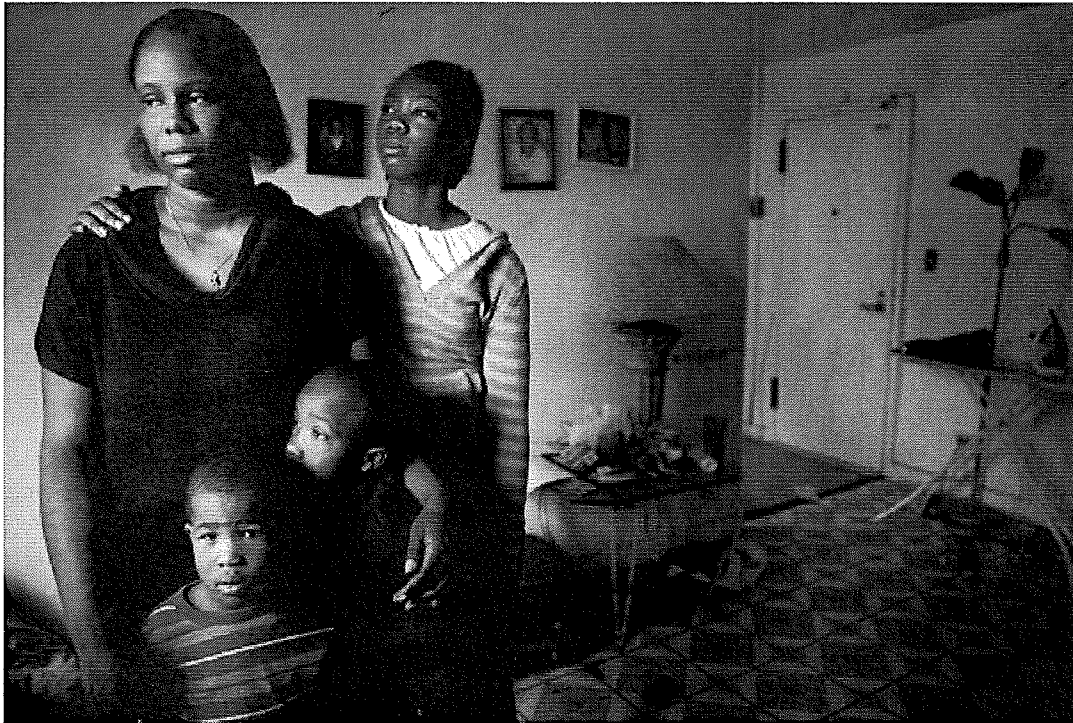


## Soft on Segregation: How the Feds Failed to Integrate Westchester County



*Cherie Michaux, with her daughter Ja'liza Michaux, 12, her nephew Quaheem Moreau, 3, bottom left, and her son Ja'kye Brown, 7, bottom right, in their apartment in Port Chester, N.Y., on Oct. 27. (Melanie Burford for ProPublica)*

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The city of Rye, nestled along the scenic Long Island Sound in affluent Westchester County, N.Y., represents the best of suburban living. Sprawling mansions perch atop rolling hills. Children attend top-notch schools. Residents browse tony boutiques and sun themselves on café patios in a downtown that manages to be both quaint and chic.

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It also happens that nearly everyone who lives in Rye is white.

Drive down the road a bit, cross two four-lane highways and you're in working-class Port Chester. Turn near the aging strip mall with the 99-cent store and head onto a street of down-on-their-luck apartments where brown and black children speed past on bicycles.

Here, you'll find a tiny sliver of Rye, cleaved from the city years ago when interstates 287 and 95 came through. This is