LIFT
Long Island Families Together

2026 POLICY AGENDA

LIFT Voices, Inform Systems.

These policies reflects the needs and experiences of children, youth, and families navigating systems of care across Suffolk and Nassau Counties. Grounded in their voices, LIFT is committed to advancing family-driven solutions that reduce barriers to care, strengthen collaboration between families and systems, and ensure equitable access to high-quality services across Long Island.

MEDICAID CARVE OUT

Carve mental health and substance use disorder services out of the state's Medicaid managed care program and reinvest at least $400M toward community-based services.

A8055 (SIMON)
S8309 (BROUK)

SOLUTIONS NOT SUSPENSIONS

Reduce reliance on suspensions, restorative practices to replace punitive disciplinary measures and foster inclusive learning environments that address the root cause of school and student conflicts.

A118 (SOLAGES)
S134 (JACKSON)

INVESTING IN CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACCESS AND CAPACITY

Increases Medicaid reimbursement rates for certain behavioral health services provided to youth; directs that funds in the healthcare stability fund can be used for the funding of children's behavioral health outpatient rate increases.

A8600 (SIMON)
S8427 (BROUK)



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