

## Important MIHP Update--July 31, 2023



### HARC Membership Opportunity

The Maternal Infant Health Program has recently enrolled as a model member of the Home Visiting Applied Research Collaborative (HARC). HARC is a national research and development platform for innovation to broaden and strengthen home visiting's benefits for all families and communities. In May, HARC held its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual *Collaborative Science of Home Visiting Meeting* and has recently updated its [website](#).

HARC is a membership organization—membership is free and open to anyone with an interest in home visiting. At the heart of HARC is its practice-based research network (PBRN). There are several benefits of HARC and PBRN membership, including: a monthly newsletter, the opportunity to participate in research studies, the opportunity to be among the first to learn about research findings from HARC studies, and an invitation to HARC's annual meeting. There are five categories of membership, explained on the enrollment page, including one for Local Programs and/or Agencies.

We are writing to **encourage all MIHP agencies to also enroll in HARC**. Please follow this link to the HARC website, [Join the Network](#) page, to find the surveys. On the same page is an FAQ list about HARC and the benefits of membership.

Finally, we invite everyone to visit and explore HARC's new website and invite everyone connected with home visiting to join HARC. Please feel free to widely share the [HARC website link](#) and the link to the [Join the Network](#) webpage.

If you have any questions please feel free to email HARC's Coordinator– Jane Daniels at [jdaniels@jhu.edu](mailto:jdaniels@jhu.edu).

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### CIE Task Force Final Recommendations Preview Webinar

In August 2022, MDHHS announced the convening of the Community Information Exchange Task Force with the goal of developing a statewide plan for establishing CIE capacities. CIE facilitates the flow of information among organizations using different technologies to provide social care that supports people and families. CIE can also facilitate the aggregation of data about community resources and needs to inform policy change that promotes more efficient and effective distribution of resources and programming. The Task Force has been meeting monthly to develop recommendations on the development of statewide infrastructure to support CIE, which are slated to be published in August 2023.

Policy and Planning provided at preview of the CIE Task Force Final Recommendations to the Medicaid Health Plans at this year's Michigan Association of Health Plans Conference which we would like to share. [Click here for the recording of this presentation.](#)

Policy and Planning will also host a more formal webinar with presentations by CIE Task Force members in August, concurrent with the release of the final report.

Our communication for the Maternal Infant Health Program has been streamlined to a single email address and phone number. Please forward all email to [MIHP@michigan.gov](mailto:MIHP@michigan.gov). For further assistance, contact the state office @ **1-833-MI4-MIHP (1-833-644-6447)**. Thank you.