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June 20, 2023



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## June 2023 COP Reminder

Please join us on June 28th from 9am - 10:30am for the June Community of Practice webinar. Elizabeth Janks and Julia Hernandez, from Wayne State University's Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute, will present on "Supporting Parents who are Neurodiverse."

[Click here to register for the June 28th COP](#)

## Delay in Immunization Training Module

MDHHS MIHP would like to acknowledge that there has been an adjustment in the original timeline for the immunization communication training module. As stated at the May Coordinator Meetings, the "Immunization Communication for Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) Providers" module was set to launch at the beginning of July. However, due to technical issues the **module will be released later in the month of July**.

*Stay tuned for a future Biweekly Update article that will outline more specific content related to the module.*

As a reminder, the module is a required training for all MIHP Home Visiting staff. The expectation for completion still remains the same (*December 31, 2023*).

For more details pertaining to the module, please access the training page on the MIHP website. Near the bottom of the page, you will see the May 2023 MIHP Coordinator Training Presentations. The "Immunization Communication for Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) Providers" module is featured in the [Combined Morning Presentations](#) slides.



Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MDHHS lauds U.S. Supreme Court decision that preserves rights of American Indian Tribal families**

### **Press Release**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 15, 2023

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#### **MDHHS lauds U.S. Supreme Court decision that preserves rights of American Indian Tribal families**

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is pleased that the U.S. Supreme Court has issued a ruling that protects the interests of Native American Tribal children and families in its decision to uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act today in the Haaland v. Brackeen case.

“MDHHS’s top priority is to keep children safe and together with their families whenever possible,” said MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel. “The department fully supports the Indian Child Welfare Act. We are also proud that our state has the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act in state law to guide us in our work.”

The Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act strengthened the Indian Child Welfare Act, which was codified into state law.

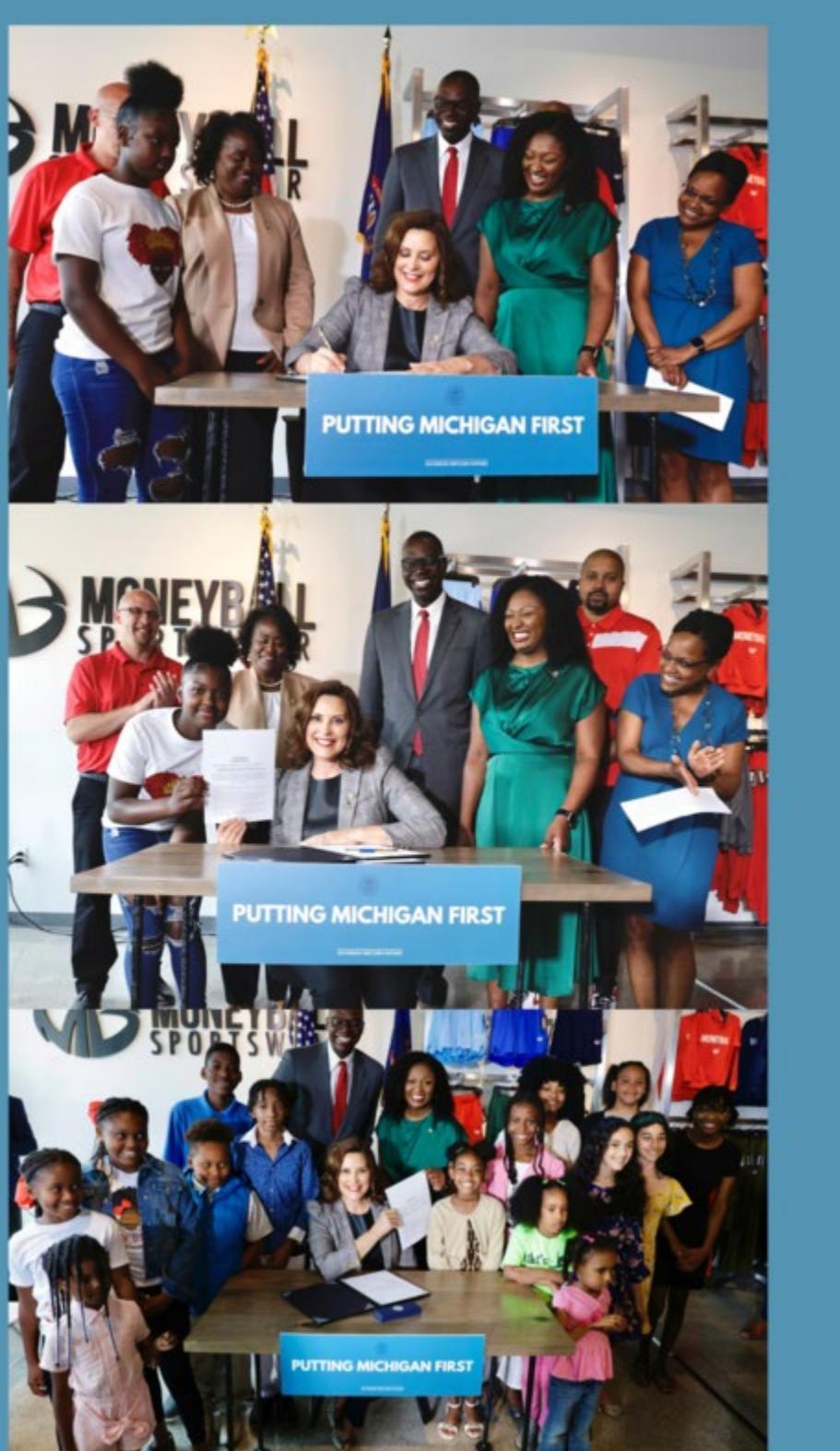
[To read the full Press Release click here.](#)

