



2026 Policy Agenda

The Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative (RMAPI) has developed a list of policy priorities for 2026 aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty by shifting power to enable upward mobility for all families.

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Opportunity-Rich Neighborhoods

- 1 Preserve existing and create new permanently affordable housing options

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Quality Health & Social Care

- 1 Enable universal child care to meet the needs of all families
- 2 Ensure equitable access to high-quality healthcare and expand peer and community supports
- 3 Strengthen the local food system and secure uninterrupted access to healthy, affordable food options

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Rewarding Work & Financial Security

- 1 Raise the New York State Minimum Wage to a living wage standard

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Equitable & Responsive Government

- 1 Advance policies that eliminate the criminalization of poverty and end racial inequities
- 2 Meet people's basic needs by streamlining, broadening, and protecting access to public benefits