

Weekly Update

Maternal Infant Health Program



**Please share this information with all
MIHP team members.**

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Meet the Team—and a Farewell!



Greetings! I'm Sarah Ostyn – a Data & Policy Fellow with the Youth Policy Lab at the University of Michigan. I started my career as a Head Start teacher and I love the wonder of child development. I have spent the past two years working with the MIHP team to develop a quality improvement strategy, including a quality assessment that will help identify strengths of the program and areas for additional program development.

I love connecting research and data with practice and making ideas that seem theoretical make sense for practitioners. My fellowship is coming to an end next month and I have recently moved to Washington, D.C. to continue my career in data-driven policy and program development. I am the partner of a dedicated social worker and the mom of an extremely tall 9-year-old boy. In my free time, I enjoy eating good food and loving on my 50+ houseplants!

IT Hint: Open Summary Error Message

This article is repeated from the March 15, 2021 MIHP Weekly Update as a reminder.

At times, agencies receive an “open summary” error message when attempting to complete a maternal discharge. This typically happens when there is an open infant summary from a previous pregnancy. If this occurs, go into the infant discharge tab and search by caregiver (drop down box) with mom’s information. It will pull up infant discharges entered by your agency associated with her. You will see an “N” by a discharge that is not complete. If you find one, complete it; sometimes it just requires going to the submission page and resubmitting. You will then be able to complete the maternal summary for the current pregnancy.

Children's Trust Fund Survey

From our partners at Michigan Children's Trust Fund:

[Michigan Children's Trust Fund \(CTF\)](#) is excited to share that we are taking the next steps in becoming the state-level leader of the [National Family Support Network](#). CTF will be positioned to provide training and technical assistance to [family resource centers](#) statewide in their efforts to help families become stronger, healthier, and successful while keeping children safe.

Established by the Michigan Legislature through Public Act 249/250 of 1982, Children's Trust Fund (CTF) is the Michigan Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America. As such, CTF serves as a voice for Michigan's children and families. In addition, we focus on their health, safety, and well-being by funding and supporting effective local programs and services that prevent child abuse and neglect. CTF strives to end child abuse and neglect through 100+ programs across Michigan's 83 counties.

The following is a voluntary survey designed to assess Michigan's landscape of family resource centers (aka family success centers, neighborhood/community centers, etc.) and interest in joining the MI-FRC. Your answers are important to us.

Feel free to share this survey with other family resource centers within your network, <https://www.research.net/r/KFWHXM2>. The survey will take about 12-15 minutes and will only be open for two weeks, closing on **September 10th**.

Thank you so much for your time and for completing the survey.



Quality Corner: Understanding ACEs

Did you know?

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has resources to help understand Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Click on this link for [the recently approved adult ACEs Infographic](#). You can check it out online at the MDHHS Michigan ACEs Data website, www.michigan.gov/ACEsData

Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides a wealth of information on ACEs and includes an approach to preventing ACEs. The Adverse Childhood Experiences Prevention Strategy is a tool designed to provide the latest evidence-based strategies to prevent ACEs.

“CDC’s comprehensive approach to preventing adverse childhood experiences uses multiple strategies derived from the best available evidence. Outlined in the prevention resource tool, Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs): Leveraging the Best Available Evidence, these strategies focus on primary prevention but also include strategies to mitigate the long-term consequences of ACEs.”

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Adverse Childhood Experiences Prevention Strategy. Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2021.

Be sure to check out the [CDC ACES Fast Facts](#) and the strategy tool CDC ACEs Strategic Plan for more information

Great news! A corresponding Michigan youth ACEs data infographic (based on the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance data) will be released next month – stay tuned!

Safe Use of Nursing Pillows



A nursing pillow can be a great product to lift baby into position for comfortable feedings and to support tummy time and sitting, as baby grows. However, **babies must be supervised by an awake adult anytime a nursing pillow is being used.** Nursing pillows should *never* be used as a sleep environment for your baby. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that babies sleep in a **safe sleep environment**: a crib, portable crib, bassinet, or play yard with no other objects, pillows or blankets.

Other tips for the safe use of nursing pillows include:

- Do not allow baby to lie face down on a nursing pillow.
- Do not use in a crib, portable crib, bassinet, or play yard.
- Make sure baby's airway is open at all times. For example, when using the pillow baby's head should not be slumped down.
- If baby falls asleep while using a nursing pillow, move baby to a safe sleep environment to continue the sleep time.
- Do not use a nursing pillow, or any pillow, to prevent baby from rolling off a bed or couch. If you need to put baby down for a few minutes, use the same safe environment you'd use for sleeping.

Please share this information with friends and family members. To learn more about safe sleep, go to www.michigan.gov/safesleep. If you have had an incident with an infant and a pillow-like product, please report the incident to the Consumer Product Safety Commission at their website www.saferproducts.gov. The information you provide could save lives.

Coming Soon - Call for Workshops and Student Posters for the 2022 MI-AIMH Biennial Conference

42nd MI-AIMH Biennial Virtual Conference

Nurturing Connections

MAY 9 - 11, 2022



 Michigan Association for
Infant Mental Health

Learning and growing together.

<https://mi-aimh.org/2021conference-2/>



It is almost time! The planning committee will be launching our Open Call for Conference Workshops and Student Posters at the end of August! A virtual conference allows the wonderful opportunity to have a wide variety of potential presenters, workshops and students.

We hope that you are starting to consider what workshop/student poster you are going to submit. Keep your eyes out for details!

Conference updates and information can be found on MI-AIMH's website <https://mi-aimh.org/2021conference-2/>

Are you interested in making the 2022 Conference a success? Contact Staci Belanger & Kelly Sipotz, 2022 Co-Chairs, at miaimh.conference@gmail.com

Health Equity Summit: Registration Now Open



Join the Alliance for Health Policy for our upcoming [Health Equity Summit](#), a program of the *2021 Signature Series*. This virtual event will take place **September 15-16, 2021** and includes a series of fireside chats, panel discussions, and lightning round conversations.

Alliance events are designed to be interactive and informative, and feature a lineup of speakers with both practical and on-the-ground expertise. We invite you to join us *—together we can push the conversation forward.*

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Happy Labor Day!

State of Michigan offices will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Look for a special Tuesday edition of the Weekly Update on the 7th.



Coordinator Directory

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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.