



## **Dr. Susan W. Fox selected as President and Chief Executive Officer**

The Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD) Board of Directors is pleased and excited to announce that Susan Fox, Ph.D., has been selected to serve as the next President and Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Fox succeeds Dr. Ansley Bacon, who retired in February, 2015 after successfully leading WIHD for the past 30 years. Dr. Fox will assume this leadership position on June 20, 2016.

Dr. Fox currently serves as Associate Director and Clinical Assistant Professor at the Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire, a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD). She is also the Director for the Center on Aging and Community Living at the University of New Hampshire. Dr. Fox has a Master's Degree in Education Leadership focusing on Special Education Administration from Lesley University and a second Master's Degree and Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of New Hampshire, with an emphasis on aging and caregiving. In addition to her work with the UCEDD at the University of New Hampshire, Dr. Fox has experience in a broad range of community settings providing supports and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, acquired brain disorders, physical disabilities, mental health, and who are aging. She has also served as the state director for developmental disabilities services in New Hampshire. Her lifelong work has been dedicated to assuring that individuals with disabilities and their families are able to realize their dreams and live full and meaningful lives in their communities.

"I am delighted that the Board completed a successful search and selected Dr. Fox as the next WIHD President and CEO," says Dr. Ansley Bacon. "Her integrity, values, skills and experiences are an excellent fit with the WIHD community. I'm confident that she will provide the strategic leadership that WIHD needs for the future."

"We are extremely enthusiastic about Dr. Fox leading our organization into the future. Sue's knowledge of our work and those we serve will be invaluable. Please join us in welcoming her," says William H. Bave, Jr., chair of the WIHD Board of Directors.

As President and CEO, Dr. Fox will provide leadership and direction toward achieving WIHD's mission and strategic goals. She will oversee the long-term vision and the implementation of the work of WIHD, including maintaining an on-going relationship with New York Medical College. Dr. Fox will also serve as Co-UCEDD Director at WIHD and as the Director of the Center on Disability and Health at New York Medical College's School of Health Sciences and Practice.

"This is a wonderful organization and a great opportunity. I look forward to advancing the great work of WIHD and to working with its staff, board, partners and stakeholders," says Dr. Fox. "I have a deep commitment to the values and principles that the UCEDDs were built

upon and I look forward to building on the legacy of Dr. Bacon.”

### **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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