



MATERNAL INFANT HEALTH



The [Maternal & Infant Health, Health Equity Website](#) contains a compiled list of available trainings, webinars, and resources, intended to provide Maternal & Infant Health programs and partners across Michigan a starting place to address and incorporate health equity into their work.

MATERNAL INFANT HEALTH SUMMIT

Working Together to Improve Maternal and Infant Health in Michigan

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Upcoming Virtual Conferences

[Maternal Infant Health Summit](#) seeks to create synergy and align priorities between public and private organizations as well as provide educational opportunities that will allow members to keep abreast of the latest developments in the field. Professionals providing care to women, infants and children are encouraged to attend for an opportunity to hear presentations on maternal and infant health, health equity, racial justice, and birth disparities.

[Registration is now open for the virtual conference](#) scheduled for September 22-23, 2020.

[Michigan Home Visiting Initiative Conference](#) brings passionate people together in the hope of making a brighter tomorrow. Through authentic partnerships between families and home visiting professionals, 2020 will focus our system on the genuine joy that can be found in home visiting services. Our intentional work will offer opportunities for families, home visitors, supervisors, and all the individuals in attendance to build each other up with resources and celebrations so that we may confidently strive for satisfaction in each day within this system.

[Register Today at Michigan Home Visiting Initiative](#) scheduled for July 28-30, 2020.

Mental & Emotional Health



[Postpartum Mental Health Challenge](#)

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) launched a challenge to improve postpartum mental health care and is seeking success stories and proposals to address challenges regarding diagnosis and treatment in rural areas.

[WEBINAR: Create Thriving Perinatal Periods: Evidenced-Based Strategies for Common Mental Health Conditions](#)

7/20/2020 from 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM

This webinar will use a trauma informed lens to discuss evidenced based strategies for screening, assessing, and treating common mental health conditions and discuss common clinical presentations and interventions during the perinatal period. Dr. Muzik will discuss when to refer to the next level of care and how to mitigate the impact of the evolving pandemic on perinatal women and their families.

[Period of Purple Crying](#)

The CDC recently published a video highlighting Michigan's work on implementing and evaluation the Period of Purple Crying. The video demonstrates the partnership between the [Core State Violence and Injury Prevention Program \(Core SVIPP\)](#) and the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control funded Injury Control Research Centers (ICRCs). The video highlights how Core SVIPP and ICRCs work together by making important, lasting contributions to the injury field within their communities, such as Muskegon, Michigan.



[VIDEO: CDC's Core SVIPP and ICRCs: Partnering to Promote Safer Communities, Michigan.](#)

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Updated Guidance: COVID-19 Pregnancy and Early Child Care

[COVID-19 and Pregnancy CDC:](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have made changes to [guidance on the risk of COVID to pregnant women](#). In a [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\)](#), the CDC indicated that pregnant women may be at increased risk for severe COVID-19 illness, and were more likely than non-pregnant women to be hospitalized and at increased risk for intensive care unit (ICU) admission and the receipt of mechanical ventilation. The CDC notes that among pregnant people with COVID-19 "there may be an increased risk of adverse pregnant outcomes, such as preterm birth." The CDC is recommending that pregnant women be counseled about the potential risk for severe illness from COVID-19 and measures to prevent infection. The CDC has information for a variety of audiences, including those who are [Pregnant, Breastfeeding, or Caring For Young Children](#).



[COVID-19 and Early Childhood Services:](#)

In preparation for the return to in-person home-based early childhood services, a diverse team of stakeholders inclusive of programs providers, families, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and Michigan Department of Education collaborated to develop [Home-Based Early Childhood Services: Guidelines for How to Start In-Person Visits](#), as well as an accompanying family handout, [Keeping Everyone Safe During a Home Visit](#). This is a consensus document for use in home visiting (all models) and early intervention.

Health Equity

Improving Equity Across Michigan's Health Care System

New rules will require health care professionals to undergo training to help reduce racial and other disparities in delivery of medical services

Governor Whitmer signed [Executive Directive 2020-7](#) which directs the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to begin developing rules that will require implicit bias training as part of the knowledge and skills necessary for licensure, registration and renewal of licenses and registrations of health professionals in Michigan. [Implicit bias training was one of the recommendations made by the Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities.](#)

"There's no doubt that our front line health care workers like doctors and nurses have been the real heroes of this crisis, putting their lives on the line for us every day," said **Governor Whitmer**. "COVID-19 has had a disparate impact on people of color due to a variety of factors, and we must do everything we can to address this disparity. The evidence shows that training in implicit bias can make a positive difference, so today we are taking action to help improve racial equity across Michigan's health care system. That's why my staff has begun this kind of training and every member of my team, including me, will complete this type of training on an annual basis."

As of July 5, Black Michiganders represented 14% of the state population, but 40% of confirmed COVID-19 deaths in which the race of the patient was known. COVID-19 is over four times more prevalent among Black Michiganders than among white Michiganders.

"The existing health disparities highlighted during the coronavirus pandemic have made it clear that there is more work to do to ensure people of color have the same access to the same quality of health care as everyone else," said **Lt. Governor Gilchrist II**.

"There is no question that our healthcare workers have risked their own lives and saved countless others during the COVID pandemic," said **Dr. Joneigh Khaldun**, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. "But the fact is that implicit bias exists, and studies show that it can have an impact on health outcomes. Every healthcare professional should be trained in implicit bias so that we can make sure everyone, regardless of their race or ethnicity, has access to the highest quality care."

Health Equity Webinars

[WEBINAR: A Path to Reproductive Justice: Research, Practice and Policies](#)

July 14, 2020 from 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Join APHA's Advancing Racial Equity series, covering the impact of racism on the health of moms and birthing individuals, the context of racism in reproductive care across multiple impacted groups and current federal legislation that addresses the barriers to achieving reproductive justice.

[ON DEMAND WEBINARS: American Medical Association Prioritizing Equity Series](#)

A recurring series hosted and moderated by AMA Chief Health Equity Officer, the Prioritizing Equity series illuminates how COVID-19 and other determinants of health uniquely impact marginalized communities, public health and health equity, with an eye on short-term and long-term implications.

[WEBINAR: Advancing Equity: Reproductive Health Services and Considerations for Women with Substance Use Disorders](#)

July 15, 2020 from 1:00 PM -2:30 PM

This series examines the intersection of the addiction and reproductive life courses to discuss and promote best practices for advancing equity for health outcomes and access to care among women with substance use disorders.