

May Mental Health Awareness Month

Join us as we engage in critical conversations about Mental Health

At Mohawk Opportunities, we are committed to helping individuals living with Mental Illness, HIV/AIDS and those who are homeless achieve stable community living and independence.

“Innovative Strategies in Mental Health in our Community”

Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 12:00 – 1:00pm

Virtual Panel Discussion (Free and Open to the Community)

The Schenectady County HUB is a group of community stakeholders who provide boots on the ground outreach, support, and resources to at risk individuals living in Schenectady County. Our goal is to reduce levels of harm and victimization and work to remove systemic barriers that negatively impact those we serve including individuals in need of emergency shelter, experiencing food insecurity, and/or requesting mental health, substance use, care management, or peer support services.

Facilitator:

Darin Samaha, Director of Community Services, Schenectady County

Panelists:

Brandy Hillard-Bouldin, Commissioner, Schenectady County Department of Social Services

Shane Barga, Deputy County Manager, Schenectady County

Ryan Macherone, Community Engagement Lieutenant, Schenectady Police Department

Michelle Cejka, Adult Behavioral Health Coordinator, Schenectady County Off. of Community Services

Molly Malone, Director of Care Management, Mohawk Opportunities

“Remembering the Resilience in Homelessness”- A conversation with Lori Teresa Yearwood

Tuesday, May 23, 2023; 4:00pm to 6:00pm

The Schenectady Armory, 125 Washington Avenue, Schenectady

Light refreshments, Silent Auction, Discussion

Ticket Price: \$65; \$50 for Nonprofits



Lori Yearwood is the national housing crisis reporter for The Economic Hardship Reporting Project where she specializes in trauma-aware reporting. Her work focuses on coping mechanisms and resilience of her sources, her own devastating experience with homelessness, as well as the societal causes and context of those who continue to struggle with abject poverty in America. Lori speaks nationwide about the intersection of trauma-awareness and some of the overlooked, trauma-aware solutions for the healing of unsheltered individuals and communities. She also has written articles for national publications including The New York Times, Washington Post, and New Republic.