

LOCAL NEWS

The **Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD)** was recently awarded a \$198,000 grant from the Taft Foundation to expand the work of WIHD's Community Support Network.

The grant will help young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities successfully transition from school to adult life. The funding will also support these transition-aged youths as they develop independence and embark on adulthood through a significant expansion of WIHD's self-advocacy and technical assistance programs.

A new self-advocacy group, coordinated through Facebook, will organize recreational, social and employment opportunities; encourage peer-to-peer connections; and develop a youth learning community intended to empower participants and increase their potential for independence.