After more than a year of planning, a listening tour, and gathering information and interviews, the Indigenous Health Coalition held their inaugural meeting earlier this month.

Led by a small group of local Indigenous advocates, the coalition is open to and inclusive of any Indigenous people in the region and aims to ensure Indigenous health equity in its work, with support from Common Ground Health, the region's health planning organization.
If you have questions or would like to stay up to date on what the coalition is up to, please reach out to Hannah Shippee at Common Ground Health, or click here for general information.

Common Ground Health also convenes regular meetings with the African American Health Coalition as well as the Latino Health Coalition.

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**GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT**

Find out how local teens from WellVentions are getting more involved in understanding their social and emotional health via an interview on Connections with Evan Dawson. Launch the interview here.

Photo caption: (foreground) Yarielys Castro Lopez, Jill Stolt, (background) Johnnie Mathis, and Diecyana Stewart.

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**LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT**

**Trans Day of Remembrance is Monday, November 20th**

Join Blaque/Out Magazine, Rochester LGBTQ+ Together and WAVE Women, Inc. for a Transcending Hate Town Hall Watch Party at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20 at ImageOut, 274 S Goodman St., as community members gather to address important issues surrounding hate and discrimination.

This free, in-person event will allow you to join with other members of the Rochester community to watch the panel together as Blaque/OUT Magazine hosts a virtual panel with some of the most powerful voices in Trans advocacy nationwide including Blaque/OUT Columnist, Javannah Davis.

Learn more and register here.

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**Nominate a Deserving Leader & Save the Date for Roc The Future's State of Our Children Event**

Roc The Future is now accepting nominations for its State of Our Children Awards.

The awards will be presented on Friday, Jan. 19 at Roc the Future's 11th Annual State of Our Children Address and Report Card Release.
Nominations are being accepted until Friday, Nov. 17. The awards are: The Jacque Cady Annual Advocacy for Children Award; Parent Leader Award; Systems Change Award (formerly Organizational Partner Award); and the Youth Leadership Award.

Click here to read about each award and nominate a deserving local leader today!

Community Conversation on Ableism and Inclusion With Imani Barbarin

Join Starbridge Inc. and Move to Include, a WXXI and Golisano Foundation initiative, for an important community conversation on ableism and inclusion with nationally recognized disability rights activist, Imani Barbarin from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Imani Barbarin is a disability rights and inclusion activist and speaker who uses her voice and social media platforms to create conversations engaging the disability community. Born with cerebral palsy, Imani is from the Philadelphia area and holds a Masters in Global Communications from the American University of Paris. Her work has been published in Forbes, Rewire, Healthline and more. She runs the blog, “Crutches and Spice” and hosts a podcast of the same name. Learn more and register here.

Recommended Resource: PolicyMap Data Spotlights Racial Discrepancies in Maternal Health

Racial disparities significantly impact the well-being of expecting mothers nationwide. In every state, Black women have a higher rate of at least one pregnancy risk factor than white women. As part of a recent article on maternal health, the New York Times used C.D.C. Natality Data, sourced and analyzed by PolicyMap, to produce a startling graph. Click here to launch the article.

HEALTH FOUNDATION NEWS
Learning & Exploring New Ways to Share

Staff and board members at the Greater Rochester Health Foundation have had an incredibly busy fall! We’ve walked the catwalk for Center for Youth at Fashion Week, attended Change Philanthropy's Unity Summit in Los Angeles, the Communications Network's ComNet conference in Atlanta, Grantmakers in Health's Fall Forum in Washington D.C., and more! Staff participated in the inaugural Oakland REACH Way Institute, and others presented at New York State Trauma Informed Network and Resource Center Conference in Lake George as well as at the 2023 American Evaluation Association conference in Indianapolis.

In an effort to proactively communicate what we are doing either personally or professionally in alignment with our equity centered mission – to pursue and invest in solutions that create a healthier region where all people can thrive, we’re excited to launch a new blog dedicated to sharing our experiences and what we’re learning. Check out our blogsite here and look for more stories coming soon!

