



# Rockford Summit on Racism

## May 4, 2023

The purpose of the Rockford Summit on Racism is to host a gathering of interested community organizations to engage in conversations and dialogue about how to promote community unity, cooperation, collaboration, and mutual support in their common efforts to eliminate racism and create inclusion, equity, and justice in the Rockford area.

### Strategies:

1. To create, at the conference, a process for organizations to share their efforts to improve our community.
2. To create, at the conference, opportunities for identifying specific, achievable ways to focus individual and organizational efforts on a more inclusive, belonging community.
3. To create opportunities to build bonds of unity, solidarity, and a sense of common purpose among the participants of the conference.
4. To utilize the arts and experiential activities to engage the participants.

### AGENDA

**THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023**

8:15 - 9:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast & Vendor Visits

Attendees will select one focus area at pre-registration. The choices are:

Criminal Justice, Economic Opportunities, Education, Relationships and Health.

9:00 - 9:15 Music by High School Choir

9:15 – 9:30 Opening Session

9:30 - 10:15 Community Panel:

Panel members will talk about what their organization is doing to eliminate racism.

10:15 – 10:30 Transition

10:30 – 11:45 Workshops 1 – What is being done right now in Rockford to eliminate racism?

11:45 – 12:30 Box Lunch

12:30 – 1:15 District 205 Youth Panel: How do you feel about racism in Rockford & what would you change?

1:15 - 1:30 Transition

1:30 - 2:45 Workshops 2– What would Rockford without racism Look Like?

2:45 – 3:00 Snack Break

3:00 - 4:15 Workshops 3– Where Do We Go from Here? How can we work together?