

Weekly Update

Maternal Infant Health Program



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MIHP team members.

Monday, September 20, 2021

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Free Birth and Baby Classes

The Southwest Michigan Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative (SWMPQIC) has **approximately 250 remaining slots** in an online platform that includes nine free classes on birth and baby. These classes include topics on pregnancy, birth and Cesarean birth, breastfeeding, fatherhood, infant and child safety, mother and baby care, multiples, and newborns. These online classes can be done on the participant's own time, at their own pace, and can be returned to as often as needed for nine months after creating the account. Please share with your families.

Directions and the code to create a free account are [on the attached flyer](#). Accounts are available in either English or in Spanish but must be accessed for the first time by October 20th, so please share this great opportunity widely!

Temporary Update to Required MIHP Training

The required MIHP training, *"Family Partnerships that support Change and Healing,"* accessed via the Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals (<https://institutefsp.org/>) is currently down. The Institute's website indicates the following: *"Due to a recent change in YouTube polices, some of the Iowa Department of Public Health videos in the Institute modules are not available at this time. They are working to resolve the issue as soon as possible."* In the interim, while this course is under maintenance, it will not be required for staff hired August 1, 2021 and after until further notice. It is a requirement to complete all other new staff training. The coordinator must note on the bottom of the staff completion form that the course *"Family Partnerships that support Change and Healing"* was not completed at the time of signature.

When the revised course is made available, staff hired on or after August 1, 2021 who have not completed the course will have 30 days from the notification date given in the weekly email to complete the course. After the course has been completed, the coordinator can indicate on the bottom of the completion form, *"Family Partnerships that support Change and Healing"* completed on (insert date). If there are additional questions please send an email to the mihp@michigan.gov mailbox. We appreciate your patience during the course maintenance period.

Great Lakes Breastfeeding Webinars



The latest in the series of free breastfeeding webinars from the Michigan Breastfeeding Network is now available for viewing:

“Expanding Expectations and Building Resiliency: Empowering Parents for Successful Breastfeeding,” presented by Lindsey McGahey, IFSD, IBC, BE

Description: This presentation will focus on intentional and realistic practices for families and lactation supporters to improve lactation experiences. We will examine the intersecting elements of traditional care, families, community, clinical care, and beyond to protect breastfeeding.

Click on this [link](#) to register. For other webinar opportunities, follow this [link](#).

Approved for 1 nurse’s contact hour, 1 social work CE hour, 1 dietitian CPEU, 1 Community Health Worker CEU, 1 Certified Health Education Specialist CECH, and 1 CME until September 21, 2022. CERP approval pending.

New Resource—TANF

Benefits.gov, a federal benefit website, has a page devoted to the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, including eligibility guidelines and an interactive benefit finder for families to use to see what they may be able to receive.

The benefit finder, <https://www.benefits.gov/benefit-finder> is available on the TANF webpage @ https://www.benefits.gov/news/article/433?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Editors%20Picks%20Selection%20ES%20Issue

Child Tax Credit Resources

The Child Tax Credit is part of the American Rescue Plan and aims to help families raising children make ends meet. Experts estimate the new Child Tax Credit has the potential to cut child poverty in half.

Who is eligible for the child tax credit?

Starting on July 15 and through the rest of the calendar year, payments will be made monthly at \$250 per child between 6-17 years old or \$300 per child under 6 years old. All working families will get the full credit if they make up to \$150,000 for a couple or \$112,500 for a family with a single parent (also called head of household).

What do families need to do to receive payments?

If families filed their 2020 taxes this year or filed 2019 taxes last year, or used the IRS “Non-Filer Portal” to get a stimulus check last year, they don’t need to do anything. If they didn’t file taxes in the last 2 years they can use the IRS Non-Filer tool.

Helpful links:

- [ChildTaxCredit.gov](https://www.irs.gov/childtaxcredit)
 - This is a one-stop-shop for information about the CTC.
- [IRS Non-Filer Tool](https://www.irs.gov/irsnonfiler)
 - The IRS portal allows people who are not automatically enrolled in the CTC to sign up for the CTC and any economic impact payments they may have missed, even if they are not applying for the CTC.
 - Someone not filing for CTC can still file just for the economic impact payments through the non-filer sign-up tool.
- [Q&A About the Advance Child Tax Credit Payments](#)
- [ZIP Code-Level Data on Eligible Non-filers from the U.S. Department of the Treasury](#)

Posters, flyers, and other support material for distribution:

- [Advance Child Tax Credit Payments Poster](#)
- [Advance Child Tax Credit Payments Start July 15 Poster](#)
- CTC Flyer (attached in English and Spanish) that can be shared widely and posted to community centers, schools, houses of worship, and other places where parents and families visit.
- CTC One-Pager (attached) that hits the main message points and key information.

[Click here for the flyer in English](#)

[Click here for the flyer in Spanish](#)

Free Safe Sleep Training

The MDHHS Infant Safe Sleep team announces a free virtual training on October 6th from 9:00am – 11:00 am. “Sometimes We Practice Safe Sleep. Now What?” will help you discuss safe sleep practices with families who follow the guidelines “sometimes.”

In this training, you will review the basics of Motivational Interviewing and learn how to use the response “sometimes” as an opportunity. You will also learn questions that you can ask yourself to help you improve your work with families.

Note that this is an optional training presented to MIHP agencies and does not fulfill the requirement that staff take the “Helping Families Practice Infant Safe Sleep” training.

Follow the link below to access the webinar. An audio-only option is also available.

[Zoom Link](#)

Password: DT361B

Audio-only:

(214) 765-0479

(888) 278-0296 (Toll Free)

CONFERENCE CODE: 500562

For additional information, Contact Colleen Nelson, nelsonc7@michigan.gov, or reference the attached flyer.

Announcing Keynote Presenters 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/>



The MI-AIMH Biennial Conference Planning Committee is thrilled to announce the Keynote Presenters for our upcoming 2022 Biennial Conference. More details about the Keynote Presentations will be available soon.

[Click here for presenter information.](#)

State of Oral Health Disparities

Gum disease remains one of the most prevalent chronic diseases in the United States with 46% of adults over 30 showing symptoms. Although significant improvements have been made to improve oral health in America, many people still experience barriers to preventive or essential dental care. Black Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans, as well as low-income populations, children and pregnant women are at greater risk of oral health diseases. The disparities experienced by these populations have only been exacerbated by the pandemic. [This infographic](#) highlights the challenges to achieving optimal oral health and identifies opportunities for advancing health equity moving forward.

Coordinator Directory

[Click here to access the Coordinator Directory](#)

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.
