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### **Passaic Vicinage Celebrates Black History Month**

Author and motivational speaker Yvonne Harvey Williams will serve as keynote speaker at a Passaic Vicinage program celebrating Black History Month.

The event will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in the Freeholder's Meeting Room on the second floor of the Passaic County Administration Building, 401 Grand St., Paterson.

Williams, the CEO and founder of Speak2Inspire LLC, was born and raised in Paterson where she attended Eastside High School, the Rosa L. Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts and Passaic County Community College. For more than two decades, Williams has traveled the country to speak about how she overcame dependency, poverty, depression, abandonment and homelessness. She uses those life experiences in her speaking events as a platform to encourage others to reach their full potential.

The Rosa L. Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts choir will also perform at the event, which is free and open to the public.

Presiding Family Division Superior Court Judge Greta Gooden Brown will host the program, which is being sponsored by the vicinage's Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Advisory Committee and the Committee on Minority Concerns. The advisory committee includes a cross-section of vicinage employees who are appointed by Assignment Judge Ernest Caposela to help build cultural awareness and understanding between the courts and the community. The minority concerns committee includes Superior Court employees and representatives from local businesses, schools, community groups and the public who develop programs that enable the court to better serve the community

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