New Series of Workshops for Nonprofits in Our Region

In an effort to support community partners in ways that go beyond grantmaking, we are excited to offer a series of free workshops for nonprofit organizations: Beyond the Grant Learning Series.

These workshops will offer support to community partners looking to develop capacity and expand impact. Sessions are designed for nonprofit organizations/entities located in (or providing services within) one of the nine counties in our area of service (Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates). Nonprofits of all sizes, grassroots and larger organizations of all types including health/human service or government agencies, faith communities, educational institutions, and civic organizations are welcome to participate.

The first workshop, "Elevating Community Voice: From Program to Proposal," examines the inclusion of community voice in identification of needs and assets, program design,
and implementation, and explores strategies for elevating community voices in grant proposal writing. *Registration for this session has reached capacity, however, we will make the recording available. We also plan to offer the same session in January.*

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

This month we're featuring the [Yates County Health Department](https://www.yatescountyhealth.org) and the many ways they focus on protecting the health and safety of our community.

Browse the links below to find out more about upcoming events and services the Department provides:

- [Where to Find FREE at-home COVID-19 Test Kits](#)
- [Pop-up Food Pantry](#)
- [Breast Cancer Screening Day - Himrod](#)

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**Recommended Resource: New York Public Health Now Podcast**

Did you know?: The [New York State Department of Health](https://www.health.ny.gov) produces a conversational, bi-weekly podcast with a rotating roster of front line public health specialists at the New York State Department of Health and beyond. *"New York Public Health Now"* covers timely and important topics such as health equity, the opioid epidemic, respiratory viruses, maternal mortality, Medicaid recertification, climate change, air and water quality, and more. Launch the podcast [here](#).

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**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

The following grant opportunities were curated by [Rural Health Information Hub](https://www.rhihub.org):

**Tribal Health Program Support**

Technical assistance and training for tribes that provides public health information, advocacy tools, policy analysis, and health promotion and disease prevention programming with the goal of elevating the health status of tribal citizens.  
Geographic coverage: Nationwide  
Applications accepted on an ongoing basis  
Sponsor: United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.
**Reaching Rural: Advancing Collaborative Solutions**
A one-year training and technical assistance initiative designed to help public safety and public health practitioners and other community stakeholders collaborate more effectively to address substance use and misuse in rural communities.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Application deadline: **Dec. 15, 2023**
Sponsors: Bureau of Justice Assistance, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, State Justice Institute, U.S. Department of Justice

**Rural Health Network Development Planning Program**
Grants to promote the planning and development of integrated rural healthcare networks in order to achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential healthcare services; and strengthen the rural healthcare system as a whole.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide and U.S. territories
Application deadline: **Jan. 26, 2024**
Sponsors: Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**Center for Sharing Public Health Services Technical Assistance**
Technical assistance for public health departments to help with cross-jurisdictional/resource sharing to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and equity of access of public health services.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Applications accepted on an ongoing basis
Sponsor: Center for Sharing Public Health Services

Reminder: Local, statewide, and national health-related grant opportunities are posted weekly on the Greater Rochester Health Foundation website.

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**COMMUNITY BOARD**

**Ibero**

Please join us for Thanksgiving With Joy

**Thanksgiving With Joy**

Raffles, Music, Food

November 17, 4:00-7:00 pm

Join us for a heartwarming Thanksgiving dinner event where families can enjoy a delicious meal and a lovely evening with other families.

Roca Community Resource Center
207 Teller Avenue
Rochester, NY 14609

**Ibero**

Vengan con nosotros para celebrar Acción de Gracias

**Accion de Gracias**

Rifas, Música, Comida

Noviembre 17, 4:00-7:00 pm

Únanse a nosotros para una convocatoria de rifas de Acción de Gracias donde las familias pueden deleitarse con una deliciosa comida, disfrutar de música y entretenimiento, y descubrir formas de ayudar sus comunitades con obras familiares.

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