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September 2023

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



[Hispanic Heritage Month](#) takes place **September 15 to October 15** every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of Latinx communities.

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month each year, the City of Rochester's Hispanic Heritage Committee hosts a month-long program of events to celebrate the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched the Rochester community.

Click [here](#) to view a list of events in Rochester organized by the committee.



Hispanic Heritage Celebration Day at the [Memorial Art Gallery](#) takes place from **noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 1.**

This year's theme is Latinos Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America | Latinos impulsando la prosperidad, el poder y el progreso en Estados Unidos.

Enjoy free museum admission, community and cultural tables, live dances and music, performances and presentations centered on Chile, storytelling, arts & crafts, and more.

This event is free, however, registration is required. Learn more and register [here](#).

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Family Fun Day at the Zoo

BIPOC/PEEEEEEEK is hosting a Family Fun Day and Back-to-School Wellness Presentation by Kim Allen, MSW, from **1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24** at Seneca Park Zoo.

BIPOC/PEEEEEEEK is a parent-led movement to elevate BIPOC voice and eliminate the disparities in services related to the emotional health of BIPOC children, offering peer support, education and training related to mental health for BIPOC families and providers serving families.

The Family Fun Day is sponsored by BIPOC PEEEEEEK for immediate family members who want to become and who have been an active member with BIPOC Parent Group, with priority given to families who have been active with the project. Learn more and register [here](#).



The Fatherhood Connection to Host Parent Support Workshop and Brunch

The Fatherhood Connection invites parents to Vertus High School from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30** for a Parent Support Workshop and Brunch, "Strengthening Your Parental Influence."

Conversation topics include: Your narrative; discovering your parenting style; your child's strengths; leaving your legacy.

The Fatherhood Connection has been facilitating the Men's parenting and personal development group for over 18 years and in several counties in Western New York.

The Fatherhood Connection offers a 13-week program designed to help increase men's self-sufficiency, self-awareness, and to provide skills to fathers and father figures in the areas of parenting, communication, discipline, anger management, domestic violence, problem-solving, and establishing/maintaining healthy relationships.

LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

2023 State of the Latinx Community Virtual Luncheon

[Ibero-American Action League](#) is convening community members, officials, and organizations as they facilitate an informed and collaborative discussion about how we can work together to enhance public safety within our communities.

The 2023 Annual Virtual Luncheon - *Nuestro Barrio, Rochester's Future: A focus on the current public safety issues facing the El Camino Neighborhood* is set for **Monday, Oct. 16 from noon to 1:30 p.m.** Ibero will address public safety issues and concerns at El Camino neighborhood, where many of our programs and development efforts are focused on, sharing some of the Latinx Agenda roundtable findings and civic engagement recommendations.

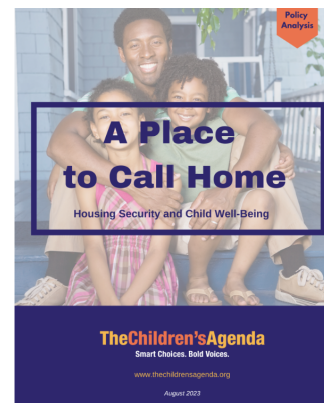
To register for the luncheon, click [here](#).



Recommended Resource:

New Report from The Children's Agenda on Housing Security and Child Well-Being

Housing instability impacts children's educational continuity. The report, [A Place to Call Home](#), examines student mobility in the Rochester City School District as a case study and makes recommendations for state-level measures to limit the harm housing instability causes to children.



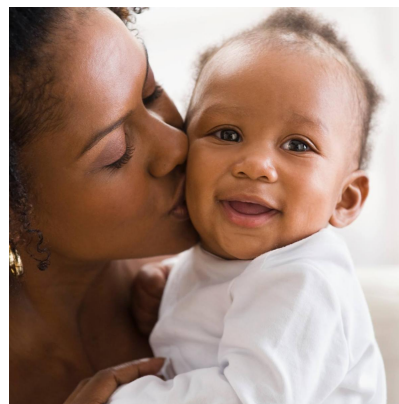
In Case You Missed It:

Our 2022 Annual Highlights

We're continuing to share our [2022 Annual Highlights - Focused on an Equitable Future](#) and especially proud to uplift the work of grantees who are working diligently to **create a healthier region where all people can thrive**. Click on the report to browse their stories.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Recommended Resource: This month we're featuring [Monroe County Department of Public Health](#) and the many ways it focuses on protecting the health and safety of our community. Browse the links below to find out more about each of the services the Department provides:



- [Addiction Services](#) – Caring for individuals and families dealing with Substance Use Disorder.
- [Early Childhood Development](#) – Helping babies and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities grow.
- [Environmental Health](#) – Protecting people from natural and built hazards that threaten our health and safety.
- [Epidemiology and Disease Control](#) – Preventing the spread of potentially dangerous viruses and bacterial infections in our community.
- [Maternal & Child Health](#) – Improving the health and well-being of women, their children and families.
- [Nursing](#) – Safeguarding our community by administering immunizations; providing testing, treatment and care for sexual health and tuberculosis patients; and offering health and wellness education.
- [Public Health Preparedness](#) – Preparing for a quick response to public health emergencies, such as an outbreak of disease, a natural disaster, and bioterrorism.

Browse the latest news and resources from [New York State Department of Health](#)

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



NEW: The [New York Health Foundation \(NYHealth\)](#) 2024 Special Projects Fund Request for Proposals (RFP) is now open. Special Projects Fund awards are one-time, nonrenewable funding opportunities where the Foundation supports projects

that address important and emerging health care and public health issues that fall outside of its three priority areas (Primary Care; Healthy Food, Healthy Lives; and Veterans' Health). NY Health seeks to partner with a wide range of organizations implementing innovative projects that can improve health at the local, regional, or statewide levels. Applicants must first complete a letter of inquiry form (LOI) to determine whether a proposed project fits the funding criteria by **1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12**. Review the RFP and apply [here](#).

The application process for the [Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation Arts & Culture Initiative](#) closes **Friday, Sept. 15**. In 2023, \$500,000 in funding will be awarded primarily to support small to mid-sized 501(c)(3) arts and cultural organizations that are physically located in and/or operate from the eight counties of Western New York (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming) plus Monroe County. Organizations with a budget of no more than \$2 million in their fiscal year 2022 are encouraged to apply.

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

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