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Dear Partners,

The tragic death of Daniel Prude after police restrained him during a mental health crisis has brought a national spotlight on racial disparities in policing and healthcare in Rochester. Tonight, we invite you to tune in for an important discussion as WXXI presents a televised, virtual forum to discuss these critical topics. Panelists will discuss the root causes of those issues and actions that should be taken to create systemic change.



[WXXI Live Forum: Racial Disparities in Rochester](#) airs TONIGHT at 8 p.m. on WXXI-TV, AM 1370 radio, and streaming on [WXXINews.org](#) and [@WXXINews](#) on Facebook

The discussion will be hosted by longtime Rochester broadcaster Norma Holland. Panelists include:

- April Aycock, Ed.D., licensed mental health counselor, and masters-level credentialed alcoholism and substance abuse counselor
- Simeon Banister, vice president of community programs at the Rochester Area Community Foundation and member of the Greater Rochester Black Agenda Group
- Natalie Knott, assistant public defender with the Monroe County Public Defender's Office
- Marvin Stepherson, retired Rochester Police Department sergeant and adjunct professor of criminal justice administration at Roberts Wesleyan College

Community members will have the opportunity to ask panelists questions during the broadcast. Viewers may submit questions in advance by calling (585) 209-3180 or posting them on Twitter or Facebook, tagging [@WXXINews](#). Questions may also be emailed to forum@wxxi.org.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

[Liftoff WNY](#) and the NY Funders Alliance are hosting a virtual screening of 'No Small Matter', the first feature documentary to explore the most overlooked, underestimated, and powerful force for good in America today: early childhood education, on **Tuesday, Oct. 13**. Through poignant stories and surprising humor, the film lays out the

overwhelming evidence for the importance of the first five years, and reveals how our failure to act on that evidence has resulted in an everyday crisis for American families. Following the screening, hear from experts from across Western NY share their insights and respond to questions from the audience. Register [here](#).



Whole Child Connection at Children's Institute, ROC the Future, the Greater Rochester After School and Summer Alliance, Rochester City School District, and Youth Voice One Vision invite you to join them on **Thursday, Oct. 22** for a **Virtual Convening: Relationships + Connection = Learning**, an event centered on transforming learning environments through the power of relationships. This interactive event will elevate your understanding of the importance of developing, maintaining and repairing relationships as a catalyst to learning. Community youth leaders will share invaluable insights regarding the importance of relationships and context in learning, with a focus on equity and racial justice. Register [here](#).

In addition, Whole Child Connection is also inviting community members and organizations to participate in an 8-part SEL and Equity media study. Read more and view the study schedule [here](#).

Grand Rounds-Amidst A Pandemic An Opportunity for Practice Redesign

From Monroe County Medical Society: Change is a constant in medicine and that reality is especially true today. Efforts to improve the practice of medicine were well underway long before the COVID-19 pandemic, and the last six months have forced many practices to accelerate or to suspend those improvements. While the full impact of COVID-19 on clinical practice is impossible to predict, the recent months have revealed both the resilience of our profession and the vulnerability of our system. In this presentation on **Wednesday, Oct. 21**, Dr. Michael Mendoza will revisit the need for practice redesign in light of what we have learned so far during the COVID-19 pandemic and offer suggestions for how we might broaden practice redesign to better address public health.

UR Medicine Pediatric Behavioral Health & Wellness is hosting a series of online webinars over the next few months to discuss topics related to child and teen mental health. Next up: "What to Expect when Looking for and Getting Behavioral Health Services for Children and Teens, 5:30 p.m. on **Thursday, Oct. 22**. Click [here](#) for more information and to register for the free webinar and browse other events.

Colors of Success - DEI Event Series, created by the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce focuses on explaining both the science and the practical application of both why and how to adopt equity lenses and inclusive practices to make your company more competitive, productive, and profitable. Upcoming sessions:

- **Inclusive Culture - Tuesday, Oct. 27** from 11 a.m. to noon
- **The Business Case - Tuesday, Nov. 17** from 11 a.m. to noon

Recommended:

The Rochester Public Library and the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library have created a new online resource: [Understanding Black Experiences](#).



