

Weekly Update

Maternal Infant Health Program



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MIHP team members.

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"Warning" Message in MIHP Application

The MIHP application in the MILogin system is designed to provide an electronic error message if a new infant's parent is currently enrolled in a local MIHP for pregnancy. The message alerts the entering agency that a pregnant person is receiving MIHP care and identifies which local agency is engaged. This is done to encourage continuity of care for the family. Please contact the agency serving the pregnant person **prior to enrolling a new infant**.

Agencies are also required to complete a search for existing screen in the MIHP data base using two separate criteria prior to administering a Maternal or an Infant Risk Identifier:

- **Medicaid number**
- **First and last name with date of birth**

If you find that a beneficiary is enrolled in another MIHP, encourage her to stay with her current MIHP provider, if possible. If she chooses to transfer to your program, ask her to sign a *Consent to Transfer MIHP Record to a Different Provider* form (*Consent to Release Protected Health Information*) and obtain her information from the other provider. Do not administer another Risk Identifier and never enter a beneficiary's name into the database as a placeholder; you are NOT allowed to claim that you are serving a potential beneficiary before you obtain consents and administer the Risk Identifier.

Thank you in advance for following these guidelines. They are intended to reduce duplication of services to eligible MIHP families and to assure continuity of care.

Meet The Team: Arielle Moore



Hi, my name is Arielle Moore. I began my role of the Unit Secretary for MIHP in March 2021 and I enjoy being a part of this great program and powerful team. I previously worked for MDHHS for five years for Disability Determination Services and at Sparrow Hospital.

I am currently finishing my degree in Health Services Administration, and I am involved in Real Estate. I have many interests that include medical science, holistic medicine, baking, camping, travelling with my husband and children, reading, and painting. One of my big goals is to visit family and explore Italy.

MIHP Agency Survey

Agencies should watch their inboxes this week for a brief survey on some important topics. We appreciate your assistance in completing surveys, as they help to inform program developments and provide valuable feedback that will help us serve you better.

Note that the survey will only be available for MIHP agency staff.

Social-Emotional Development Wheels

The Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health (MI-AIMH) has created a series of Social-Emotional Development Wheels that focus on different developmental stages to support parents, caregivers, and professionals in their relationships with babies and young children. The wheels provide guidelines on typical milestones for different age groups and caregiving behaviors that support healthy development in their little ones.

The Development Wheels are available for three different stages: pregnancy, baby, and preschool. Using easy to understand language, the Wheels list how an infant may be communicating during certain stages and how best for caregivers to respond and to nurture future growth. For professionals working with families, MIHP nurses, and social workers the Wheels serve as a tool to help reinforce messages about infant and toddler social, emotional, and relational development. For expecting families, the Wheels can be used as a reminder about key fetal and family development throughout pregnancy and those first few weeks at home.

There is also a specially focused Development Wheel for supporting father in their connection with their children titled “Rolling into Fatherhood.” “Rolling into Fatherhood” outlines suggested activities to specifically enhance the strength of the father and child relationship during the baby and toddler stages. By putting dad at the center of the interactions, the Wheel intends to encourage confidence among new fathers in their caretaking abilities.



All the Social Emotional Development Wheels come with a magnetic strip on the back for easy display in any space. All Wheels are available in English or Spanish. Wheels orders of 1,000 or more can be customized with your organization's logo. See the attached flyer for more information.

Find the Wheels here on the MI-AIMH website: <https://mi-aimh.org/product-category/social-emotional-development/>.

MIH Summit Call for Presentations

You are invited to submit presentations for Michigan's 5th Annual 2022 Maternal Infant Health Summit.

We will be highlighting the collaborative relationships needed to improve maternal and infant health outcomes. This event brings together local, regional, and national experts in Maternal Infant Health. The goal is to maximize participant knowledge and skills, share best practices, and promote collaborative opportunities. This conference will present innovative ways to enhance quality of care and inspire innovation to build a solid infrastructure in the areas of Maternal Infant Health.

