Plains, Scarsdale	Ryan, William					
<b>District 6</b> Harrison, Rye Brook, Port Chester, Rye	Rogowsky, Martin					
<b>District 7</b> Mamaroneck, Rye, Larchmont	Myers, Judith					
<b>District 8</b> Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown, Elmsford, Greenburgh	Williams, Alfreda					
<b>District 9</b> Cortlandt, Croton on Hudson, Ossining, Briarcliff Manor	Burton, Bill					
<b>District 10</b> Eastchester, Tuckahoe, New Rochelle	Marcotte, Sheila					
<b>District 11</b> Pelham, Pelham Manor, New Rochelle	Maisano, Jim					
<b>District 12</b> Irvington, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, Ardsley, Greenburgh	Shimsky, Mary Jane	<i>Not in office at the time of the vote.</i>				
<b>District 13</b> Mount Vernon	Williams, Lyndon					
<b>District 14</b> Yonkers, Mount Vernon	Spreckman, Bernice					
<b>District 15</b> Yonkers, Bronxville	Burrows, Gordon					
<b>District 16</b> Yonkers	Jenkins, Kenneth					
<b>District 17</b> Yonkers	Alvarado, Jose					

## WHAT DOES THE CHART MEAN?

The preceding chart records the December 23, 2010 Legislative votes to override Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino's vetoes of funding for selected programs for the 2011 County Budget.

An override of a County Executive's veto must have the support of at least 12 legislators to be successful. The following overrides were adopted by a margin of 12 to 5, successfully funding these programs in the 2011 County Budget: Invest in Kids, Early Step Forward, lower parent co-pay for child care, and providing child care subsidies for families. Providing scholarships for child care was defeated by a margin of 11 to 6.

### WHAT DO THESE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS DO?

- **Invest in Kids** funds community youth programs, such as after-school tutoring, mentoring, arts, youth leadership, etc.
- **Early Step Forward** provides behavioral health supports for children ages 0 to 5 years.
- **Child Care, Lower Parent Co-Pay:** Low income families who receive child care subsidies are required to pay a portion of their income toward the cost of child care. This measure kept that co-pay at 15% of a family's above-poverty-level income.
- **Child Care, Subsidies for Families:** This measure provided help in paying for child care for families earning between 200% and 275% of the Federal poverty level, i.e. between \$44,000 and about \$60,000 for a family of 4.
- **Child Care, Scholarships:** Small scholarships for families who are not eligible for other forms of help to pay for child care.



## WHAT IS THE VOTE for KIDS CAMPAIGN?

The VOTE for KIDS Campaign is a partnership of individuals and organizations working to put **young people at the top of the public agenda in the 2011 County elections.**

All 17 seats on the Westchester County Board of Legislators are up for election on November 8th. Legislators make decisions for more than 40 departments that directly affect you and the community, such as:

- Public buses
- Immunization clinics
- Park and recreation fees
- Summer programs for children and youth
- Affordable child care
- Senior citizen services.

### PARTICIPATION IS EASY! GO TO THE WCA WEBSITE: [WWW.WCA4KIDS.ORG](http://WWW.WCA4KIDS.ORG)

- **Join the Campaign.** Go to <http://bit.ly/vfkindiv> to join by providing your name, address, and e-mail. Your Legislator and the County Executive will get a customizable e-mail message saying that you want children and youth to be a top priority of County government, and that you plan to vote for candidates that support children, youth and families. You will also be added to WCA's e-mail alert list, keeping you up to date on children's issues.
- **Be Informed.** Go to <http://bit.ly/vfk-candidate-survey> to read candidate responses to WCA's survey on children and youth issues.
- **Vote on November 8th** and take a friend with you. By participating in elections, you tell government leaders that you care about their actions and want them to help young people thrive. Find your polling place by visiting [www.vote411.org/pollfinder.php](http://www.vote411.org/pollfinder.php).

## KIDS CAN'T VOTE... YOU CAN!

VOTE for KIDS is spearheaded by Westchester Children's Association (WCA). For more information, please visit [www.wca4kids.org](http://www.wca4kids.org).