





**Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and John R. Oishei Foundation
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Self Sufficiency/Education


 [The Critical Connection Between Student Health and Academic Achievement: How Schools and Policymakers Can Achieve a Positive Impact](#)
 Outlines the importance of health to students' ability to learn and the costs of poor health to students and schools. Recommends cross-sector collaboration, data collection, and state funding and policy actions to improve school and social environments.

 [The Benefits to Taxpayers From Increases in Students' Educational Attainment](#)
 Estimates impact of higher educational attainment on tax revenues, program expenditures and revenues for social support and insurance programs, and spending on prisons and jails; costs of raising education levels; and net social benefits.


 [Savings Is Key to Economic Mobility](#)
 Report has found that 71 %of children born to low-income parents with high savings are likely to climb the economic ladder as adults.

 [Two-year schools thrive by keeping college in community](#)
 Community colleges are breaking records, as laid-off workers return to school in a bad economy and families pass on more expensive four-year colleges.


 [Data-Driven Performance Management Helps Public Schools Improve Student Achievement](#)
 Report outlines the processes, tools, and leading indicators that enable educators to predict performance levels and graduation rates, track interventions, and better prepare students for college and beyond.

 [Building a Foundation for Family Economic Success](#)
 Describes how the Working Poor Families Project promotes policy change by positioning state-based nonprofits to support investments in working families. Highlights progress in increasing access to financial aid, education and skills, and better jobs.


Philanthropy/Grantmaking

 [Foundations focus on 'mission investing'](#)
 When the economy began going south in mid 2008, foundation leaders took note. Still, many committed their organizations to sustained levels of giving, even when that meant exceeding the required minimum distribution level of 5 percent.


Donors/Development


 ['Everyday' Donors Edge Into the Spotlight](#)
 Although Americans have always been generous givers, small donors are again attracting attention for their good works and willingness to keep giving in tough economic times.

Environment


 [State move boosts brownfield process](#)
 The state has unveiled new policies – first suggested in Buffalo – to speed the conversion of vacant industrial land into shovel-ready development sites.

Stable Neighborhoods


 [Fed program may have home in Buffalo](#)
 The “American Dream” of home ownership arrived Friday afternoon for July 00 in the form of a police-escorted line of federal officials on one of the grittiest streets on Buffalo’s West Side.

 [Sustaining Public Engagement: Embedded Deliberation in Local Communities](#)
 Describes nine communities using organized deliberation to consider public issues over several years and their accomplishments and analyzes how public deliberation addresses deficits in local democratic governance. Includes benchmarks and strategies.

Arts

 [Negotiator sees possible takeover of Studio Arena within months](#)
 The proposed takeover of defunct Studio Arena Theatre by Shea’s Performing Arts Center is gaining momentum and could happen in a matter of months, a key player in the behind-the-scenes negotiations said.

Regional Assets

 [Funding Shores Up Hull House Foundation](#)
 Restoration of an historic farmstead in Lancaster is on schedule thanks to some recent foundation and government grants. The Hull House recently received \$50,000 from the John R. Oishei Foundation and \$40,000 from the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.