## **Governor Whitmer Signs Bipartisan CROWN Act to End Hair Discrimination**

Gov Signs CROWN Act, Banning Race-Based Hair Discrimination.

(LANSING) – The Governor signed legislation today prohibiting race-based hair discrimination in Michigan’s civil rights act, outlawing workplace and school-based bans and disciplinary actions targeting natural Black hairstyles, like locs, braids and afros.

[To read the full Press Release, please click here.](#)



# Learning Resources

## MDHHS Virtual Baby Fair – Summer 2023



REGISTER NOW!  
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Virtual Baby Fair

Are you a new or expecting parent? Join us for a virtual baby fair to learn how to be better prepared for your best adventure yet! Learn about resources available to you, important information, and ask questions to experts.

Wednesday, July 12, 2023, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Monday, July 24, 2023, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, July 26, 2023, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Register at  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/michigan-department-of-health-and-human-services-virtual-baby-fair-tickets-51043292754>

Participating MDHHS Programs:

- Newborn Screening
- BioTrust for Health
- Infant Safe Sleep
- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
- Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)
- Vital Records
- Unintentional Injury Prevention
- Oral Health Program
- Immunizations
- Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
- Maternal Infant Health Program
- Michigan Home Visiting Initiative
- Birth Defects Education and Outreach
- Breastfeeding Support
- Children's Special Healthcare Services
- Eat Safe Fish



MDHHS Scan here to register!

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

For more information please contact  
[MDHHS-VirtualBabyFair@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-VirtualBabyFair@Michigan.gov)  
517-284-4992



The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is hosting a **free virtual baby fair** for new and expecting parents and are looking for your help to spread the word! Please feel free to share this flyer with families.

At the MDHHS virtual baby fair, families will have an opportunity to learn about resources, important health and safety information, and will have an opportunity to ask experts questions. The following MDHHS programs are participating in this event:

Newborn Screening	Immunizations
BioTrust for Health	Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
Infant Safe Sleep	Maternal Infant Health Program
Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	Michigan Home Visiting Initiative

Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)	Birth Defects Education and Outreach
Vital Records	Breastfeeding Support
Unintentional Injury Prevention	Children's Special Healthcare Services
Oral Health Program	Eat Safe Fish

**There are three options for attendance:**

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**Register here:** [MDHHS Baby Fair Registration](#)

If you have questions, please contact [MDHHS-VirtualBabyFair@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-VirtualBabyFair@Michigan.gov)

## New Infographic: High Blood Pressure in Pregnancy

MDHHS MIHP is excited to share a new infographic on high blood pressure in pregnancy. Please share with your staff and MIHP families. It was developed by the MDHHS Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention team, and they would appreciate any and all feedback. If you have comments to share, please send them to [MIHP@michigan.gov](mailto:MIHP@michigan.gov)

[Click here to download the MIHP HBP in Pregnancy Infographic 2022.](#)

# HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE IN PREGNANCY

Nearly **one in five** people reported having high blood pressure during pregnancy.

