



Barbara Levitz with husband, Jack, and son, Mitchell

Barbara Levitz, a leader in services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, has retired from The Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD).

Levitz has worked at WIHD in various capacities for 30 years. She played a key role in developing WIHD's

early intervention service coordination

model, employing parents of children with disabilities and providing training across the county on replicating this unique model. At the same time, she played a key role in the establishment of Parent-to-Parent of New York State as a statewide family support initiative and worked on the passage of family support legislation both in New York and nationally.

The Levitz family was recently honored as the WIHD Mission Family for representing the mission of WIHD — to help children and adults with developmental disabilities reach their full potential. Barbara's son, Mitchell Levitz, who has Down syndrome, began attending early intervention at WIHD at 6 months old. Now, years later, Mitchell is a staff member at WIHD, offering an amazing perspective and contributions to both staff members and families and individuals served by WIHD.