

eliminating racism empowering women

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YWCA KALAMAZOO BEGINS WORK TO EXPAND ELIMINATING RACISM TRAINING PROGRAM

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Representatives from YWCA Kalamazoo traveled to New York and New Jersey in April and May to provide anti-racism training at the request of the Northeast Region of YWCA's, and in June have been invited to the YWCA of Greater Flint to do the same.

YWCA Eliminating Racism is intended to bring together members of the community to increase awareness of the perpetual existence of and oppression caused by racism in our society and to establish a collective commitment to become anti-racist. It is based on the premise that racism is both carefully taught and absorbed, beginning at the earliest ages. Using powerful videos, open and honest dialogue, and interactive learning experiences, YWCA Eliminating Racism creates awareness, builds personal and collective responsibility, and provides skills to confront racism in our lives and throughout our community.

"We feel so honored that YWCA Flint and Northeast Region of YWCA's have asked us to share our program with them," says Jennifer Shoub, YWCA Kalamazoo CEO. "It is our hope that Eliminating Racism training will become available to all YWCA's who request it as we work together toward our Mission: eliminating racism, empowering women."

Please join us locally to put an end to racism by participating in an Eliminating Racism session available at the YWCA on the following days in the upcoming months:

July

Thursday, July 15; 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. AND

Friday, July 16; from 8:30 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

August

Thursday, August 26; 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. AND

Friday, August 27; 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For more information or to register for any of these workshops, please contact Maria Drawhorn, YWCA Chief Program Officer, at (269) 345-5595 or mldrawhorn@ywcakalamazoo.org.

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About the YWCA

The YWCA of the USA, of which the YWCA of Kalamazoo is a member Association, is the oldest, largest autonomous women's membership organization in the world. YWCA Kalamazoo is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The YWCA of Kalamazoo, the oldest Association in Michigan, was founded in 1885 and began as a residence service provider to young women who gravitated to the city to work in its factories. Today, the YWCA provides the only shelter, crisis intervention services and an array of post crisis shelter supportive housing options specifically designed and operating for victims of domestic violence and their dependent children; the only services of our kind for adult sexual assault survivors, including medical forensic exams in a non-hospital setting, supportive volunteers and counseling; one of very few licensed and nationally accredited child care centers that both offers tuition assistance and accepts government subsidies; a unique and volunteer-intensive mentoring program for adult and teen women seeking economic self-sufficiency; and services to the community-at-large, focusing on racial justice.

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