

# FINGER LAKES PERFORMING PROVIDER SYSTEM SUPPORTING OUR PARTNERS WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

## PROGRAM AIMS TO REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES IN URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITIES



FLPPS has been awarded a Mother Cabrini Health Foundation grant for \$250,000 from the Foundation's Statewide 2021 Strategic Grants Program—Health Care Disparities.

“At St. Joseph’s Neighborhood Center, we’ve been providing comprehensive healthcare to uninsured and underinsured members of the Greater Rochester community for nearly three decades. Partnering with FLPPS makes sense, just as good food, safe housing and reliable transportation leads to better health. We are grateful for the partnership, supported by the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, and for the chance to continue this important work together.”

**JOEL ELLIOT**  
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The program, “Reducing Health Disparities through Community Navigation Support,” includes a collaboration with St. Joseph’s Neighborhood Center, an urban community-based organization, and Human Services Development, an organization serving individuals in rural areas, to address health-related needs of low-income and vulnerable individuals.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, vulnerable people have faced increased challenges with access to basic healthcare including vaccines, behavioral health supports, food, “non-mass” transportation, assistance with accessing rental assistance,

and other needs. Getting connected to these services is imperative as health disparities have worsened during the pandemic.

Community Health Navigators at St. Joseph’s Neighborhood Center and Human Services Development will provide assistance and link individuals with healthcare, housing, and food resources, and offer other support as needed.

The Navigators will also conduct outreach and education on the facts, myths, and benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine and assist individuals in getting vaccinated.

In the rural areas, the program will provide nutritious, locally grown fruits and vegetables to individuals who have health problems and where access to nutritious food is very challenging.

The **Mother Cabrini Health Foundation** is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the health and well-being of New Yorkers.

