



**Congressman Steve Israel,  
Health & Welfare Council of Long Island  
& Empire Justice Center**

Invite you to the release of

**The Self-Sufficiency Standard for New York State Study**

*And a call to Congress to pass the Tax Equity Act*

Tuesday, July 6, 2010

11:00am Press Conference

At the Child Care Council of Suffolk County  
60 Calvert Avenue, Commack

New York joins 36 states in calculating *The Self-Sufficiency Standard* to chart the actual cost of living and working in NY. The Standard measures the costs of housing, food, childcare, healthcare, transportation and taxes based on the number and ages of children in each household, where the family lives and assumes no assistance from relatives, friends or the government.

**According to the study, a single Long Island mother with one pre-school child and one school-age child needs an annual income of \$74,000 in Nassau County and nearly \$79,000 in Suffolk County to meet her basic needs.** The Standard's calculation provides a much more accurate and real world portrayal of the cost of living than the Federal Poverty Level of \$18,310 because it:

- Uses a "market basket" approach to determine actual costs of living.
- Reflects geographic variations in costs – by county.
- Reflects variations in costs due to family composition

The Self-Sufficiency Standard has proven to be a valuable tool for policy makers and advocates. It offers a powerful demonstration of the need for access to education and skills training that lead to living wage jobs and programs that help to fill the gap between the modest incomes of many working families and the actual cost of living.

The Tax Equity Act, introduced by Congressman Israel, Congressman NADLER and Congressman Lowey would create a regional cost-of-living adjustment for federal income **tax** rates.

## **Registration**

**Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

### **Self-Sufficiency Standard Study Release**

10:30 coffee and registration

11:00 am Press Conference

Child Care Council of Suffolk

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#### **DIRECTIONS TO CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF SUFFOLK, INC.**

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Commack, NY 11725

Take L.I.E. (Exit 53 from east, Exit 52 from West) or Northern State Parkway (Exit 43) to Commack Rd. (Rte.4) Travel NORTH on Commack Road to Jericho Turnpike (Rte.25). Left on Jericho Tpke. to Calvert Avenue. (Calvert Ave. is the traffic light next to Liberty Travel and across from Home Depot, Old Navy, Marshalls and Hess Gas Station). Make a left on Calvert Ave. into the Old Farms School building. Enter the door on the right of the u-shaped courtyard.