



WIHD Announces Dr. Tricia Patrick as President & CEO

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VALHALLA, NY (June 2026) --- After a decade of visionary leadership, Dr. Susan Fox announced her retirement as President & CEO of the Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD). After an exhaustive national search, the Board of Directors of WIHD is pleased to announce that Dr. Tricia Patrick has been named as WIHD's next President & CEO.

Dr. Patrick is a highly accomplished public health leader and academic with more than two decades of experience in epidemiology, health services research, and program leadership. She holds a Doctor of Public Health in Epidemiology from New York Medical College and has built a distinguished career that bridges research, clinical outcomes, and population health. Her progressive leadership roles at WIHD—including Director of Research and Chief Academic Officer and Co-UCEDD Director—demonstrate a strong track record of advancing organizational strategy, research innovation, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Dr. Patrick brings deep expertise in developing and leading large-scale initiatives focused on improving health and quality of life for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Her combination of executive leadership experience, robust research portfolio, and commitment to advancing equitable health outcomes for persons with developmental disabilities and vulnerable children positions her exceptionally well to serve as CEO of WIHD.

Dr. Patrick will continue WIHD's 75-year legacy defined by transformation, resilience, and unwavering commitment to equity and excellence. With WIHD's relocation to a new, purpose-designed facility at 80 Grasslands Road, Dr. Patrick will lead WIHD forward ensuring WIHD's capacity to expand services, deepen community impact, and secure long-term sustainability.

"I feel so fortunate to have led this amazing organization for the past decade," Dr. Fox said. "With the move to WIHD's new home, the time is right for a new leader to take WIHD to its next chapter and Dr. Patrick is that person."



Monica Sganga, Board Chair, added “The Board is excited to have found our next CEO within the ranks of our talented and compassionate staff. Dr. Patrick’s experience, skills and integrity make her the perfect person to lead WIHD into our new home and provide the strategic leadership necessary for our future.”

Dr. Patrick will begin her new role on July 6th.

Westchester Institute for Human Development

As one of 68 University Centers of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, the Westchester Institute for Human Development (WIHD) is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities and vulnerable children through professional education, direct service provision, and innovative research. First established in 1950, WIHD moved to Westchester County, NY in 1972 and has been a key regional resource providing a wide range of medical, dental, clinical and social services to individuals with disabilities, vulnerable children, families and professionals. At WIHD, everything we do is guided by our vision of a future in which all people, including people with disabilities and vulnerable children, live healthy and productive lives as full members of society. For more information, go to www.wihd.org.