

2023 MICHIGAN HARM REDUCTION SUMMIT

Day 1

May 16
1:00 – 5:00 PM

Pre-Conference Workshop 1

Banquet Room 7

HIV and HCV Dual Rapid Testing Training

Vishal Kinkhabwala, MD, MPH – HIV Prevention Activities Coordinator, MDHHS
Bry Fryczynski – HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral Coordinator, MDHHS
Zekiye Lukco, MTS – HCV Linkage to Care Consultant, MDHHS
Teresa Juridico, MPH – Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, MDHHS
Lauren Hodson, CPS, CPRM – Harm Reduction Analyst, MDHHS

In this workshop, attendees will learn about HIV and HCV rapid testing and the importance of providing point of care testing to people who use drugs. The workshop will gauge agency interest and readiness in starting HIV and HCV rapid testing, and attendees will learn to administer HIV and HCV point of care tests. Attendees will learn about the challenges and successes of implementing rapid testing in the SSP setting.

Pre-Conference Workshop 2

Banquet Room 8

Safety First: The Nation's First Harm Reduction Drug Education Curriculum for Teens

Moderated by Geoff Brousseau, MPH – Viral Hepatitis Unit Manager, MDHHS
Rhana Hashemi, MS – Founder and Executive Director, Know Drugs
Scott Gerbert – Director of Outreach and Strategic Partnerships, Stanford University REACH Lab

In this workshop, attendees will receive an overview of the Stanford University REACH lab and its work studying developmental, cognitive, psychosocial and cultural/social factors involved in adolescents' and young adults' health-related decision-making, perceptions of risk and vulnerability, health communication and risk behavior. Attendees will learn how harm reduction fits into an educational system and explore the lessons of Safety First: Real Drug Education Curriculum for Teens, which is the nation's first harm reduction-based drug education curriculum for high school students.

Pre-Conference Workshop 3

Meeting Rooms
101&102

Decentering Whiteness: An Equity-Based Approach

Moderated by Mary Miller, MSN, RN – Harm Reduction Analyst, MDHHS
Teresa Springer, MA, TTS – Director of Operations, Wellness Services, Inc.

This workshop will explore biases that Black and Non-Black People of Color participants encounter while accessing medical and social services. The workshop will also explore how these biases enter the employment space and create barriers for Black, Brown, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) individuals to achieve their highest potentials. The workshop will also explore bias, medical mistrust, generational trauma, white colonialist systems, and radical inclusion.

Day 2

May 17
8:00 – 8:40 AM

BREAKFAST

Visit exhibitors, explore mobile unit tours, and network.

May 17
8:40 – 8:55 AM

Plenary

Banquet Rooms 1-6

WELCOME SMUDGING AND DRUM CEREMONY (HYBRID)

Jonathan Rinehart, LMSW, CTRP-C, ADS - BH Clinician, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi
Banashee Cadreau, AAS, BS – Co-Founder, Bimose Ode
Kristen Green, AAS – Co-Founder, Bimose Ode

Attendees are welcome to participate in a smudging and drum ceremony intended to purify, cleanse and rid spaces of negative energy through the burning of herbs.

May 17
8:55 – 9:10 AM

Plenary

Banquet Rooms 1-6

MDHHS Welcome and Updates (HYBRID)

Seth Eckel, MPH – HAI, Body Art, Tuberculosis, Viral Hepatitis Section Manager, MDHHS

This keynote plenary will feature a welcoming from MDHHS and a high-level overview of the achievements made to expand harm reduction capacity across the state.

May 17
9:10–10:10 AM

Plenary

Banquet Rooms 1-6

KEYNOTE: Drug User's Union (HYBRID)

Moderated by Brandon Hool, MPH – Technical Advisor on the Opioid Settlement Funds, MDHHS
Names of presenters are omitted to protect confidentiality.

This keynote plenary will feature personal stories of lived experiences with substance use and shared knowledge and expertise of unionizing and how it serves to improve the health and well-being of this population.

