



MATERNAL INFANT HEALTH



The Maternal Infant Health Summit is kicking off this week!

Yesterday speakers Renee Canady, PhD, MA, Christine Dehlendorf, MD, MAS, and Joia Crear-Perry, MD, started the conference with candid discussions about race and equity. The Sessions throughout the day touched on many different aspects of maternal & infant health and brought us all together centering our mission of **Zero preventable Deaths** and **Zero Health Disparities**.



The [Michigan Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health \(MI-AIM\)](#) hosted a national AIM update and discussed the work in Michigan to eliminate preventable maternal mortality.

We wrapped up the evening with Plenary Speaker: **Charles Johnson IV**, from [4Kira, 4Moms](#). His speech outlined the devastating loss of his Kira, shortly after the birth of their son, and the related public health crisis of black maternal mortality in America. Charles Johnson discussed the national work he has been a part of to make birth safer for all moms and left us all with a renewed sense of purpose.

Mother Infant Health & Equity Improvement Plan - Year One Highlights



During the last year, many successes have improved the lives of mothers, infants and families in Michigan. [The Mother Infant Health & Equity Improvement Plan - Year One Highlights - 2020](#) was released in September 2020, giving a brief overview of the successes in maternal infant health statewide, and acknowledging the invaluable commitment of stakeholders.

Visit <https://www.michigan.gov/MIHEIP> to learn more about the [MIHEIP & Year One Highlights](#).

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There is so much incredible work going on to improve the care for moms, babies and families across Michigan!



Updates from our Maternal Infant Health Partners and Programs

Michigan Home Visiting Conference - Recording Now Available: The Michigan Home Visiting Initiative Conference was in July, 2020. The conference focused on the genuine joy that can be found in home visiting services. You can access the conference free at

<https://mhviconference.com/>. CE credit for sessions available before Oct 31, 2020.

Webinar: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention for Primary Care Providers: CLPPP is proud to announce that the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention for Primary Care Providers course, developed in partnership with Michigan Public Health Institute. The course is designed to enhance professional awareness of childhood lead poisoning, increase blood lead testing rates for young children, educate on how to eliminate the sources of lead poisoning - especially in aging houses - and improve inter-agency collaboration and communication regarding resolution of this complex environmental health issue. The course can be found at <https://courses.mihealth.org/public>, continuing education is available.

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Advancing Equity in Maternal Infant Health



Well-being of Parents and Children during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A National Survey: In June 2020, a national survey of parents with children age <18 was conducted to measure changes in social determinants of health such as: health status, insurance status, food security, public food assistance, child care, and use of health care services since the pandemic began.

America is Failing Black Moms During the Pandemic: The pandemic is making the maternal health care crisis worse, but it does not have to be this way. In this in-depth article Vox author writes about the birth experience of Ashlee Paisley, her interactions with the Southern Birth Justice Network, and her out-of-hospital birth with a midwife provider and a Doula at the Magnolia Birth House. The article goes on to describe the barriers Black birthing people have faced before Covid-19, and the maternal health crisis in America. Dr. Joia Crear-Perry, an OB-GYN and the president of the National Birth Equity Collaborative provides context on maternal health, and maternal and infant mortality.

Community-Based Doula Program is Using Storybook Narratives as an Educational Tool and Call to Action: As COVID-19 strains our health care infrastructure, pregnant women face severe isolation when family and community support is critical in birth outcomes. HealthConnect One worked with a network of birth workers to pull together the experiences of Black and Brown families who have been navigating birthing during COVID. From our partners at Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP)

Dismantling Racism in Public Health: Reconsidering the Role of Evidence: In response to the deaths of Eric Garner and Michael Brown, García and Sharif (2015) wrote that “these preventable deaths were only two recent examples of the stark racial injustices that have plagued our country’s history.” Sadly, yet predictably, these words still ring true today.

The authors go on to note that public health is fundamentally anti-racist work: Racism is a social determinant of health, and thus a public health issue. However, public health is a system, too, and therefore not immune to structural racism. From our partners at AMCHP.



Maternal Infant Health COVID-19 Updates & Information

MDHHS to Begin Posting School Outbreak Information; Includes School Names and Case Numbers: Data on COVID-19 outbreaks is being collected from the 45 local health departments across the state weekly. A COVID-19 outbreak is defined as two or more cases with a link by place and time indicating a shared exposure outside of a household. To view this data please see the [Michigan COVID-19 Data](#).

CDC Office of Women's Health released Women, Caregiving, and COVID-19: This guidance includes information and resources for women and caregivers during COVID-19, including tips to help you manage caring for yourself and others. Women who are caregivers have a greater risk for poor physical and mental health, including depression and anxiety.

Telehealth in Prenatal Care and Provider Attitudes during the Pandemic: A Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis: This study aimed to determine what degree prenatal care was able to be transitioned to telehealth at prenatal practices during the COVID-19 pandemic and describe providers' experience with this transition.

Characteristics and Outcomes of Births to Women with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus: To describe the characteristics and birth outcomes of women with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infection as community spread in New York City was detected in March 2020. Demographic and clinical data from delivery hospitalization records were collected, and follow-up was completed on April 20, 2020 from a cohort study of pregnant women.

For more information on maternal and infant health in Michigan visit:
[Michigan.gov/MIHEIP](https://www.michigan.gov/MIHEIP)

