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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Indigenous Health Coalition Launches During Indigenous Peoples' Month With Support from Common Ground Health



After more than an 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](#).



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.

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](#).



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,

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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](#) 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](#)



Recommended Resource: New York Public Health Now Podcast

Did you know?: The [New York State Department of Health](#) 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](#).

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The following grant opportunities were curated by [Rural Health Information Hub](#):



[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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