May 17
10:10–10:15 AM

TRANSITIONS

BEGINNER Session 1A

Meeting Rooms
101-104

HIV 101

Moderated by Bree Rowe, CPRM, CPRC – CDC Project Coordinator, Detroit Recovery Project
Kevin Chadwin Davis, Jr., BS – Community Advocate
Mikey Lamb - Community Advocate
Leon Golson, CHW, CPS – Director of Prevention Programs, UNIFIED HIV Health and Beyond
Drake Collins, CHW – Prevention Health Services Associate Manager, Corktown Health

This session will feature stories from persons with lived experiences living with HIV and will share information on PrEP and prevention and treatment of HIV. Attendees will learn how to provide harm reduction support to prevent HIV infection.

INTERMEDIATE Session 1B

Banquet Rooms 1-6

The U.S. Housing System: Addressing Stigma and Harmful Policies (HYBRID)

Moderated by Katie Abraham – MPH Candidate, University of Michigan
Essence Wilson – Chief Security Officer, Communities First, Inc.
Cass Salas - Community Organizer and Activist
Bri Carpenter, LLMSW - Outreach Team Lead, Avalon Housing
Henri Bynx – Co-Founder, Co-Director, The Ishtar Collective

This session will feature individuals with professional and lived experiences navigating the existing barriers in the U.S. housing system. They will highlight the every-day issues people face, particularly those who use drugs or those who have been convicted of a crime. The discussion will be focused on how we can make an impact at the community level, and how to address harmful policies rooted in structural racism.

ADVANCED Session 1C

Banquet Rooms
7&8

Harm Reduction Through Changing Route of Administration

Moderated by Ariel Leavitt, CPRM, CPRC – Program Coordinator, Families Against Narcotics
Hannah Meissner, CPRC, CPRM, CPS, YRC – Youth Prevention Services Program Coordinator, Detroit Recovery Project
Saydee – Activist

This session will feature individuals speaking from personal experience on how they implemented changes to the way they used drugs through changing the route of administration. Participants will learn about the importance of changing the route of administering substances and how doing so positively impacted their quality of life and health. Attendees will also learn about the benefits of accessibility to sterile supplies.

May 17
11:15-11:30 AM

BREAK

Visit exhibitors, explore mobile unit tours, and network.

BEGINNER Session 2A

Banquet Rooms 1-6

Sex Workers: Occupying the Front Lines of Harm Reduction (HYBRID)

Moderated by Hetaira Oiran
Vanessa Carlisle, PhD, MFA – Author and Educator
Savannah Sly – Co-Director, New Moon Fund
Lotus Lain – Certified Intimacy Coordinator, DecrimSWCA

This session features lived experiences from current and former sex workers, and will emphasize the need for sex workers on the front lines of harm reduction and social justice due to the intersectionality of harm reduction and sex work on several levels, including accessibility to safe sex supplies and networking with persons who use drugs. This session will feature important topics such as trauma informed care and use of evidence-based practices when providing services to sex workers, regardless of their using status.

INTERMEDIATE Session 2B

Meeting Rooms
101-104

Supporting Individuals with Harm Reduction

Moderated by Hannah Meissner, CPRC, CPRM, CPS, YRC – Youth Prevention Services Program Coordinator, Detroit Recovery Project
Frankee Walker, CPRM, CPRC – Peer Coach Supervisor, Families Against Narcotics
Melinda Cooper, CPRM-DP - Harm Reduction Program Manager, UNIFIED HIV Health and Beyond

This session will explore ways that people can support individuals who receive harm reduction services. Attendees will receive tips on supporting harm reduction and hear individual experiences on how supporting harm reduction can serve as a resource for reducing the negative effects of substance use disorder.

ADVANCED Session 2C

Banquet Rooms
7&8

Indigenous Perspectives on Harm Reduction Services and Programs

Moderated by Banashee Cadreau, AAS, BS – Co-Founder, Bimose Ode
Kristen Green, AAS – Co-Founder, Bimose Ode
Justin Mandosking – Community Outreach Organizer, Miigwech, Inc.

This session will discuss factors contributing to disparities that disproportionately impact drug use and poisonous drug deaths/overdose among Indigenous people and tribal communities. Attendees will learn how harm reduction programs in Indigenous communities can include important cultural support and teachings to provide equitable harm reduction care and treatment that effectively meets the unique needs of people using drugs in Indigenous and tribal communities.

