

April is National Minority Health Month

In 1914, Booker T. Washington initiated Negro Health Improvement Week to bring attention to the link between social and economic well-being and health disparities experienced by African Americans in the U.S. This observance lasted until 1951.

In 2002, the 107th U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution to establish National Minority Health. This partnership between the federal Office of Minority Health and the National Minority Health Month Foundation highlights efforts to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations.

Minority Health Month in Michigan

Each April, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Health Disparities Reduction and Minority Health Section (HDRMHS) sponsors activities in recognition of National Minority Health Month. Funded organizations have included local public health agencies, community and faith-based organizations, Tribal Councils, community health centers and other entities that serve one or more racial and ethnic minority populations in Michigan. See some of this year's activities are listed below.

2018 Minority Health Month Activities

- 4/23/2018 *Race the Power of an Illusion* brown bag watch, learn and share 11:00 am -12:30 pm 333 S. Grand, Conference Room 1L.
- 4/25/2018 Facebook Live *Minority Health Month Discussion* sponsored by the Genesee Health Plan 11:00 am – 12 noon <https://geneseehealthplan.org/>
- 4/25/2018 *Asthma: What You Don't Know* Neinas Elementary 6021 McMillan, Detroit. This is a HDRMHS funded project.
- 4/30/2018 Presentation: *A collaborative approach to improving health insurance navigation in diverse Michigan communities.* 11 am-1 pm 333 South Grand, Room 1L.

Join us in celebration and recognition of National Minority Health Month.



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