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Roxbury woman named to autism council

Succasunna resident will represent organization for developmentally disabled

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TRENTON -- A Roxbury woman has been appointed by Gov. Jon Corzine to the Governor's Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism.

Jessica Guberman, a Succasunna resident who is the executive director of Community Options Inc., was appointed to be an "autism organizational representative" and will represent Community Options through this appointment, according to a release from the governor's office.

Community Options is a national nonprofit organization that develops housing and employment opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities.

Guberman has been working in the human service field for 15 years supporting individuals with developmental disabilities, survivors of domestic violence and rape, and at-risk youth, the release said.

"Having the ability to represent Community Options through this most recent appointment is an honor. I am committed and dedicated to serving individuals with autism through the efforts of this council and look forward to working with all of the new council members," Guberman said.

Guberman has been employed by Community Options for five years in her role as executive director and oversees all operations of residential services for northern New Jersey, which consists of 18 group homes throughout Passaic, Bergen, Morris, Sussex and Warren counties.

The New Jersey Governor's Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism was created by state statute in 1999. It was to receive a one-year appropriation, which was continued in subsequent years.
