



Samra Brouk (Guatemala)

New York State Senate District 55

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Campaign website:

<https://www.samrabrouk.org/>

Senator Samra G. Brouk represents New York's 55th Senate District, which includes communities in Monroe County as well as the eastern portion of Rochester. She serves as Chair of the Senate Mental Health Committee, where she has focused on expanding access to mental health and substance use services and strengthening New York's crisis response system.

During her time in the Senate, Senator Brouk has sponsored legislation addressing mental health, maternal health, education, and family services. Her legislative work includes establishing the 9-8-8 mental health and substance use crisis lifeline, improving maternal mental health screenings, supporting the mental health workforce, and creating the Student Lifeline Act. She has also sponsored legislation to expand Medicaid coverage for mental health services provided by licensed creative arts therapists and school psychologists, establish a Black Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force, and strengthen youth mental health services.

Senator Brouk has also made maternal health and doula access a priority. She has introduced legislation addressing Medicaid reimbursement for doula services, community doula programs, doula-friendly policies in health care facilities, and access to doula care. Her work in this area reflects a broader focus on addressing racial disparities in maternal health outcomes.

Beyond health policy, Senator Brouk has worked on issues affecting families, schools, and older New Yorkers. She has secured more than \$1 billion in school aid for Senate District 55 and sponsored legislation addressing child care access, health insurance coverage for young children, elder abuse, geriatric mental health care, and aging in place. She has also introduced legislation focused on government transparency and financial services, including the Bank of Rochester Act.

A Rochester native, Senator Brouk earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Williams College. Before entering the State Senate, she served as a Peace Corps Volunteer and worked as a health educator in rural Guatemala. She subsequently spent a decade in nonprofit community development, working on educational, environmental, and senior services initiatives in Rochester and communities across New York State.