High blood pressure is more common among persons who were pregnant of certain races and ethnicities than others:



If left unchecked, high blood pressure can lead to preeclampsia, eclampsia, and other complications before, during, or after delivery.

Preeclampsia and eclampsia have risks for you and your baby, which may include:

- Organ failure
- Stroke
- Coma
- Seizures
- Brain damage
- Death

What can your MIHP home visitor help you with?

- 1** Scheduling appointments.
- 2** Answering questions.
- 3** Connecting you with community resources.
- 4** Obtaining transportation when needed.

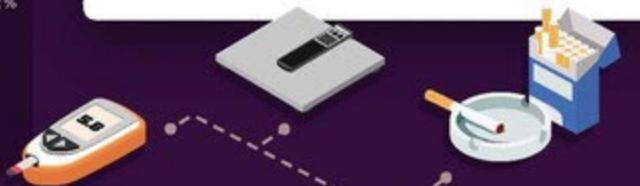
**Data Source:** Michigan Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (2016-2020)

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services will not exclude from participation in, deny benefits of, or discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, partisan considerations, or a disability or genetic information that is unrelated to the person's eligibility.  
MDHHS-Pub-1597 (9-22)

Uncontrolled high blood pressure during pregnancy could present a severe risk to both mom and baby. The Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) recommends that you **make an appointment with a health care provider** before and after delivery to assess and decrease the risk of uncontrolled high blood pressure during pregnancy. Talk to your MIHP home visitor for help making and keeping appointments.



You might be at higher risk for high blood pressure in pregnancy if you meet these risk factors: tobacco use, age (35 years and older), obesity, diabetes, and first-time births.



## Breastfeeding for Professionals Working with Families Course - Now Available Online

The online course, *Breastfeeding for Professionals Working with Families*, is now available. This course is designed to provide professionals working with families the tools to build a culture of breastfeeding within the workplace and the families they serve. This course covers the root causes of disparities in breastfeeding rates, information to support consistent messaging about breastfeeding, policies and best practices for breastfeeding in everyday life, and how professionals can champion breastfeeding when communicating with families.

**How to Take the Course** Go to [My Courses - \(mihealth.org\)](#). At the login screen, enter your User ID and password and click Go. First time users will need to click the Create New User button. On the *Select an Organization* screen, select Public and leave the Access Code field blank. Click continue and complete the *Create New User* screen. Once logged in, locate the course you want to take (in either the Course Catalog or My Courses tab) and click the Launch Course icon to the left of the course name. To find the breastfeeding course, you can search for the title: *Breastfeeding for Professionals Working with Families*.

The following continuing education is awarded for successful completion of this course: 1.0 Nursing contact hour, 1.0 Social Work clock hour, 1.0 LCERP, 1.0 CME, and 1.0 Health Educator contact hour.

Go to the [Infant Safe Sleep, Webinars and Online Trainings page](#) for access to more education options.

Good night. Sleep tight. **Sleep safe.**

Learn more about the safest way for babies to sleep at [michigan.gov/safesleep](http://michigan.gov/safesleep)



# COVID-19 Vaccine Education and Equity Project Conversation



Following the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency and with COVID-19 vaccines updates on the horizon, questions remain about what to expect as COVID-19 vaccines transition from the government-sponsored emergency phase to the traditional market.

To help provide clarity, the COVID-19 Vaccine Education and Equity Project and Vaccinate Your Family will host a webinar with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) experts to discuss the latest guidance on who should receive an additional updated vaccine, dosing, and co-administration, in addition to COVID-19 vaccine coverage, access and availability.

The webinar **“COVID-19 Vaccine Education and Equity Project”** will begin on [June 27 from 12-1 pm ET](#). Please join to learn what's next in the fight against COVID.

