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# Closing the Racial Wealth Gap with Innovative Solutions

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### *Highlighted Guidance*

This webinar is the second in a two-part series, [Unjust and Unfair: Consequences of the Racial Wealth Divide](#). Part one, [Why Wealth Matters to Your Health](#), is [available on demand](#) and features Michael Stevenson, County Health Rankings & Roadmaps' Evidence and Policy Analysis team leader and Miriam Axel-Lute, editor of Shelterforce.

The [Baby Bonds section of Prosperity Now's website](#) features the organization's key papers, videos, and event recordings on Baby Bonds.

Prosperity Now's [Baby Bonds overview video](#) provides an introduction to what Baby Bonds are, how they work, and the impact they would have.

The mission of the [Community Development department of the City of Rocky Mount, NC](#) is to advance community well-being by revitalizing neighborhoods, providing quality affordable housing, and facilitating business and economic opportunity.

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## Webinar Guest Resources

### Shira Markoff, Policy Fellow, Prosperity Now

- [A Brighter Future with Baby Bonds: How States and Cities Should Invest in Our Kids](#) is a paper that provides context on why Baby Bonds are needed, describes how they work, and offers guidance for state and local policymakers and advocates who want to create Baby Bonds programs in their states and cities. It describes the essential elements for impactful Baby Bonds proposals that can narrow the racial wealth divide and provides an overview of state and local legislation.
- [A Bright Future for Every Child: How Your State Can Narrow the Racial Wealth Divide with Baby Bonds](#) is a shorter version of the full paper above, highlighting the essential elements for creating Baby Bonds policies to narrow the racial wealth divide.
- [Baby Bonds: Landmark Legislation to Address the Growing Racial Wealth Divide](#) is a brief that provides an overview of the federal Baby Bonds legislation introduced by Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA-7), and of the American Opportunity Accounts Act, including how it would work and its potential impact.
- Join the [Campaign for Every Kid's Future](#) to receive information about resources and events related to efforts to ensure financial well-being and inclusion for children.

### Keyana Walston, Program Manager-Management Analyst, City Manager's Office, Rocky Mount, NC

- The City of Rocky Mount, North Carolina is a [2020-2021 RWJF Culture of Health Prize Winner](#). The Prize honors and elevates communities in America working at the forefront of advancing health, opportunity, and equity for all.

## Discussion Group Session Resources

- The State of [Louisiana](#) passed a [2022 resolution to study the potential of Baby Bonds](#) as a way to address wealth disparities.
- The [Center for Heirs Property Preservation](#) helps families protect and keep their family land, build generational wealth, and grow “working” landscapes.
- [MI-SEED Investment Funds and Account Growth: Implications for Achieving Higher Rates of Return in CDA Programs](#) is a research brief about the Michigan Saving for Education, Entrepreneurship and Down Payment Initiative's Child Development Accounts strategy.

## Healthy Places by Design Resources

- [Healthy Places by Design](#) facilitated the post-webinar discussion group session. Their [Community Action Model](#) was developed with insights from more than a dozen years of supporting successful community health initiatives and a deep understanding of the community change process.
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