

MIHP Biweekly Update

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Meet The Team: Laura Stouffer



Hello, my name is Laura Stouffer. I began my career as a Clinical Exercise Physiologist serving in the Cardiology Department at a local hospital. I served in this capacity for fifteen years before I became the Supervisor of the Cardiac Rehab program. During this time, I completed graduate studies at the University of Michigan where I received my Master's in Public Health degree. Upon completion of my graduate degree, I accepted a role as a Performance Improvement Leader (PI Lead) within the Quality Department of a local hospital. As a PI Lead I assisted the hospital with meeting federal and state regulatory requirements for Behavioral Health, violent restraints, Hospital Acquired Pressure Injuries (HAPI's), Opioid pain management, and much more.

I am married with three children and a dog. My family and I love the outdoors, camping, hiking, biking, traveling, and exploring. I am excited for the opportunity to begin my new role as the Quality Improvement Specialist and am thankful to be a part of the Maternal Infant Health Program!

Correction to Breastfeeding Training Course Requirements

MDHHS MIHP would like to acknowledge an error in messaging of the September 11, 2023, Biweekly Update entry regarding the "New Online Breastfeeding Course." The article stated that the "new course is a required training for any new MIHP staff hired on or after October 1st, 2023," however the course is only intended for any new **Home Visiting** MIHP staff hired on or after October 1st, 2023. The training is not required for all staff; only the home visiting staff need to complete it.

If you have any questions or concerns related to training requirements, please email mihp@michigan.gov for clarification. Thank you!

Holiday Travel Reminders

Many families will be traveling over the coming months to celebrate the holidays with friends and family. 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.

Good night. Sleep tight. Sleep safe.

Learn more about the safest way for babies to sleep at michigan.gov/safesleep





2024 Michigan Home Visiting Conference



The Michigan Home Visiting Conference will once again be in-person for the first time since 2019 and we are excited to provide you with our Call for Presentations. We are looking for amazing presenters to share their superpowers and gifts with the Home Visiting System in Michigan. Take a look at the link below and consider submitting your ideas or send to someone who would be interested in presenting.

The deadline has been extended! Submissions are now due by December 1st.

Click on the link to view and complete the [2024 Michigan Home Visiting Initiative Conference - Call for Presentations \(jotform.com\)](#)

The Michigan Home Visiting Conference will be held on **July 30 – August 1, 2024** in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Presentations should be engaging, energizing, and foster opportunities for new learning. The focus of the conference is: The Heart of the Matter: Connection, Reflection & Wellness Redefined. The conference is an opportunity for home visiting staff, administrators, supervisors, and parents to learn about the importance of well-being, building positive relationships, recognizing strengths in one another and the impact of family outcomes.

Please reach out to Corey Starmer via email at cstarmer@mphi.org if you have questions about the Call for Presentation application.

[2024 MichiganHome Visiting Conference Save the Date](#)

2024 Recommended Immunization Schedules Now LIVE - 11/16/2023

**CDC Recommended
Immunization Schedules**

NCIRD
National Center for
Immunization and
Respiratory Diseases



Prevention of disease, disability, and death through immunization and by control of respiratory and related diseases.

2024 Recommended Immunization Schedules Now Online

The 2024 ACIP Recommended Immunization Schedules were posted online today. As a reminder, the schedules summarize final recommendations that were previously adopted and made official by the CDC director. Therefore, **these schedules are effective immediately.**

***Earlier availability of the 2024 Immunization Schedules is part of CDC's efforts to better support immunization professionals and improve timely implementation of new recommendations.*

Schedule Changes & Guidance

[Schedule changes](#) are reflected in CDC's healthcare provider web content as well as on the [Immunization Schedule App](#).

The new schedules include October 2023 recommendations for use of Mpox and pentavalent meningococcal vaccine and updated recommendations for the following vaccines:

- COVID-19
- RSV
- Influenza



Creating an Inclusive, Sensory-Friendly Vaccination Experience

Presented By Autism Society of Colorado

Wednesday, November 29
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm MT

OVERVIEW

Join Immunize Colorado as we host Autism Society of Colorado to learn about barriers Autistic people face with vaccination and the medical system. Walk away with strategies to create inclusive and sensory-friendly vaccination experiences and an understanding of how small adjustments in the environment can make all the difference not only for Autistic people, but also for anyone with anxiety surrounding healthcare and vaccinations.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

This education event is being presented for healthcare providers, public health professionals, vaccine advocates, and anyone interested in creating an inclusive, sensory-friendly vaccination experience.

REGISTRATION

This meeting will be offered virtually. There is no registration fee, but registration is required. Register at <https://bit.ly/ICEdSeries11292023> or scan the QR code below.

If you have questions, please contact Sarah Waraniak at
Sarah.Waraniak@childrenscolorado.org.

[Creating an Inclusive, Sensory-Friendly Vaccination Experience Flyer](#)

MHEF Call for Proposals

The Michigan Health Endowment Fund's (MHEF) 2024 Maternal and Infant Health Initiative is now open and seeking proposals for **community-driven and locally focused projects** that improve health outcomes for pregnant individuals and their infants. Projects should focus on innovative, collaborative solutions that support better health for Michigan families by:

- Addressing **service delivery environment** barriers to improve access to equitable health care
- Increasing access to **protective and clinical interventions**
- Addressing targeted **policies, practices, and procedures** at the local or practice level that impact or prohibit the best outcomes for mothers and infants

Concept papers, which are highly recommended, are due December 8, 2023. Full proposals are due January 26, 2024. For more details about proposal criteria and the application process, please view the [RFP](#) below. You can also view informational resources — including past grants and frequently asked questions — or sign up to speak to a member of the MHEF team.

[VIEW RFP AND OTHER RESOURCES](#)

November Awareness Months & Holidays for Cause

Native American Heritage Month	November
Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week	November 11-18
World Kindness Day	November 12
Giving Tuesday	November 28
Veterans Day	November 11
Trans Day of Remembrance	November 20

Upcoming State of Michigan (SOM) Holidays

November 23 and 24
December 22 and 25
December 29



Previously Released MIHP Updates

To review any previously released MIHP Weekly Updates, they can be found by [visiting the MIHP webpage Michigan.gov/MIHP](https://www.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. [MIHP 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. For further assistance, contact the state office @ **1-833-MI4-MIHP (1-833-644-6447)**. Thank you.