

January 2023 

Announcements



2023 ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!!! RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY. [RENEW ONLINE.](#)

*** Membership dues will be good until December 31st, 2023**

***Deadline to renew/join 3/15/2023**

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Membership Spotlight



Please share something special going on in your life. New job, any accolades/awards received. We want to spotlight your hard work.

*If you would like to be spotlighted in our **BIWEEKLY** membership newsletter, please send our corresponding secretary [Dr. Sheniece L. Martin-Stancil-El](#) an email. When emailing, please include a photo of yourself, your credentials, and whatever content you wish to share in the newsletter, day changed to Sunday evening's now biweekly instead of weekly. Any time sensitive communication will be sent out immediately. Deadline for submissions is Fridays by 12:00pm. Look forward to spotlighting all of your hard work.*

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Upcoming Events



SAVE THE DATE FOR RED WING CONCESSION STAND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

(6 VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED)

SIGN UP WILL BE SENT OUT SOON

JUNE 4TH, 2023

JUNE 25TH, 2023

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2023

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CLINICAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE



Do you know?

The NYSDOH AIDS Institute is proud to announce the Health Equity Leadership Institute beginning mid-winter 2023.

The [Health Equity Clinical Leadership Institute](#) is a 12-month virtual learning collaborative offered ONLY to NYS physicians, advanced practice nurses and health facility administrators.

The Institute will focus on evaluating the real-world application of NYSDOH Health Equity Competencies and Health Care Organization Considerations in Support of Health Equity. Through monthly, 90-minute meetings, health equity leaders will learn from nationally recognized health equity experts and begin the process of transforming their practices and organizations by implementing and evaluating the impact of one or more elements from the [Health Equity Competencies or Health Care Organization Considerations in Support of Health Equity](#). Participants will emerge as thought leaders experienced in promoting health equity and will be supported in submitting their findings for publication in the professional literature. CME credits and Certificate of Completion provided.

For more information, contact HEComps@health.ny.gov.

To be considered, [please complete and submit this application](#) prior to January 31st.

[Hepatitis C Dried Blood Spot \(DBS\) Testing in NYS](#)

To support NYS's goal to [eliminate hepatitis C \(HCV\)](#) by 2030, the AIDS Institute is collaborating with the Wadsworth Center Bloodborne Viruses Laboratory to expand access to diagnostic HCV RNA testing through dried blood spot (DBS). The AIDS Institute will provide free DBS supplies and technical assistance to qualified agencies who provide HCV antibody testing.

DBS is fingerstick alternative to blood collection via venipuncture. Drops of blood are collected on a specialized card and air dried before shipping to the laboratory for analysis. Results are usually available within 4 – 6 business days.

To inquire about providing HCV RNA testing through DBS, send an email to rtpai@health.ny.gov.

Read more [here](#).

New location!

The CEI Sexual Health Center of Excellence recently moved office locations. It is now located at 205 St. Paul Street, Rochester, NY 14604

Looking for a new or updated guideline? Check the [NYSDOH AI Clinical Guidelines Program](#)

The program offers clinical practice guidelines that establish uniform standards of care for NYS to improve the health and well-being of all adults who receive prevention services or treatment for HIV, viral hepatitis, other sexually transmitted infections, and substance use disorders.

[Conversations with CEI](#) Podcast

[How Can We Destigmatize HIV and Pregnancy?](#)

Preventing perinatal HIV transmission is an important strategy for eliminating HIV. Historically, rates of perinatal HIV transmission were 25-40% without interventions, but advances in HIV research, prevention, and treatment have made it possible to reduce that risk to less than 1%. Despite this progress, many myths and misconceptions about HIV and pregnancy remain.

