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SENIORS4KIDS IN NEW YORK STATE FOR EVENT CELEBRATING OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

On May 27, Generations United's Seniors4Kids will participate in "Create a Winning Beginning for Every Child," a Winning Beginning NY legislative briefing and children's art project display. The event will occur in Albany from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm in the first floor of the Convention Center.

"Create a Winning Beginning for Every Child" displays children's art and demonstrates how much learning occurs in early childhood programs. Paul Arfin, Seniors4Kids New York State Coordinator, will address the state of pre-K in New York at the event as well as discuss the findings of Seniors4Kids' groundbreaking report, Generations United for Quality Pre-K: New York.

"We're thrilled at the response of New York State older adults who have come forth to serve as advocates during Older Americans Week. It is testimony that older adults feel it essential that we invest in the welfare of future generations," says Paul Arfin, age 67. "Today, from Rochester to Southampton, over seventy Seniors4Kids are visiting Pre-K programs and urging their State Legislators to continue to expand quality Pre-K and early care programs and give school districts the flexibility they need to start programs."

Seniors4Kids has recruited over 68 captains in New York and will continue its recruitment efforts to increase the visibility of older adults in support of high-quality early care and education. The program plans to form a network of states that are working towards nationwide pre-K for all children.

Seniors4Kids (www.seniors4kids.org) is a civic engagement initiative that bridges the generations by raising the visibility of older adults in support of issues directly impacting children and youth. Seniors4Kids engages older adult voters in support of state initiatives. Adults age 50+ create statewide networks of community leaders and grassroots volunteers with the common goal of promoting policies that both directly impact children and youth and benefit the entire community.

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