

# The Connecticut General Assembly

## House Democrats



### REPS. BAKER, ROSARIO AND FELIPE LAUD FUNDS FOR RALPHOLA TAYLOR COMMUNITY CENTER YMCA

**Bridgeport State Representatives Andre Baker, Christopher Rosario and Antonio Felipe** announced that funding for the Ralphola Taylor Community Center YMCA that was slated to sunset has been reinstated through their combined efforts.

“I am in full support of the programs offered by this center, especially because it combines social service programs with a medical facility that provides indispensable services to the community,” **Baker** said. “We need to ensure that available funding remains available and that the Ralphola Taylor Community Center be allowed to enhance their services as originally intended.”

“In my role as Deputy Speaker I was able to go to leadership with my Bridgeport colleagues to make sure this funding is made available for the Ralphola Taylor Community Center,” **Rep. Rosario** said. “Had this previously approved funding not been utilized, it may have been reabsorbed and used for other purposes. I am pleased to have played a major role in this effort.”

“The Bridgeport YMCA and the Ralphola Taylor Center have always been safe havens for our Bridgeport youth. These centers make lasting childhood memories and save lives,” **Rep. Felipe** said. “Youth centers are critically important for our city and I am proud to be part of the effort with members of the Bridgeport delegation to ensure much needed funding for our youth.”

The Ralphola Taylor Community Center YMCA will receive \$350,000 that will be made available in installments of \$175,000 this year and next year.

The Ralphola Taylor Community Center YMCA serves the entire community with educational and recreation programs for youth and adults, including computer classes high school equivalency classes (GED) and a violence prevention program. It is a family resource center with a full service medical facility in conjunction with the Bridgeport Community Health Center.

The [YMCA](#) serves communities through educational and recreation programs for youth and adults that enrich families, promote health and wellness, develop youth and build self-esteem. Programs include childcare, youth sports, summer camping, youth in government programs, swimming lessons, health, wellness, education, physical activity and diabetes prevention programs and services.

The [Ralphola Taylor Community Center](#) is located at 790 Central Avenue in Bridgeport. Anyone with questions about the center’s programs may call (203) 576-7430.

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