



2025 was a legislative session devoted to the future - our children.

**CT budget: House OKs spending plan investing in children.**

**“Key spending initiatives include more than \$200 million for a new universal pre-K program, a new tax break for low-income families, and tens of millions of additional dollars to aid local school districts and special education programs.”**

**-Ch 8 News**

Our commitment is reflected in our funding for local schools; a top-to-bottom investment in special education, setting the stage for free pre-k for all; and a \$250 check for parents (based on the EITC framework).

This newsletter has more details about these important investments, and more.

All my best,

Representative Corey P. Paris

## BIG WINS FOR STAMFORD

- Cut Your Electric Bill
- Provided Millions for Special Education
- \$250 Tax Credit for Working Families
- Made Childcare More Affordable and Accessible



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# CAPITOL UPDATE 2025



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# A BALANCED BUDGET AND OUR SECOND-LARGEST SURPLUS IN STATE HISTORY

## THANKS TO SOUND BUDGETING AND THE LEADERSHIP OF DEMOCRATS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WE:

- Provided Medicaid increases for providers and increased funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers for the first time in years.
- Increased funding for group and nursing homes – helping to settle a labor strike.
- Provided cost of living increases to community nonprofit providers.
- Secured new funding for the direct care of our kids through Medicaid.

## WE DELIVERED TARGETED, MEANINGFUL RELIEF AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT FOR WORKING FAMILIES THROUGH FAIRER TAX POLICIES:

- We've created a refundable tax credit of \$250 per filer through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) framework.
- **Supported Childcare Providers:** We created a \$500 refundable tax credit for home daycare owners.
- **Helped Families Save For College:** We launched a tax credit for employers who contribute to their employees' CHET accounts.
- **Expanded Capital for Special Education Infrastructure:** We committed \$20M to expand and upgrade special education facilities.
- **Made Corporate Taxes Fairer and More Equitable:** We removed a rule that limited how much tax big corporate groups had to pay when filing together – now they pay what they actually owe.



## SUPPORTING OUR KIDS AND STUDENTS

- We established the **Early Childhood Education Endowment** – an investable trust fund that will create universal access to childcare – starting with a down payment of nearly \$300 million.
- By 2027, families earning up to \$100,000 will be able to receive childcare at no cost, while families earning more than \$100,000 will pay no more than 7% of their income for childcare.
- We authorized \$80 million to help childcare providers expand and upgrade their facilities.

### New tools for our local schools:

- Funded a matching grant to help school districts provide students with high-dosage tutoring.
- Continued programs to support school districts in reducing chronic absenteeism.
- Created a fee-waiver grant program to cover the cost of high-need students taking AP and dual enrollment classes.

### Our overhaul prioritized better access to services for our students:

- Provided screenings for developmental disabilities up to age eight.
- Expanded the use of behavioral assessments and intervention plans.
- Ensured parents and local school districts are at the table before students are moved from their school.



## MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES STRONGER

- Made it easier for towns to enforce housing code violations.
- Reduced red tape for converting vacant commercial property to housing.
- Required developers to finish their work in a timely manner, rather than leaving projects half-finished for years.



## HELPING OUR WORKING AND MIDDLE CLASSES

- Created good-paying construction jobs for residents by partnering with local unions.
- Helped first-time home buyers save money through new tax-free savings accounts.
- Banned landlords from using your private data to set higher rent prices.
- Ensured access to fair rent commissions to curb egregious rent hikes.
- Expanded the Healthy Homes Fund to help homeowners remove radon and other harmful materials.

## SERVING ALL OF CONNECTICUT'S RESIDENTS

- Established inflationary increases for our nonprofit providers.
- Expanded Medicaid coverage for sickle cell treatment.
- Standardized and professionalized interpreter services for our residents who are deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing while creating training opportunities and complaint investigation.
- Closed a loophole so that all employees at long-term care facilities undergo a background check.
- Created anti-discrimination protections for residents of long-term care facilities.

### Took steps toward meaningfully lowering the cost of prescription drugs by:

- Stopping middlemen from passing along cost increases for their personal profit.
- Taking initial regulatory steps to import cheaper drugs from Canada.