Good morning!

RMAPI and Roc the Future Alliance invite you to a focus group to discuss the intersection of housing and education – and how we as a community can better work together to increase housing stability for families in the City of Rochester. Over the next couple of weeks, we are holding several cross-sector focus groups to hear from stakeholders in the housing and education systems. There are three date options listed below – one in-person and two virtual. Please register for the focus group that works the best for your schedule. If you believe someone else from your organization is a better fit for this conversation, please feel free to froward this invite to them.

***Background:***

* RMAPI (Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative) is a Collective Impact initiative focused on breaking the cycle of poverty by shifting power to enable upward mobility for all families. Over the past several years, RMAPI has increasingly focused on housing and identifying opportunities to making housing more accessible and affordable.
* ROC the Future Alliance (RTFA) seeks to improve the outcomes of Rochester City youth by convening partners, aligning agendas, and leveraging resources to address systematic barriers to achievement and advocate for changes in local systems to improve education outcomes. RTFA is also a Collective Impact initiative.
* Together, RMAPI and RTFA are working with Enterprise Community Partners, a national leader in affordable housing development, policy, and strategy. Enterprise is providing support to our community to better understand the intersection of housing and education and help us identify strategies for making progress.
* *You are receiving this invitation because we have identified you as a key stakeholder in this work – someone who can help us better understand what is currently happening at the intersection of housing and education and how it can be improved. We are focused on reducing housing transiency (frequent moves) and increasing housing stability for families in the City of Rochester and want to hear your thoughts on how we can do this.*

**Please click on one of the links below to register for the date/time/location that works best for you:**

* [Thursday, March 14th, 11:30am-1pm](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/focus-group-housing-stability-for-families-tickets-856253074997) – in-person at the United Way building ([75 College Ave](https://www.google.com/maps/search/75%2BCollege%2BAve?entry=gmail&source=g).)
* [Tuesday, March 19th, 9:00-10:30am](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZItdeGorT8qG9ag4-_pQ8hdTCyCO3Vmn49Z#/registration) – virtual meeting via Zoom
* [Friday, March 22nd, 10:00-11:30am](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ocO2spz8vHd2cVZ0MP-dCQWUDD3DTCHWa#/registration) – virtual meeting via Zoom

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sara White-Smith with RTFA or Rebekah Meyer with RMAPI.

Thank you in advance for sharing your time, experience, and expertise with us!

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