Considering the recent challenging events that have gripped the nation and ushered in a new era of reckoning, a diverse team of librarians and staff collaborated to curate this collection of print and digital materials to serve as an educational resource for the community.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NEW: Through a new call for proposals, the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#), under its [Policies for Action](#) program, will fund research that addresses systemic racism in public policy. Approximately \$2 million in funding is available for this opportunity. All proposed research studies must include a plan to translate findings into actionable evidence about how, and how well, policies work to improve racial equity and racial justice. Click [here](#) to learn more.

[Greater Rochester Health Foundation Resource Page](#)

[Community Crisis Fund](#) activated by the [United Way](#) and [Rochester Area Community Foundation](#)

[Federal, State, and Local Financial Assistance](#) compiled by the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce

[COVID-19 Related Funding Compiled by GrantStation](#)

[Council on Foundations' list of Global Response Funds](#)

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

>>> TALK BACK SESSIONS <<<

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT EDUCATION

THREE NIGHTS ON ZOOM 5 PM - 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 7
Reversing a Culture of Low Expectations

Wednesday, October 21
Actualizing Equity

Wednesday, November 4
Returning from COVID

JOIN ROC THE FUTURE FOR A COMMUNITY TALK BACK



REGISTER AT WWW.ROCTHEFUTURE.ORG

[ROC the Future](#) invites parents, child caregivers, youth and community members to take part in a series of engaging, virtual "talk-back" sessions to discuss a new public affairs series airing on WXXI: Conversations About Education. Three sessions will be held: **Oct. 7, 21 and Nov. 4.**

The series takes a closer look at the challenging issues faced today by school districts in our state and engages the community in positive conversations about putting the needs of children first – to spotlight pathways to progress, motivate understanding, showcase new voices and viewpoints, and inspire hope.

Prior to each community talk back session, participants will view the [short film](#) presented in preparation of the community talk back session.

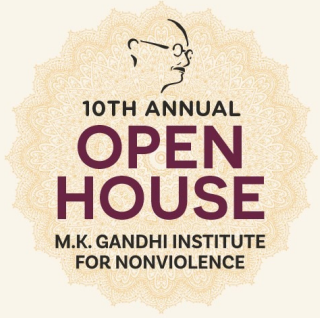
Learn more [here](#), and please share with parents and community members in your network.

Also -- don't forget to register for [ROC the Future's State of our Children](#) virtual event, to be held **Monday Nov. 16 - Thursday, Nov. 19.** This year's theme is "*Equity and Education: The Next Horizon*," and features a series of panel discussions focused on pertinent topics related to the digital divide, racism and education and educational access.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

(click on the graphics below for more information)



**10TH ANNUAL
OPEN HOUSE**

M.K. GANDHI INSTITUTE
FOR NONVIOLENCE

JOIN US!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
2:00PM-3:30PM, EST**

Please RSVP below and make sure to choose a breakout session. Each session will feature an experiential exploration of one of our four pillars:

Nonviolence Education, Restorative Practices, Racial Justice and Sustainability, hosted by our Gandhi Board and Staff.

UNDERSTANDING POWER AND PRIVILEGE

**Interactive online discussion
with Dr. Taj Smith**

THURSDAY, OCT 8 | 7-8:30 PM
PLEASE REGISTER | HPL.ORG



WORK WITH US!



We're looking for a dynamic partner to work with on a new Health Foundation website! Our goals for our new website are to increase understanding of what we do, why we do it, and how organizations may seek funding, support, or partnership with us. We've shifted our focus, strategies and priorities throughout the years and updated our mission to communicate more explicitly what we are working to accomplish.

Preference will be given to M/WBE (minority/women-owned business enterprises) within our 9-county area of service. Download (and share) the RFP (Request for Proposals) [here](#).

Please direct any questions to Communications Officer, [Tiana Stephens](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH MESSAGES AND RESOURCES:



PROTECT YOUR CIRCLE

STAY HOME & SAVE LIVES



STAY HOME OR STAY SIX FEET APART

STOP THE SPREAD

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.

