Karen Edwards MD, MPH, Vice President for Education, Training and Research at Westchester Institute for Human Development was recently appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo to two New York State Councils, The Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME) and the Statewide Early Intervention Coordinating Council (EICC), both within the New York State Department of Health.

Dr. Edwards is Professor of Practice in the School of Health Sciences and Practice and Adjunct Associate Professor of Pediatrics at New York Medical College. COGME provides advice to the Governor and Commissioner of Health on the formulation and implementation of State policies relating to medical education and training. The EICC assists the New York State Department of Health with the administration of the Early Intervention Program (EIP) and makes recommendations to the Department regarding appropriate services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. The NYS EIP is part of the national Early Intervention Program for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. First created by Congress in 1986 under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the EIP is administered by the New York State Department of Health through the Bureau of Early Intervention.

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About Westchester Institute for Human Development

The Westchester Institute for Human Development is one of 67 University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities through education, service, and research. The Institute works to advance policies and practices that ensure the health and self-determination among people of all ages with disabilities, and the safety and well-being of vulnerable children. In collaboration with its primary academic affiliate, New York Medical College, WIHD provides leadership training programs for professionals and carries out innovative research and demonstration projects designed to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities and vulnerable children. WIHD also provides health care to people with disabilities who have multiple and complex health issues, innovative community services, community training, and technical assistance. WIHD’s efforts are guided by a vision in which people living with disabilities and vulnerable children fully participate in society, live healthy and productive lives, and have access to services and supports, emerging technologies, competent professionals and caring families.

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