



March 5, 2009

MEDIA ADVISORY:

**NY Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy Will Be Keynote
Speaker at Child Abuse Prevention Services Nassau/Suffolk
Legislative Breakfast—*Keeping Kids Safe From Abuse In
Tough Economic Times***

History has shown that when the economy is bad, children do not fare well. Almost 16,000 reports of child abuse and neglect were investigated on Long Island in 2008, with Nassau and Suffolk counties reporting an increase of 9% and 8% respectively.

In spite of the strong link between the increase in reports of child abuse and neglect and a downturn in the economy, government, schools and the community all play a role in preventing child abuse and protecting children.

WHO: Scheduled speakers: Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy; Richard Morse, MSW, former Child Protective Services Director for Suffolk County/Asst. Professor Suffolk County Community College; Alane Fagin, MS, Executive Director and Patricia Cathers, LMSW, Director of Programs and Volunteer Services for Child Abuse Prevention Services.

WHAT: A morning of discussion and debate among local legislators, family court judges, school administrators and community leaders who will examine how the economy is affecting our children and families, look at legislation to determine whether our children are being protected and explore creative solutions through collaboration to prevent child abuse.

WHEN: 8:30 am – 9:45 am, Friday, March 27, 2009

WHERE: Melville Marriott Long Island
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Melville, NY

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