# CHW Expansion Opportunity

Michigan Community Health Worker Alliance (MiCHWA), with funding support from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Policy and Planning Office, has the opportunity to support nonprofit employers in training eligible employees as community health workers. This effort is a component of the statewide Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Strategy launched by MDHHS to support health equity.

## At no cost to the employer, eligible participants:

- will be enrolled in the MiCHWA Community Health Worker Certificate Program,
- graduate with a certificate, and
- enter into the MiCHWA registry.

## Employer eligibility requirements include, but not limited to:

- 501(c)(3) status with less than \$500,000 in annual revenue.\*
- Employers must primarily serve in communities with long-standing health disparities related to race, income, geographic location, other sociodemographic characteristics, including incarceration and homelessness, or serve members of the LGBTQ+ community.
- Organizations with a higher annual revenue may qualify if serving a special population, which includes but is not limited to: Native American Tribes and those whose primary language is either Arabic, Burmese, Bangla, Chinese, and Spanish.

## For more information, please contact:

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# Public Health in Gear

A newsletter from the **Region V Public Health Training Center**

## **REGION V PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING CENTER: June Update: Enroll in Our Updated Course on Addressing Human Trafficking!**

### **Course Update!**

#### **Addressing Human Trafficking in Healthcare Settings (Self Paced-CE)**

This training will help healthcare workers identify victims of human trafficking and know what to do if they encounter a victim of human trafficking within a healthcare setting.

This online module was updated to meet the State of Michigan's training standards and provides 2.0 contact hours.

**2.0 CHES Category I CECH  
2.0 Nursing Contact Hours**

**Free to enroll.** CE and certificate of completion are \$6.

[Click here to enroll in Self-Paced Training](#)



## Upcoming State of Michigan (SOM) Holidays

July  
July 4th

### June Celebrations and Awareness Causes

#### Juneteenth



#### June 19

Short for “June nineteenth,” Juneteenth marks the day in 1865 when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas and announced that all enslaved people in Texas were free. This was more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Lincoln, marking the end of slavery in the United States.

[Juneteenth](#), short for June 19th, [commemorates the day](#) the last remaining enslaved people in the U.S. — [in Galveston, Texas](#) — received word that the Civil War had ended and they had been liberated by the federal orders in President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation.

The year was 1865 — two and a half years after Lincoln’s proclamation.

In the following years, the anniversary of this event was [celebrated and honored in Galveston with prayer and family gatherings](#).

Now, Juneteenth is celebrated annually through backyard parties, community parades, memorials, [delicious meals](#), and more.

Over time, as the descendants of the more than 250,000 enslaved individuals in Galveston began migrating to other parts of the country, [the Juneteenth tradition spread](#).

# How To Celebrate Juneteenth: Resources, Ideas, & Activities Learn

*Learn the history of Juneteenth.*

Juneteenth has been celebrated for hundreds of years — but many don't know the full context and history of the annual holiday. Now is the perfect time to learn.

The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture website, which offers blog posts on the [legacy](#) and [celebration of Juneteenth](#) and so many more resources.

Learning from today's scholars and academics, like LaTaSha Levy, an assistant professor of American ethnic studies at the University of Washington, is a great way to [learn more about Black joy, community connection, and reeducation](#).

If you're more of an auditory learner, we recommend listening to our [podcast episode with Pulitzer Prize winner and professor Gordon-Reed](#) as she discusses Juneteenth's history and how we can keep it alive all year round. Her book, [On Juneteenth](#), is a short, beautiful, insightful read.

[Vox's podcast episode with Ibram X. Kendi](#), author, anti-racist activist, and historian of race and discriminatory policy in America, gives powerful insight on racism, Juneteenth, and how we can work to enact change.

[Please visit the GoodGoodGood to read the full article.](#)

## Previously Released MIHP Updates

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

## Bi-Weekly Update Topic Submission

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

## MDHHS Publications

[Sign up here to receive program updates and communications.](#)

## Coordinator Directory

[Please click here to access the most recent Coordinator Directory.](#)

Our communication for the Maternal Infant Health Program has been streamlined to a single email address and phone number. Please forward all emails to [MIHP@michigan.gov](mailto:MIHP@michigan.gov). For further assistance, contact the state office @ **1-833-MI4-MIHP (1-833-644-6447)**. Thank you.