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April 2022

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.



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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](#)

- [Talking to Kids about Body Safety and Consent Toolkit](#)
- [The “What If” Game](#)
- [Preventing Child Abuse During School Breaks](#)
- [Resources for Supporting Children’s Emotional Well-being during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

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
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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

Annual NYS-AIMH
Conference

Celebrating Relationships

Mark your calendars for June 3, 2022
An invigorating keynote with **Victor Bernstein,
Ph.D.**, (retired) The University of Chicago.

multi-disciplinary early childhood workforce from **9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 3** via Zoom.

The keynote 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.

TOP EFFORTS MONROE COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE WILLING TO EMBRACE TO ACHIEVE RACIAL EQUITY

82%

SUPPORT EMPLOYERS HIRING
THOSE IN POVERTY

76%

BUILD MORE AFFORDABLE
HOUSING IN SUBURBS

75%

ESTABLISH MORE SCHOOLS
OPEN TO URBAN - SUBURBAN
STUDENTS

Source: 2021 Siena College Research Institute poll of Monroe County residents commissioned by Rochester Area Community Foundation and the Democrat and Chronicle

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](#).

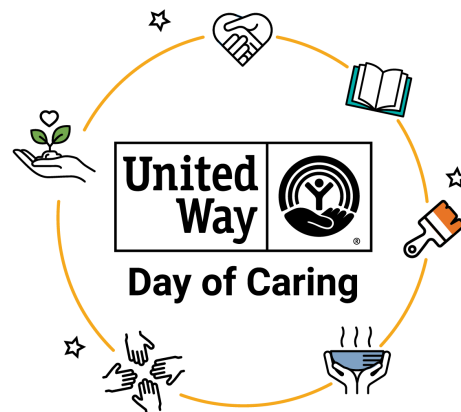
WAYS TO HELP

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](#).



COMMUNITY BOARD

The African American and Latino Health Coalitions present

 **SPEAK LIFE! 2022 HEALTH EQUITY CONFERENCE**

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Save the date for our upcoming annual Speak Life! Health Equity Conference — **Revive**. Taking place virtually on Saturday, April 23, Revive will challenge disparities and inequities in our healthcare system, offer a message of renewed hope and energy, and set the stage to create a collective plan of action and path forward as a community.

Join us as we take a deep dive and tackle issues of racism, discrimination, mental health, and more - while honoring Community Equity Champions.

Be sure to save the date as we come together to answer how we can revive our community and determine what actions we should take to eliminate the health inequities we continue to face.

2022 FEATURED REVIVE SPEAKERS:

- **Harriet Washington**, *Nationally-acclaimed writer & medical ethicist as our keynote speaker*
- **Dr. S. Michelle Ogunwole**, *John Hopkins University professor and health disparities researcher*
- **Denise Smith**, *executive director, National Association of Community Health Workers (NACHW)*
- **John Rodriguez**, *award-winning entrepreneur and change agent as our Revive emcee*
- *and more to be announced!*

Thank you to the 2022 Speak Life! presenting sponsor:







Harriet Washington

Revive

Learn more and register at COMMONGROUNDHEALTH.ORG/SPEAKLIFE2022

REVIVE is a **FREE** online event, open to the public. Registration opens soon!



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