

Weekly Update

Maternal Infant Health Program

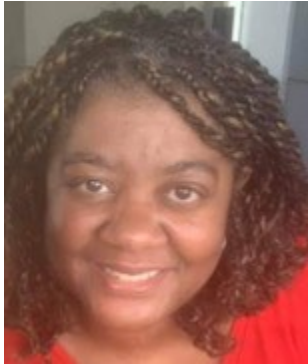


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Tuesday, September 7, 2021

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Meet the Team: Cherie Ross



Many thanks for the well wishes and messages of support that I have received regarding my new role as the MIHP manager. I am excited and humbled to serve in this new capacity as our team continue to support, advocate, and enhance the great work that all of you do in MIHP. I applaud your efforts as we continue to navigate through the pandemic offering much needed supports and services to our families. Your fortitude and resilient efforts to meet the needs of those we serve while also being responsive to your own needs, family, friends, and colleagues underscore your commitment to what we do, and that is working toward the goal that **All babies, families, and communities in Michigan are healthy and thriving**... from our entire team, thank you!

For those of you who may not know, I graduated from Wayne State University with a master's degree in social work. I also have a bachelor's degree in psychology as well as several other certifications/specializations in infant mental health, marriage, and family counseling, clinical and macro social work. I am a licensed social worker and begin my career in foster care, adoption, and early education. For over 25 years, my concentration has been in educating and community building across the state of Michigan. I begin community capacity building while working for the Early Childhood Investment Corporation offering technical assistance and consultation during the initial development of Great Start Collaboratives and parent coalitions across the state.

I am an active participant on several Health Equity committees concentrating my efforts in addressing barriers that exist in our communities around the social determinants of health that may keep residents from obtaining a higher quality of life. I have been a director of community and parent support programs in the Southeastern Michigan area and have worked for over 20 years in the field of home visiting. I begin as a home visitor, a Midwest trainer for Healthy Families, and supervisor over several home visiting programs and agencies. My career thus far has been tailored toward success in the field of home visiting and community support. I look forward to serving in the capacity as the manager of the Maternal Infant Health Program.

National Recovery Month

National Recovery Month (Recovery Month) is a national observance held every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the emergence of a strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members across the nation who make recovery in all its forms possible.

The MDHHS [Office of Recovery Oriented Systems of Care \(OROSC\)](#), along with the USDHHS [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#), provide resources for agencies and communities, including a [Recovery Month Toolkit](#), to aid in promoting the importance of treatment and recovery.



Job Opening—Data and Policy Fellow

From our partners at the University of Michigan Youth Policy Lab. Please share with your networks:

As part of a partnership with the State of Michigan, the University of Michigan Youth Policy Lab seeks up to four (4) highly qualified candidates to join our team as Michigan Data & Policy Fellows—including one assigned to MIHP (replacing our own Sarah Ostin, who has relocated to Washington, D.C. but will be working with us for a few more weeks). The goal of this fellowship program is to provide strategic research and policy support to State of Michigan agency leadership, while allowing Fellows to gain in-depth data and policy skills working in state government.

Follow this link for [additional information and instructions on how to apply](#).

Applications will be accepted **through September 23rd**.

VIRTUAL YouTHRIVE Teen Parent Summit

9/13-9/17



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Hello! The [Michigan Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting Program \(MI-APPP\)](#) (a program of MDHHS) and MOASH are excited for you to join us for this year's virtual [YouTHRIVE Teen Parent Summit!](#) YouTHRIVE is an event where young parents from across Michigan can connect, inspire one another, and work towards their personal goals while building happy, healthy, and thriving families. **This event will take place on Instagram Live (@MOASHinfo) during the week of September 13-17, 2021**

- **Days and times:** September 13-17 - times vary (see agenda below)
- **Audience:** Expectant and parenting teen dads and moms, ages 21 and under
- **Link to join:** [Register online here!](#) Folks can also tune in the week of the event via MOASH's Instagram livestream ([@moashinfo](#))

This FREE summit will feature learning opportunities, inspiring panels of former teen parents, and freebies, prizes, and giveaways! We'll be raffling off gift cards throughout the week for those who tune in during the live sessions.

The first 100 to register will receive a free t-shirt!