In this episode, Dr. Antonio E. Urbina, Medical Director of CEI's HIV Primary Care and Prevention Center of Excellence speaks with Dr. Andrés Ramirez Zamudio, Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences and Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Drs. Urbina and Ramirez Zamudio discuss strategies for preventing perinatal HIV transmission more broadly. They also unpack common myths and misconceptions to help destigmatize HIV in pregnancy. Find "[Conversations with CEI](#)" Podcast wherever you listen to podcasts, including:

[Podbean](#) / [Spotify](#) / [Apple Podcasts](#) / [iHeartRadio](#) / [Google Podcasts](#)

Do you have a clinical question on PEP, PrEP, HIV, HCV, STIs or Drug User Health management? Call the **CEI clinician line and discuss** with a specialist.

Call: 866-637-2342

New Online Courses!

CEI announces the availability of **new online accredited courses**:

- [HIV/AIDS Confidentiality Law Overview](#) - re-accredited
- [Cervical and Breast Cancer Screening for Persons Living with HIV](#)
- [Achieved SVR, What's Next? Hepatitis C Post-treatment Outcomes and Management](#)
- [Updates from IDWeek 2022 on HIV, Monkeypox and COVID-19](#) [course provided by Physicians' Research Network (PRN)]
- [Prevention Strategies for Immune Compromised Individuals](#) [course provided by Physicians' Research Network (PRN)]
- [Diverse Case Presentations of Monkeypox in NYC](#) [course provided by Physicians' Research Network (PRN)]
- [Stimulating Sexual Health Updates: Diagnosis & Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections](#) [course provided by Physicians' Research Network (PRN)]

and new Learning Modules:

- [ECHO: PEP or PrEP for STIs? A Closer Look at Current Evidence Behind Doxycycline](#)
- [ECHO: Syphilis in Pregnancy and Congenital Syphilis](#)

Visit [ceitraining.org](#) today to sign-up for other training opportunities: live and online trainings, webinars, preceptorships, HIV, STD and Drug User Health ECHO sessions.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

CEI ECHO

Our ECHO sessions offer free CME

HIV ECHO

The HIV COE offers a special new 4-part ECHO series on "[Optimizing Patient Outcomes in HIV Treatment and Care](#)".

[Sign Up Today!](#)

Monthly sessions will be Wednesdays:

- February 1, 2023 / 12:00 - 1:00 pm
- March 1, 2023 / 12:00 - 1:00 pm
- April 5, 2023 / 12:00 - 1:00 pm
- May 3, 2023 / 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Questions? Contact Mark.Stratton@mountsinai.org

CEI Webinars

2023 Update in Hepatitis C Clinical Management
A three-part HepCure and CEI Co-sponsored Series

Please register for each session of this series individually.

Tuesday, January 31st, 2023

Hepatitis C Testing and Pre-Treatment Evaluation
4:30-5:30 PM EST

Speaker: Julius Wilder, MD, PhD

CME and CNE credits are available!

Register: [click here](#)

Tuesday, February 7th, 2023

Hepatitis C Treatment
4:30-5:30 PM EST

Speaker: Oluwaseun Falade-Nwulia, MBBS, MPH

CME and CNE credits are available!

Register: [click here](#)

Tuesday, March 7th

Hepatitis C Reinfection
4:30-5:30 PM EST

Speaker: Anthony Martinez, MD, AAHIVS, FAASLD

CME and CNE credits are available!

Register: [click here](#)

Questions? Contact Charlotte.Miller@mountsinai.org

Need to refresh your knowledge?

Request a free CEI CE accredited training

If you would like to request a live web-based training at your organization please contact the CEI Centers' coordinators:

- **HIV Trainings** - contact Mark.Stratton MPH, or fill out the [Training Intake Survey](#).
- **HCV/Drug User Health Trainings** - contact [Lauren Walker MPH](mailto:Lauren.Walker MPH), or fill out the [Training Intake Survey](#).
- **Sexual Health Trainings** - contact [Jessica VanScott MPH](mailto:Jessica.VanScott MPH) or fill out the [Training Intake Survey](#).

