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## Brooklyn Developmental Disabilities Council to Hold Annual Legislative Brunch March 8<sup>th</sup>

Advocates will ask their elected officials to work with Governor Cuomo to secure funding to continue critical supports for people with developmental disabilities.

**Who:** Scheduled to attend:

NYS Assembly – Peter J. Abate; Jr., Robert C. Carroll; William Colton; Steven Cymbrowitz; Jo Anne Simon; Latrice Walker; and Gregory Vayngurt, Legislative Assistant to Assembly Member Helene E.

Weinstein

NYS Senate – LaChanda Moor, Constituent Affairs Liaison to Sen. Kevin S. Parker, is expected to attend, as is Brook Gesser, Senior Advisor to United States Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand.

**NYC Council** – Alan Maisel

What: Brooklyn Developmental Disabilities Council Legislative Brunch

When: Friday, March 8th - 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Gargiulo's Restaurant, 2911 West 15th Street, Coney Island

**Why:** Speakers, including elected officials, will address the #bFair2DirectCare

campaign to raise compensation for Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) closer to a living wage; the need for the state to fund a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Human Service agencies; and the critical funding shortages associated with the Early Intervention and preschool in New

York State.