#VaxForKids

Governor Hochul launched the #VaxForKids campaign to increase vaccination rates among children five and older – urging pediatricians, parents, and guardians to help children get vaccinated and keep up with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses.

As part of the campaign, new #VaxForKids pop-up sites have been established in communities across the state to administer first and second doses for children five and older as well as booster and additional doses for eligible children and adolescents.

A pop-up site will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Vineyard Farm and Outdoor Center for Excellence, 126 Sander St., Rochester. Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines will be available.

New #VaxForKids sites are added weekly. Click here to open the schedule.

**COVID Recommendations - What You Need To Know**

- All New Yorkers 5 and older should get fully vaccinated
- All eligible New Yorkers should get their booster dose
- New Yorkers should get tested after traveling and before seeing family
- All travelers, domestic and international, should continue to follow all CDC travel requirements
LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Final Session!: Black History Month Educational Event to Address Mental Health in the Black Community

From BIPOC Parent & Caregiver Mental Health Movement - Mental health experts, faith leaders, parents, community leaders and stakeholders will convene online to address important topics of interest during Black History Month.

The final session takes place from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26. The topic is "Social Determinants, Education, Engagement and System Change: Where do we go from here?"

The Health Foundation is proud to sponsor this event.

Register here.

2022 Greater Rochester Antiracist Education Virtual Conference: Teaching, Action, Equity, & Justice

The Antiracist Curriculum Project hosted by the PathStone Corporation invites the community to a free conference from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, bringing together local educators, administrators, activists, students and parents to learn from each other in hopes of creating a more just and equitable community.

The virtual conference features breakout sessions led by local youth, educators and activists, with keynote presentations from Dr. Bettina Love, Author of "We Want To
Recommended Reading: Take Care That DEI Efforts Do Not Tokenize Employees

From Coordinated Care Services, Inc. - While organizations may have good intentions to increase diversity and create an equitable culture that values inclusion, if there isn’t a clear, strategic plan, deliverables, or expected outcomes, this will likely result in the perpetuation of the harm and indignities these organizations have pledged to disavow.

Click here to read a recent Rochester Business Journal article by CCSI Chief Diversity Officer, Kesha Carter and learn more about how organizations can ensure their DEI efforts do not tokenize employees.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

2022 RMAPI Policy Agenda

The Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative (RMAPI) has released its 2022 Policy Agenda.

RMAPI is a community collaborative working to improve quality of life in Rochester by reducing poverty and increasing self-sufficiency. To do this, RMAPI is focused on workforce development and increasing accessibility.
and affordability of basic needs. Access the Agenda here.

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**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

Health-related grant opportunities are posted weekly on the Greater Rochester Health Foundation [website](#).

The [North Star Coalition](#) has released its comprehensive dashboard of federal and state grant and funding opportunities for the Greater Rochester area to help ensure an inclusive recovery. Click [here](#) for funding opportunities.

From [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) - Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity Call for Proposals. This initiative prioritizes research to evaluate specific interventions (e.g., policies, programs, practices) that have the potential to counteract the harms of structural and systemic racism and improve health, well-being, and equity outcomes. Letters of inquiry are accepted on a rolling basis. Learn more and apply [here](#).

[Emergent Fund - Grants Advance Grassroots Organizing for Social Justice](#): The Emergent Fund supports grassroots organizing and power building in communities of color throughout the United States who are facing injustice based on racial, ethnic, religious, and other forms of discrimination. Letters of inquiry are accepted on a rolling basis. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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**Did You Know? The Health Foundation Sponsors Community Events!**

Sponsorship of fundraising and other events via our Community Event Fund is one way we partner with organizations in our region to build a healthier region where all people can thrive.

Eligible events support the ongoing mission of a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission and/or event activities align with ours.

Learn more and apply [here](#).
COMMUNITY EVENTS

BLACK AF
FILM SCREENING
2022
FRIDAY 2.25.22 - 6PM
THE AVENUE BLACKBOX THEATRE
700 JOSHDUB AVE | ROCHESTER, NY
*RSVP & MASK REQUIRED
avenueblackbox.eventbrite.com

BLACK POWER MARKETPLACE
FEBRUARY 26 2022 12-5P
25 DRIVING PARK AVENUE
ROCHESTER, NY 14613
VENDORS CAN REGISTER OR INQUIRE WITH DIALLO PAYNE
@COMMUNITYJUSTICEINITIATIVE@GMAIL.COM

#CommunityJustice Initiative believes that the practice of Ujamaa (cooperative economics) is a revolutionary means of advancing people of Black, Brown, and Indigenous status. The Black Power Market will showcase a voluminous variety of vendors, business education & entertainment.
Centered in equity, the mission of the Greater Rochester Health Foundation is to pursue and invest in solutions that build a healthier region where all people can thrive.