May 17
10:15 - 11:15 AM

May 17
11:30 -12:30 PM

May 17
12:30 – 1:30 PM

LUNCH

Visit exhibitors, explore mobile unit tours, and network.

May 17
1:30 - 2:30 PM

BEGINNER
Session 3A

Meeting Rooms
101-104

Harm Reduction 101

*Moderated by Bree Rowe, CPRM, CPRC – CDC Project Coordinator, Detroit Recovery Project
Amanda Scott, CHES, CPS – Prevention Program Director, Detroit Recovery Project
David Clayton – Program Director, HARM:LESS*

This session will discuss the foundational concepts and applications of harm reduction. Attendees will learn about the need for expansion of harm reduction services, the proven public health benefits of these services, and the basics of safer substance use practices and tools. Attendees will be informed on the availability of these services in the state and considerations for program implementation.

INTERMEDIATE
Session 3B

Banquet Rooms 1-6

Age and Generational Trauma (HYBRID)

*Moderated by Banashee Cadreau, AAS, BS – Co-Founder, Bimose Ode
Waabanoqua (Judy) Pamp – Teacher, Anishinaabe Elder and Knowledge Keeper and Nokomis, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
Jonathan Rinehart, LMSW, CTRP-C, ADS - BH Clinician, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi*

This session features a panel of Native American speakers sharing experiences, perspectives, and overcoming historical trauma, forced simulation, and racism. Attendees will learn about how Native American culture and lifeways have built their resiliency and helped with healing the different generations of their family.

ADVANCED
Session 3C

Banquet Rooms
7&8

Integration of Harm Reduction into Michigan's Opioid Policy

*Moderated by Ariel Leavitt, CPRM, CPRC – Program Coordinator, Families Against Narcotics
Brandon Hool, MPH – Technical Advisor on the Opioid Settlement Funds, MDHHS*

This session will highlight the integration of harm reduction concepts and practices into all 8 pillars of Michigan's opioid strategies and discuss initiatives to address harms related to substance use. The presentation will also provide an overview of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' plans for the use of opioid abatement funds.

May 17
2:30 – 2:45 PM

BREAK

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May 17
2:45 - 3:45 PM

BEGINNER
Session 4A

Banquet Rooms
7&8

Boundaries and Self Care

*Moderated by Hannah Meissner, CPRC, CPRM, CPS, YRC – Youth Prevention Services Program Coordinator, Detroit Recovery Project
Teresa Springer, MA, TTS – Director of Operations, Wellness Services, Inc.*

This session will discuss rest in a culture that awards being "busy." We are overworked and often lack the rest needed to prevent burnout. This workshop will discuss rest as a form of resistance to the "busy" culture and the importance of centering yourself to ensure that you can continue the meaningful work you do.

INTERMEDIATE
Session 4B

Banquet Rooms 1-6

Maternal Harm Reduction (HYBRID)

*Moderated by Bree Rowe, CPRM, CPRC – CDC Project Coordinator, Detroit Recovery Project
Symone Aje – Certified Doula, She Who Hears
Chelsea Geddes – HIV Coordinator, HARM:LESS
Annette Dewberry, CPRC – Outreach Specialist, Detroit Recovery Project*

This session will feature experiences on pregnancy and delivery while using substances, perspectives on the health care system, and how individuals can advocate for themselves and their children.

ADVANCED
Session 4C

Meeting Rooms
101-104

Trauma, Childhood Trauma, and Substance Use

*Moderated by Hetaira Oiran
Britne Amos, PhD – Behavior Support, Durham Public Schools*

This session will explore the connection between trauma, specifically childhood trauma, stress, post-traumatic stress disorder, and how it correlates to self-copying mechanisms, self-medication, substance use, and addiction.

May 17
3:45 - 3:50 PM

TRANSITIONS

May 17
3:50 – 4:00 PM

Plenary
Banquet Rooms 1-6

MDHHS Adjourn and Continuing Education (HYBRID)

*Lauren Hodson, CPS, CPRM – Harm Reduction Analyst, MDHHS
Mary Miller, MSN, RN – Harm Reduction Analyst, MDHHS*

This closing plenary will feature closing remarks and required steps for obtaining continuing education for participation.