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The Williams Commission Hosts Youth Empowerment and Community Engagement Forum with Chief Judge Wilson in the Ninth Judicial District

NEW YORK—The Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission will host its *Bridge to Justice Youth Empowerment and Community Engagement Forum*, in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle and the Mariano Rivera Foundation, on **Friday, May 8, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**, at the Boys and Girls Club of New Rochelle Remington Clubhouse, located at 1 Remington Place, New Rochelle, NY.

The program will bring together young people and community members for an engaging forum on civic participation and community empowerment. The event will feature dynamic discussions, including a fireside chat with the Honorable Rowan D. Wilson, Chief Judge of the State of New York and the New York Court of Appeals.

Attendees will participate in interactive activities and engaging discussions throughout the program. Featured speakers include FHW Commissioner Dr. Betty Campbell, Commissioner of Jurors, Westchester County; Becky Mazzanobile, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle; FHW Co-Chair, Hon. Troy K. Webber, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department; Joanne Dunn, Executive Director of the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester (YSOW); Hon. Jared Rice, New Rochelle City Court and Chair of the New York Community Trust; FHW Executive Director Karlene Dennis, Esq., Hon. Mary Lynn Nicolas Brewster, Acting Supreme Court Justice, New York State Court of Claims; Hon. Anne E. Minihan, Supreme Court Justice, Administrative Judge, Ninth Judicial District; and Hon. Maurice Dean Williams, County Court Judge, Westchester County.

The FHW Bridge to Justice program aims to equip youth and community members with skills to advance equity, strengthen communication and collaboration, and build meaningful relationships. The fireside chat with Chief Judge Wilson will offer attendees an opportunity to reflect on leadership, as well as their long-term goals, legacy, and impact.

“Let us never forget that community empowerment is rooted in civic engagement and participation. It is our individual and collective responsibility to promote justice for all,” said Dr. Betty Campbell.

The event is free and open to the public. [Register for the event by May 7, 2026.](#)

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