Current agenda for September 13-17 livestreams:

- **Monday 9/13 4-5:30pm:** BIPOC Breastfeeding for Teens Panel with the Michigan Breastfeeding Network
- **Tuesday 9/14 4-5pm:** Young Parent Panel where expectant and parenting youth can ask questions and get support from teen moms and dads
- **Wednesday 9/15 3-4pm:** Keynote Speaker: Tyra Moore, founder of A Girl Like Me
- **Thursday 9/16 11-11:30am and 3-3:30pm:** 30-minute #WellnessThursday sessions, including Cooking Tutorials with Joshua Miller, Saginaw Intermediate School District and tips for Mental Health & Self Care with Jennifer Cronkite, Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties
- **Friday 9/17 6pm:** Virtual open mic night!

If you have any questions regarding registration or the summit, please contact Noelle Kellogg at noelle.kellogg@moash.org.

Please share this opportunity widely with expectant and parenting dads and moms across Michigan!

Pregnancy and Breastfeeding with Hepatitis C: What You Need to Know



Hepatitis C is the most common chronic bloodborne illness in the United States. In 2016, at least [2.4 million Trusted Source](#) U.S. people were living with hepatitis C.

Mothers with hepatitis C transmit the virus to 4,000 newborn children every year, according to a [report Trusted Source](#) in 2013.

If you're an expectant mom who has been exposed to the [hepatitis C virus \(HCV\)](#), you may have questions about your health and your baby's.

What are the risk factors and symptoms of hepatitis C?

You can contract hepatitis C from exposure to blood. According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Trusted Source](#), the two main ways are through intravenous (IV) drug use and being born to a mother with hepatitis C.

Although less likely, other ways the virus can be transmitted include:

- sharing personal items that may come into contact with blood, like razors and toothbrushes
- organ transplants
- sexual contact
- getting tattoos or piercings with nonsterile equipment

HCV infects the liver. This liver infection can lead to [nausea](#) and [jaundice](#). However, you may have no symptoms at all. Your body may clear the virus on its own, although this is not common.

Breastfeeding

If you're a mother with hepatitis C, it's acceptable to breastfeed your child, according to the [CDC Trusted Source](#).

Researchers don't believe the virus can be transmitted through breast milk. Some [studies Trusted Source](#) did not find higher rates of hepatitis C in breastfed infants than in formula-fed babies.

It's not definitively known if breastfeeding with cracked or bleeding nipples can spread HCV, according to the [CDC Trusted Source](#). However, hepatitis C *can* be transmitted through contact with HCV-positive blood, so the CDC advises against breastfeeding if you have cracked or [bleeding nipples](#).

It's suggested that mothers should discard their breast milk until nipples are completely healed.

Talk with your doctor about your breastfeeding plans. If you have HIV and hepatitis C, they can help guide you on how to do so safely.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

Gov. Whitmer Proclaims September as Hispanic Heritage Month



Governor Whitmer is celebrating Michigan's Hispanic population by proclaiming September 2021 as Hispanic Heritage Month.

"Michigan's Hispanic and Latino residents are an essential part of our state's cultural and economic fabric," said **Governor Whitmer**. "I am proud to proclaim September as Hispanic Heritage month and celebrate alongside a community filled with rich tradition as we continue to ensure that Michigan is a welcoming and inclusive place for all."

"Governor Whitmer's proclamation establishing September as Hispanic Heritage Month is very exciting! Michigan's Hispanic population is dedicated to building Michigan's future, and we are honored to have a Month of official celebration," said **Jesse Venegas, Chair, Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**. "We will take this opportunity to continue to celebrate the contributions of Hispanics in Arts, Sciences, Labor, Agriculture, Business, and Civil Rights. The Hispanic and Latino community in Michigan is woven with many threads from many nations and cultures, but we all stand together as Michiganders! Adelante!"

"The West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce applauds the efforts of our state government to proclaim September Hispanic Heritage Month," said **Guillermo Cisneros, President and CEO, West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**. "This is a great recognition from our government to the hundreds of thousands of Latinos that are in Michigan contributing to the economy and making an impact in the community."

"Hispanic/Latinos have a long history of contributions in all areas, cultural, economics, art, science, and technology to this great state of Michigan," said **Monica Reyes, Executive Director, Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership Institute**. "It is only fitting that we celebrate the generations of Hispanic Latino families that continue to contribute and enrich our state beyond measure."

The month of September recognizes and celebrates the contributions of Hispanic and Latinos in Michigan and the United States. Michigan's Hispanic and Latino population has grown from 2010 to 2020, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. According to the 2020 U.S. Census, Hispanics and Latinos make up 5.6% of the state's residents, up from 4.4% in 2010.

[View the full proclamation here.](#)

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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](#).

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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.