We're celebrating Pride, uplifting Gun Violence Awareness month and highlighting Juneteenth events in our region!

Celebrate Pride With the Out Alliance Renaming Event

The Out Alliance has an exciting event planned for International Pride Day on Wednesday, June 28.

The Out Alliance will host a grand opening of its new community center and Lilac Library while celebrating its new community space and new name: the Rochester Rainbow Union!

The new name is an opportunity for the Out Alliance to start a new chapter in the long history of the organization's life and honor its roots. While the Out Alliance closed its doors in 2020, a new Board came together in 2022 to preserve the largest LGBTQIA+ library of its kind in New York, seeing an opportunity to create a new, inclusive space for Rochester’s LGBTQIA+ community.
Recommended Resource:

Check out the Central Library of Rochester & Monroe County NY list of suggested Pride/LGBTQ+ titles here.

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Participate in the Statewide Faith Leaders Summit on Gun Violence

Community leaders across New York State invite the public to join the conversation as they convene on Tuesday, June 13, to discuss key strategies for reducing gun violence.

The New York Statewide Faith Leaders Summit on Gun Violence will be an all day dive on topics including:

- Holding the Gun Industry Accountable; Educating Community Members on Gun Laws from Various Jurisdictions Across New York State.
- BRADY National Gun Trace Data Report
- Community Engagement, Strategic Doing, Outreach & Partnering

From Brooklyn to Buffalo, join this gathering of faith leaders, elected officials, and community members to address the gun violence epidemic plaguing our streets.
Discussions will be rich with identified action items to improve public safety. Register [here](#).

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**Commemorate Juneteenth!**

![Juneteenth Festival poster](#)

_Juneteenth_ will be celebrated locally from **10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 17** with a festival at MLK Memorial Park.

The federal holiday commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. This year’s theme is “celebrating 50 years of hip hop and a lifetime of freedom.”

A parade will kick-off the festivities, which will feature food, recognition of community members, and scholarships awarded to high school students. A national recording artist will be announced in the next couple of weeks, according to organizers. Find event details and more information [here](#).

In addition, the community is invited to Rochester City Hall as the City celebrates _Juneteenth_ with a lunch-time block party with food trucks and live music. The celebration runs from **11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, June 16**, outside of City Hall, on Church Street between State and Fitzhugh.

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**LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT**

**2023 Women of Color Summit 2023 Kick-off**
From Eleversity: Join more than 100 Women of Color and allies for the Women of Color Summit 2023 kick-off event in person on from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, June 9 for a day full of professional development and networking opportunities.

The Women of Color summit virtual series will continue this summer on Thursday July 20, July 27 and August 3 with more than 250 attendees from across this region. This summit will allow women of color from various professional backgrounds and leadership positions to come together and find solutions to barriers that limit and hinder their success.

This year’s theme: I.C.U.: Intentionally, Commitment, and Urgency – Pushing the Needle Forward and Upward, will address the complexities that have impacted women of color and the challenges across systems. Learn more and register here.

Antiracist Curriculum Project Film Screening and Panel

Join the Antiracist Curriculum Project at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13 for a screening of “Home: Access Denied,” a short film about the history and legacy of residential segregation in Greater Rochester and the ways ordinary people are participating in civic action to create a more welcoming, just, and inclusive community.

The film explores the stories of two families and their lived experiences shaped by the neighborhoods they call home. One family living in the ‘greenlined’ suburb of Brighton and the other in a ‘redlined’ Rochester neighborhood, each confronting inequity.

Join the discussion with the film's director: Carvin Eison, Narrator: Kesha James, Writer: Justin Murphy, and Producer: Brennon Thompson. Click here to reserve a free ticket.

Registration Open for Liftoff's Summer Learning Series
Liftoff has announced its virtual Summer Learning Series for June and July! Hear from some awesome speakers including, Bridget Walsh from the Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy and Emily Oaks from CCNY, Inc.

It's June session, “Ensuring Bright Smiles: The State of Early Childhood Oral Health in WNY” will be at noon on Thursday, June 15 via Zoom. The July session, “A Closer Look: An Exploration of Help Me Grow WNY’s Data Dashboard” will be at noon on Wednesday, July 12. To secure your spot, click here.

Recommended Resource: Sharing Perspectives on the New York State 1115 Waiver

This past April, the John R. Oishei Foundation and the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York, together with M.S. Hall + Associates, convened various organizations from across Western New York to hear their perspectives on the New York State 1115 Waiver via a set of specific questions aimed at surfacing challenges, questions, and desired future states of social and clinical care provision.

Click on the document image to browse a summary report of the discussions, or click here.

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HEALTH FOUNDATION NEWS

Welcome Maurice Haskins to Our Team!

Please join us in welcoming Maurice Haskins to the Greater Rochester Health Foundation team as our new program officer!

Maurice is a strong advocate for youth in our community and has a passion for relationship building. Most recently, Maurice worked as the community liaison for the My Brother’s Keeper initiative at the Rochester City School District, where his work focused on young men of color and connecting them to community resources. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Society for the Care and Protection of Children.
Maurice has been closely involved in our Healthy and Equitable Futures work as a Parent Leader Facilitator, and will continue to bring his expertise as a parent and community leader to his new role at the Health Foundation.

PUBLIC HEALTH

COVID-19 Guidance From New York State Department of Health

- Read the recommendations for the use of masks and face coverings in healthcare settings in New York.
- All New Yorkers 6 months and older should get vaccinated and get their booster dose when eligible.
- If you are experiencing symptoms or were exposed, get tested.
- If you test positive, stay home and talk to your healthcare provider about treatment.
- Travelers, domestic and international should continue to follow all CDC travel requirements.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- NEW: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has issued a call for proposals "Addressing Structural Barriers to Economic Inclusion for Children and Families." The focus of this call for proposals is to elevate and advance understanding, visibility, uptake, and influence of innovative approaches that disrupt structural barriers to families’ economic inclusion and in service to their wellbeing. Learn more and apply here.
• Health-related grant opportunities -- both local and nation-wide -- are posted weekly on the Greater Rochester Health Foundation website.

• Rochester Area Community Foundation has many grant opportunities available with applications due in May. Click here to browse funding details.
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.