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NBNA SCHOLARSHIPS 2023



Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a **current** NBNA member
- Must be **currently** enrolled in an accredited nursing program
- Must have at **least one year** before graduation
- Must have an official transcript sent to the national office (**before deadline**)
- Letter from Registrar (**enrollment & expected date of graduation**)*
- 2-Page Personal statement/Essay
- Two LOR (SON & local Chapter President/VP)*
- CV or resume
- **Submission deadline – April 15, 2023 by 5 pm EST**
- **On-line upload only (JotForm)**

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NBNA NOY Award Program Overview

- To award members for their outstanding achievements, contribution to the profession, and impact as it relates to a specific area
- Nurse of the Year Awards
 - Administrative
 - Advanced Practice
 - Student
 - Nurse Entrepreneur
 - Nurse Educator
 - Community Service
 - Nurse Researcher
 - Staff Nurse
 - Outstanding LPN/LVN
 - Uniformed Services
- ✓ Plaque

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NOY Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a **current** NBNA member
- Cannot be a current board member or held position 2 years prior to application
- Must be **nominated by Chapter President/VP***
- Only one person can be nominated **per category** for each chapter*
- A member can only be nominated for **only one award***
- 2-Page Personal statement/Essay
- Include only activities within the **last 5 years***
- Two LOR (One must be from current Chapter President/VP)*
- CV or resume
- **Submission deadline – May 15, 2023 by 5 pm EST**
- **On-line upload only**

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NBNA Daisy Foundation Health Equity Awards

- To recognize excellence for members that go over and beyond to address health equity and work to mitigate one or more of the social determinants of health
 - Frontline Registered Nurse
 - LPN/LVN Nurse
 - Student
 - Chapter President Leadership
 - NBNA Chapter (Team)
 - **Must** describe at least one chapter project in detail* (3-page max)
 - Bio, resume, CV, & career/personal statement no necessary
 - ✓ Healer's Touch Sculpture & Daisy Certificate (Conf. grant, reduced cert.)
- **Deadline May 15, 2023 by 5 pm (EST)**

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General Award Criteria

- Must be a current full member of NBNA.
- Must not be a current Board member .
- Must not have held a Board position two (2) years prior to date of application.
- Outstanding achievement in the designated area for the award
 - Additional criteria based on category
 - Uniformed Services of the United States consist of the five (5) Armed Forces branches (Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines); U.S. Public Health Services (under the Department of Health & Human Services); and National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (under the Department of Commerce).
- Member can only be nominated for **one award***

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General Award Criteria (cont.)

- A completed typed or printed application form.
- Two letters of recommendation
 - One letter **must** be from current Chapter President/VP who can validate the information in your application, and your qualifications for the award being nominated for*
 - The second letter can be from a patient, teacher, work supervisor, pastor, executive director of community-based organization, etc.
- One-page bio
- Copy of your current resume or CV
- Personal career statement (Two-page max)
- Current high-resolution photo
- Uploaded on-line

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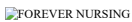
Key Points

- Be aware of **changes**
- Start the application process early
- Send for official transcripts in advance (**scholarship applications without transcripts will not be reviewed**)
- Submit all required and supporting documents at the same time (one PDF)
- President/VP LOR is important
- Only one member per chapter per award category
- All applications submitted on-line
- **Scholarship deadline – April 15th by 5 pm (EST)**
- **Award deadline – May 15th by 5 pm (EST)**
- **“Thank You” to Scholarship Sponsors**

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Scholarship & Benefits



Undergraduate Scholarship Application

Now Available!

Undergraduate scholarships are available to students currently enrolled in a state-approved nursing program leading to an associate degree, baccalaureate, diploma, direct-entry master's degree, RN to BSN/MSN completion, LPN/LVN to RN, or accelerated programs. Scholarship awards up to \$10,000 per award may only be used for tuition, books, and academic fees.

Don't Miss Out...Apply Now!

Click Here To Apply

[Apply - 2023 Undergraduate Scholarship Application](#)

Applications must be **submitted by Midnight Eastern Standard time**
Deadline Friday, January 27, 2023.

