April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

This month we're elevating important messages and resources from our partners at Bivona Child Advocacy Center during National Child Abuse Prevention Month:

Bivona Child Advocacy Center joins the National Children's Alliance, their member agencies, and supporters across the country to bring attention to the prevalence of child abuse, as well as means of intervention and prevention. Past studies have shown a lack of awareness of the issue of child abuse in the greater Rochester community, with many believing it to not be an issue in their communities, but rather something that happens elsewhere. As new stories and cases continue to appear at an alarming rate, it's obvious that it does happen here — in our communities — and we need to speak up and do something about it.

Here are a few ways you can take action to protect the children in your life. Browse and share these resources from Bivona's prevention partner Darkness to Light:

- Monique Burr Foundation Child Abuse Prevention Month Resource
- Taking Proactive Steps During The Coronavirus Pandemic
- Minimizing Opportunity During Coronavirus Quarantine
- Meeting the Needs of Children During COVID-19
World Autism Awareness Month

April is also World Autism Awareness Month. The following information is from AutismUp:

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released the newest autism prevalence statistic and it reveals an increase of nearly 10%, up from 1 in 54 in the report published in 2020. The need for autism services and supports continues to grow. In our community alone, there are more than 10,000 individuals living with autism in need of the custom programs and support services offered by AutismUp.

Visit AutismUp's website for resources and activities to educate, explore, embrace and enhance the lifetime journey of families living with autism.

COVID RESOURCES

Recommendations From New York State Department of Health

- New Yorkers who test positive for COVID-19 can now seek new treatments that help prevent severe disease and hospitalization
- Second COVID-19 booster doses are now available for eligible New Yorkers
- All New Yorkers 5 and older should get fully vaccinated
- Travelers, domestic and international should continue to follow all CDC travel requirements

Resources by County

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LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday Talks with CCSI: Racism is a Public Health Crisis

Across the country, local and state leaders have recognized racism as the public health crisis it is. While resolutions and formal statements are not sufficient, they are an essential first step. These resolutions call attention to racism and shift the narrative in ways that can drive changes in practices, policies, laws, and allocation of resources.

Join Coordinated Care Services Inc. at noon on Tuesday, April 19 as its esteemed panel shares their unique perspectives, as well as ways you can take strategic action to change racist policies and practices to advance racial equity, as we work together to eliminate disparities in health and wellness. Register here for the virtual event.

Unique Leadership Program offered by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Structural racism causes devastating health inequities. That's why this year's Robert Wood Johnson Foundation cohort of Interdisciplinary Research Leaders will focus on dismantling it.

Applications for this unique leadership program—designed for teams of community leaders and researchers—are being accepted until May 4. This year's theme is structural racism and health. Could your research create real change for dismantling structural racism and improve health equity?

Interdisciplinary Research Leaders embark on a transformational journey using action-oriented, community-engaged research to help build a Culture of Health, one that enables everyone in America to live longer, healthier lives. Click here to learn more and apply.

The New York State Association for Infant Mental Health (NYS-AIMH) Inaugural State-Wide Conference

The New York State Association for Infant Mental Health (NYS-AIMH) will present its first annual, state-wide conference for the
multi-disciplinary early childhood workforce from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 3 via Zoom.

The keynote is speaker is Victor Bernstein, PhD, retired professor from the University of Chicago whose career focused on building relationships and the "ordinary miracles created in our everyday work."

For the afternoon, participants have a choice of four workshops based on work settings. Click here for more information and to register.

Recommended Reading: Race Relations Survey Spurs Hope

Monroe County residents are more likely to acknowledge racism in our community today than they were 10 years ago. That's according to a new Siena College Research Institute poll commissioned by Rochester Area Community Foundation and the Democrat and Chronicle.

Read more about the findings in this essay published by Jennifer Leonard and Simeon Banister at the Community Foundation.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NEW: The North Star Coalition's Grant Dashboard makes it easy to search for grants by title/keyword, application due date, or funding category. All grants posted are available to Rochester-area businesses and nonprofits, and dashboard entries connect site users directly to each application.

Rapid Response Fund grant requests for 2022 are now being accepted by The Groundswell Fund. Grants may range from $5,000 to $20,000. The Groundswell Fund supports a stronger, more effective U.S. movement for reproductive justice by mobilizing new funding and capacity building resources to grassroots organizing and policy change efforts led by low-income women, women of color, and trans people. Groundswell's Rapid Response Fund seeks to meet unforeseen needs and opportunities in the struggle to advance and defend social and reproductive justice organizing by women of color and trans people of color. Learn more and apply here.

From Rochester Area community Foundation - Applications are now open for one-time grants of $5,000 for arts projects by nonprofits and public organizations in the Community Foundation's eight-county Rochester-Finger Lakes region. This funding opportunity, administered by the Foundation, is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts and is intended to increase audience reach, organizational capacity, and equitable access to program support. Recent NYSCA grant recipients (2018 or later) are not
eligible. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply. Applications will be accepted through April 29.

Active funding opportunities from [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) may be found [here](#).

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

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**WAYS TO HELP**

**Participate in Day of Caring with United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes**

Our nonprofit partners need your help! Join them on **Thursday, May 19**, for the region’s largest community-wide volunteer event.

Sign up for United Way’s [#DayofCaring](#) and help a local nonprofit with a project they may not otherwise have resources for. More than 300 Day of Caring projects have been registered by over 150 nonprofits so far.

Learn more [here](#).

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