Community members and organizations are invited to join the United Way of Greater Rochester's 21-Day Equity Challenge -- a powerful opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of how inequity and racism affect our lives and our community.

Register here and receive an email each day for 21 weekdays from October 23 – November 20 that will provide you with resources to learn and recommendations to reflect or take action to build a more equitable community.

UR Medicine Pediatric Behavioral Health & Wellness is hosting a series of online webinars this fall 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 to register for the free webinar and browse additional events.

Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce will hold a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training event on Friday, October 30 consisting of an in-person workshop to take a deep dive into the following topics: Unconscious Bias, Inclusive Culture, and the Business Case. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training builds knowledge and skills and is an important step towards creating a strong and sustainable climate of inclusion in your organization. Learn more and register here.

Registration is open 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.

View the full schedule and register here.
Recommended:
Earlier this month, advocates, experts, and community members discussed the death of Daniel Prude after police restrained him during a mental health crisis and how the tragedy has brought a national spotlight on racial disparities in policing and healthcare in Rochester. This WXXI Live Forum on Racial Disparities in Rochester, sponsored by the Health Foundation, also covered the root causes of issues and as well as actions that might be taken to create systemic change. Watch the forum in two parts: Part 1; Part 2.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NEW: The W.K. Kellogg Foundation is looking for game-changing ideas to advance racial equity through its $90 million #RacialEquity2030 challenge, a global call for bold and actionable solutions to drive an equitable future for all children, families and communities.

Launched earlier this week, the Foundation is inviting teams of visionaries, change agents and community leaders from every sector to join. Learn more here.

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 Funding 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

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Path Forward, a series produced by the U.S. Chamber Foundation, is designed to help business and community leaders find the answers they need to execute a responsible reopening strategy and plan for a post-pandemic world. View the videos here.

COVID-19 Resource Navigator for Businesses in Monroe County
CDC Resources for K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs
COVID-19: How to Talk to Your Child
COMMUNITY EVENTS
(click on the graphics below for more information)

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT
ROC the Future and Children’s Institute have rolled out a new tool for the Get Ready to GROW program.
Active in the School Readiness Network, Children’s Institute is at the forefront of developing GROW, a comprehensive initiative that integrates screenings for three-year-olds to identify needs in hearing, vision, dental health, language and speech, cognitive, and social-emotional development.
The GROW Bus will help provide developmental screening for children throughout the Rochester-Finger Lakes region. Watch this Good Day Rochester interview segment with Dr. Ann Marie White, executive director, and Lauri Strano, director of programs and services to learn more.

PUBLIC HEALTH MESSAGES & RESOURCES

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.