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Back to school and back to WCA's eBulletin! We at Westchester Children's Association (WCA) have been working hard on behalf of our county's kids - from 0 to 25 years old. Below are some exciting upcoming events:

- Early Childhood Home Visiting: Hope Quilt Opening Join us September 28
- Advocacy Breakfast: A Better Normal Join us October 18
- Digital Access Survey Results Releasing October 4



Hope Quilt

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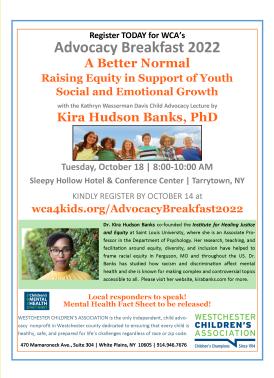


EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITING

Over the past year, WCA has collected hundreds of quilt squares from Westchester County and beyond. Our Hope Quilt Project created quilting opportunities for schools and other groups to participate in WCA's awareness campaign on the importance of early childhood supports.

Early childhood home visiting services provide individualized support and guidance to families with children ages 0-5 in the home setting and provide connections to needed services. The lack of program capacity and funding in Westchester and New York State has caused eligible families to go without this critical resource.

Several quilts were recently completed by the Village Squares Quilters and will be unveiled at a special event to be held Wednesday, September 28th at 9:30am at the Westchester Children's Museum at Playland Park in Rye. JOIN US for this free event! No registration required.

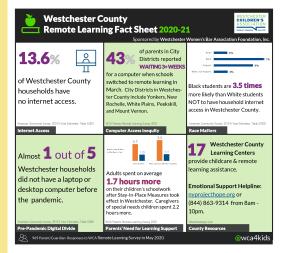


ADVOCACY BREAKFAST

The Kathryn Wasserman Davis Child Advocacy Lecture at our annual Advocacy Breakfast allows us each year to bring outstanding speakers on current issues to a broad, cross-disciplinary audience concerned with children and youth in our County.

This year we're back in person, and our featured speaker is Dr. Kira Hudson-Banks! The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the social and emotional needs of children. Dr. Banks, an Associate Professor of Psychology who has studied how racism and discrimination affect mental health, will share possible solutions to repair the damage of the pandemic and long-standing inequities. Click below to register today.

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WCA's Remote Learning Agenda

- Increase Technology and Internet Access
- Provide Training and Tech Support in multiple languages
- Expand Remote Learning Accommodations
- Expand Mental Health Services

Sign our petition & read more at wca4kids.org/remotelearning

March 20

DIGITAL EQUITY, ACCESS AND INCLUSION

October 3-7 is <u>Digital Inclusion Week</u>. Working in partnership with <u>Pace University</u>, WCA's second survey of parents explains the ongoing level of digital distress in the county. On Tuesday, October 4 at Pace University we are releasing our findings of the 2022 Digital Access Survey!

Evidence shows that the lack of digital access and inclusion is not merely a single issue, but a lens that magnifies already existing health, educational, and economic inequities as well. Stay up to date on our work on this timely topic.

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