All applicants will be notified of a decision in March 2023

more info coming
check back soon

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CONFERENCES



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Monthly Meeting Information

Rochester Black Nurses Association Inc.



Open to all RNs, LPNs, Nursing Students, Retirees and those who support the mission of NBNA

NBNA's mission: To serve as the voice for Black nurses and diverse populations ensuring equal access to professional development, promoting educational opportunities and improving health

RBNA motto: "The Heart of Community Health: Bridging the Gap"

Chapter Meetings occur the 4th Tuesday of the month 6-8pm
Sponsored by University of Rochester, School of Nursing
CE topic: N/A

Location: Zoom ID 854 4269 2245
When: 4th Tuesday of the month
January 24th, 2022
Time: 6-8pm

Join our FB and Instagram @RochesterBNA
Email: Nbna.rochester@gmail.com
Website: rocbna.org
Call/Text: 585.210.8374

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MENTAL HEALTH AND THE PANDEMIC



Text HOME to 741741 to connect with a Crisis Counselor

NEWLY ADDED MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES ACCEPTING NEW CLIENTS:

Serena Viktor LMSW (Founder & Therapist @ Pila Hande Wellness Project LLC: ubunturoots@gmail.com (accepting self clients only)
214-772-1036

Danni Jo, LMHC: specializing in Maternal Health Mental Health with a certification in Perinatal Mental Health- 585-420-6174 (accepting new clients)

La Carla Holmes, FPMHNP: commonsensemh.com

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

YouthLine: Text teen2teen to 839863, or call 1-877-968-8491

<https://www.mharochester.org/>

<https://www.sankofafamilycounseling.com/>


<https://bpnroc.org/>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com>

<https://www.georgetownbehavior.com>

<https://www.augsburg.edu>

<https://blackmentalhealth.com>



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AAJIVAN EL-AMIN TURNER, LMHC, NCC | 585-200-7106
POPULATIONS SERVED: ADULTS, COUPLES, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. SOME INSURANCES ACCEPTED.

ELLE ASSIORO-TIHOH, LMHC, NCC, BC-TMH | 585-502-8848
POPULATIONS SERVED: ADULTS & ADOLESCENTS. SOME INSURANCES ACCEPTED.

RELICIA REED-WATT, LCSW | 585-454-9334
POPULATIONS SERVED: ADULTS & ADOLESCENTS. SOME INSURANCES ACCEPTED.

NATURAL RESTORATION COUNSELING AND CONSULTING, JINI FIGUEROA, LCSW | 585-629-6750 | POPULATIONS SERVED: ADULTS, COUPLES, CHILDREN & FAMILIES

NEW BEGINNINGS PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES, DR. STEPHANIE DIETER | 585-287-2426 | POPULATIONS SERVED: ADULTS, CHILDREN & FAMILIES, COUPLES. SOME INSURANCES ACCEPTED.

SANKOFA FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES, LCSW, PLLC | 585-491-6646 | POPULATIONS SERVED: ADULTS, CHILDREN & FAMILIES. SOME INSURANCES ACCEPTED.

SYLVIA JOHNSON, LCSW | 585-271-2520 EXT. 1032
POPULATIONS SERVED: ADULTS. SOME INSURANCES ACCEPTED.

TAKE CARE COUNSELING AND CONSULTING SERVICES, VANESSA PEAVY, LCSW | 585-316-0434 | POPULATIONS SERVED: ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS.




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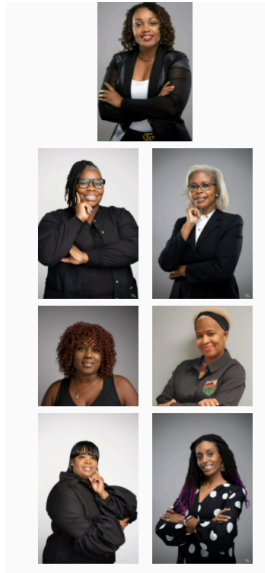
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