The theme of the 2022 Maternal Infant Health Summit is *Community Stories and Solutions: Stronger Together.*

[Access the Online Submission Form: Submit a Presentation](#)

Call for Presentations - Submission deadline: December 17, 2021 [Call for Presentations PDF version](#) for your convenience, please view prior to submitting your online response. Only online submissions will be accepted. Please do not submit the PDF version to event planners. Due to the popularity of this event, proposals submitted after the due date may not be considered for the 2022 Maternal Infant Health Summit but may be kept on file for consideration next year. Thank you for your interest. Please share this opportunity widely. Please contact [Heather M. Boyd](#) if you have any questions or need clarification.

Safe Sleep Holiday Travel Reminders

Many families will be traveling over the coming months to celebrate the holidays with friends and family. If you do choose to travel over the coming months, make sure your baby or the baby in your care has a safe place to sleep, for nap time and night time, at home and as you travel. Here are some tips to keep baby safe while you travel.

Review the [Safe Sleep Steps](#) on what a safe sleep environment looks like. A firm, flat sleep area is safest for infants. A crib, bassinet, portable crib, or play yard that follows the safety standards of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is recommended. The mattress should be covered by a tightly fitted sheet with no other bedding or soft items in the sleep area.

Arrange for a safe sleep space at hotels and at your final destination. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has a [Crib and Infant Products page](#), which explains that [federal crib standards apply to hotels and motels](#) and notes that [inflatable air mattresses can be a deadly danger](#).

Educate other potential caregivers. When traveling for the holidays, other family members may want to place blankets, crib bumpers, or soft toys in the baby's crib. Our Infant Safe Sleep site has [resources and publications](#) that can be used to show others all about safe sleep.

For more information on infant safe sleep, visit www.michigan.gov/safesleep. For information on crib and other infant product safety, contact the CPSC at 1-800-638-2772 or www.cpsc.gov/safesleep



More Fruits and Vegetables Available for WIC Families

Press release from the MDHHS WIC office, November 16, 2021:

Michigan Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clients are being reminded about additional Cash Value Benefits (CVB) they are receiving to purchase fruits and vegetables at the grocery store through the end of the year.

On Sept. 30, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act of 2022 into law, thus authorizing State WIC Agencies to significantly increase the program's vegetable and fruit benefit through Dec. 31, 2021.

"Michigan is excited to offer this great increase in benefits to the women, infants and children that we serve," said Christina Herring-Johnson, Michigan WIC director. "This increase in fresh fruits and vegetables, will continue to promote and support healthier eating patterns and overall great nutrition."

"With far too many families struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic to afford the healthy foods that help grow healthy children, this temporary boost to the WIC benefit is an investment in our nation's future," said Rev. Douglas Greenaway, President & CEO of the National WIC Association. "Increased access to vegetables and fruits is a critical step toward ensuring that children have access to vital nutrients, curbing childhood obesity rates while strengthening our local farm economies. In communities across the country, WIC is ready to help as parents continue to navigate the COVID-19 crisis."

The monthly cash value benefit for fruits and vegetables has been increased to the following amounts:

- \$24 for children.
- \$43 for pregnant and postpartum people.
- \$47 for breastfeeding people.

WIC's CVB vegetable and fruit benefit was first introduced in 2007 and is credited with improving the [dietary quality](#) of WIC participants and reducing the prevalence of [childhood obesity](#) among WIC toddlers.

Michigan residents can learn more about what the Michigan WIC program has to offer, by visiting Michigan.gov/WIC. To apply for WIC, visit Michigan.gov/MIBridges.

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[Click here for the full press release.](#)

Thanksgiving Office Closure

State of Michigan offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday this week to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!



Link to MDHHS Publications

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Topic Submission

If you have suggestions for topics to be addressed in future additions of the MIHP Weekly Update, [please submit your ideas here.](#)

Previously Released MIHP Weekly Updates

To review any previously released MIHP Weekly Updates, they can be found by visiting the MIHP webpage Michigan.gov/MIHP or [by clicking here.](#)

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. For further assistance, contact the state office @ **1-833-MI4-MIHP (1-833-644-6447)**. Thank you.