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## MIHP Important Update – Survey Opportunity and Men’s Symposium

*Please review these two external opportunities that may be of interest to you or your staff.*

- 1. The opportunity below is being shared on behalf of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO). They have partnered with Boston College on a family-strengthening initiative and are seeking input regarding experiences supporting families of refugees, asylum seekers, and/or immigrants. Please consider participation in this survey and/or focus group opportunity if eligible and share with your staff or others who may be interested.*

You are invited to participate in a short survey and/or focus group discussion to share your experiences supporting refugee, asylum seeker, and immigrant families with children ages 2 through 8. This survey has been designed by a research team working with **Sesame Workshop, the producer of Sesame Street and other educational programs**. The purpose of this research is to understand the characteristics and portfolios of refugee, asylum-seeker, and immigrant-assisting agencies around the country, the potential for integrating *Welcome Sesame* multimedia materials into ongoing service provision, and any experiences that providers may have had using *Welcome Sesame* materials. This knowledge will help **Sesame Workshop** tailor their *Welcome Sesame* materials to best support refugee, asylee, and immigrant families. Knowledge of **Sesame Workshop** and *Welcome Sesame* multimedia materials is not required for participation in this study.

- This survey is designed for personnel who are currently working with agencies assisting refugees, asylum seekers, and/or immigrants around the United States that work with children ages 2 through 8. The survey is anonymous and will take between 5 to 10 minutes to complete. **As a thank you for participating in this survey and/or focus group discussion, you have the option of receiving a small material gift from Sesame Workshop (activities, toys, or multimedia resources).** [This link will take you to the short survey.](#)
- If you wish to participate in a focus group discussion or hear more about the opportunity, please [fill out this link](#) providing your name, position, and email address, and you will be contacted. You may choose to participate in the survey only, a focus group discussion only, both, or neither. **If you participate in the survey, you also have an option of receiving a small material gift from Sesame Workshop.**
- For more information about **Sesame Workshop** and their work, [please follow this link.](#)

**2. The opportunity below is being shared on behalf of the US Dept of Health and Human Services.**

Join us on **Thursday, June 15, 2023, from 1:00PM-5:00 PM ET** for the **“Men’s Mental Health Symposium: Listening Through the Silence”** hosted by the Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

- The event will be held at HHS Hubert Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW (with a virtual option as well). The event will include remarks and panel discussions featuring prominent voices from around our nation on the role of faith in supporting men’s mental health and its challenges, as well as discussion around paternal mental health inclusive of fathers who lost their wives due to maternal health complications. The event will also highlight what can be done to address these challenges.
- A **virtual option** is also available
- [Register here](#)
- Attached is a flyer with additional information and speaker information.

Thank you,

MDHHS Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP)

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