

Central Islip, NY—On Tuesday, Congressman Steve Israel (D-Huntington) announced the House passage of \$200,000 in funds for the Education & Assistance Corporation (EAC) of Suffolk County's Child Advocacy Center (CAC) to prosecute child abuse cases.

"The Child Advocacy Center harnesses the power of coordination to successfully prosecute some of our justice system's most heinous crimes," said Congressman Israel. "These new funds will support the multidisciplinary teams at the EAC as they fight for the interests of Suffolk County children."

"This wonderful contribution to the Center will enable us to continue helping hundreds of abused children in Suffolk County," said Lance Elder, President & CEO of the EAC.

Children's Advocacy Centers are comprehensive, child-focused programs that enable law enforcement, prosecutors, child protective services, and medical and mental health professionals to work together to investigate and prosecute child abuse cases. Since its inception in 1997, the Suffolk County CAC has helped over 2,500 child abuse victims. The EAC Suffolk County Advocacy Center is currently in the midst of a building expansion project to better serve the children of Suffolk County. The funding was approved by the House on July 26, 2007 as part of the Commerce, Justice, Science funding bill for the 2008 fiscal year.