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### Last Issue of 2024!

This will be the last issue of the MIHP Biweekly Update for 2024. Look for the next issue on January 13, 2025!

### Mark Your Calendar: January COP Webinar

The January Community of Practice webinar will be on **Tuesday**, January 7th from 1:00PM - 2:30PM. Topic: Maternal Mortality in Michigan, presented by Melissa Limon-Flegler.

[REGISTER HERE for the January COP Webinar.](#)

## Inclusive Insight Feedback

Inclusive Insight, a new MDHHS MIHP initiative, was launched in March 2024 by Youth Policy Lab Fellow Dipita Das. The purpose of Inclusive Insight is to explore various topics affecting different demographic groups within the MIHP community. The goal is to provide insight into the diverse backgrounds of the families served by MIHP, fostering dialogue and building relationships. As the year comes to a close, we are surveying to gather your thoughts on this initiative and identify necessary changes to continue it into 2025.

This survey will only take two minutes to complete and will help improve the Inclusive Insight series for 2025. We value and look forward to your feedback and insights.

Survey Link: [https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3eozmnLUg3o2qcm](https://umich.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3eozmnLUg3o2qcm)

## Translated MIHP Brochures Available

The new MIHP brochures are now available in Arabic and Spanish. All versions can be found in the [Promotional Materials](#) section of the MIHP website. As a reminder, these brochures were announced in the 11/18 edition of the BiWeekly Update.



**BUILDING TOMORROW. TOGETHER.**

The Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) surrounds you with all the information and resources your growing family needs to stay healthy and feel supported.


MIHP is an evidence-based home visiting program for pregnant people, infants and their families at no cost to them. Families are partnered with registered nurses and licensed social workers who provide care coordination and education during pregnancy and infancy.

They can also connect you with other MIHP team members such as a registered dietitian, infant mental health specialist, and lactation consultant.

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**SURROUND YOUR FAMILY WITH SUPPORT TO THRIVE.**





## **CDC adds Heplisav-B vaccine as an option during pregnancy**

CDC published [Updated Recommendation for Universal Hepatitis B Vaccination in Adults Aged 19–59 Years—United States, 2024](#) in the December 5 issue of *MMWR*. A portion of the summary appears below.

*[ACIP] recommendations include HepB vaccination of all adults aged 19–59 years, including pregnant persons. Pregnant persons may receive any HepB vaccine licensed for adults for which data are sufficient to evaluate vaccine-associated risks in pregnancy. . . .*

*On September 11, 2024, the Food and Drug Administration approved updates to the package insert for Heplisav-B [HepB vaccine (recombinant), adjuvanted] . . . to include human data that do not suggest an increased risk for both major birth defects and miscarriage. . . .*

*Providers can now administer Engerix-B, Heplisav-B, Recombivax HB, or Twinrix to pregnant persons needing HepB vaccination. Access the *MMWR* article in [HTML](#) or [PDF](#).*

### **Related Link**

- CDC: [MMWR main page](#) providing access to the *MMWR* family of publications

**MIRACLE Project – Community Care Bundles**

The MIRACLE Center's goal is to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality disparities in African American, Hispanic, and Rural populations in Michigan. One key effort includes the use of community-based maternal safety bundles.

If you work with pregnant or postpartum persons and work in one of the counties below, consider being "part of the MIRACLE".

- Berrien
- Calhoun
- Ingham
- Isabella
- Jackson
- Kalamazoo
- Macomb
- Muskegon
- Oakland
- Saginaw
- Washtenaw
- Wayne

A survey is available to complete. Participating providers will have the opportunity to help innovate safety bundle implementation, provide feedback, collaborate with others, and receive technical assistance.

- [See this flyer for more information: MIRACLE One-Pager](#)
- Complete the survey here: [MIRACLE Survey](#)

To learn more, contact [miracle.qi@msu.edu](mailto:miracle.qi@msu.edu).



## 2024 Explorations in Development training series

The Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health is excited to announce the release of **\*\*two new on-demand online courses\*\*** as part of the *2024 Explorations in Development training series!* These courses offer flexible learning opportunities for professionals seeking to deepen their knowledge and skills in supporting LGBTQ parent families of young children. Courses are available 24/7, allowing to learn at an individual pace and personalized schedule.

### [Course Offerings](#)



***Developing Inclusive Approaches to LGBTQ Parent Families of Young Children*** Presenter: **Abby Goldberg, PhD** This one-hour course will explore how professionals in early childhood settings can create more inclusive environments for LGBTQ families by fostering stronger partnerships and addressing structural and interpersonal shifts. It will provide an overview of sexual, gender, and family diversity, including research on LGBTQ family building and functioning, while highlighting the benefits of inclusive practices for families, children, and programs. Participants will gain insights into the diversity of LGBTQ families, practical tools for implementing change, and an understanding of the challenges and barriers to effective collaboration.

**Course Details, Continuing Education and**

**Purchase:** <https://www.pathlms.com/mi-aimh/courses/87087>

***Through the Eyes of the Rainbow: Understanding Historical Factors, Social Constructs, and Barriers Faced by LGBTQ Parents*** Presenter: **Sharron Fincher, PhD** In this 75-minute course, participants will explore the historical and social factors shaping the lives of LGBTQ individuals, with a focus on Detroit and the unique barriers faced by LGBTQ parents. The training will also examine parenting through a sociological lens, including the impact of the political climate, and provide best practices for supporting LGBTQ parents in the community.



**Course Details, Continuing Education and Purchase:** <https://www.pathlms.com/mi-aimh/courses/87084>

## **MI-AIMH Training for Home Visitors in Michigan**

Registration is now open for the **MI-AIMH 2025 Virtual Clinical Core Competencies Foundational Training Series!**

Are you a home visitor working with families from the perinatal stage to six years old? This virtual 10-day series is your chance to transform the way you engage with parents and families through cutting-edge, culturally sensitive, relationship-based practices.

**Who Should Attend:**

We invite home visitors and supervisors from Michigan and beyond to join us for this impactful series! Please note that all event times are listed in Eastern Time. This series is designed for professionals working with families with children aged 0-6 years. Ideally, participants should be actively working with at least one family with a child in this age range.

**Training Highlights:**

- Dates: Monthly sessions from February to November 2025 (see full schedule via the link below).
- Times: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM ET (includes time for breaks and lunch).
- Format: Virtual via MI-AIMH RELATE platform.
- Cost: \$900 Non-Members | \$800 MI-AIMH Members.

For more information and registration: [2025 Clinical Core Competencies Curriculum | MI-AIMH](#) . For questions, contact Laura at [lsheldon@mi-aimh.org](mailto:lsheldon@mi-aimh.org)

## **Infant Safe Sleep Resources**

Did you know the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Infant Safe Sleep Program offers a wide variety of free educational resources? MDHHS provides resources on a variety of topics, such as the sleep environment, infant development and protective factors:

- *Infant Safe Sleep*
- *Baby Eating and Sleeping: What is Normal?*
- *Breastfeeding & Safe Sleep*
- *Is this Product Safe for Infant Sleep? Checklist*
- *Soothing a Crying Baby*
- *Swaddling*
- *Don't Let Baby Get Too Warm*
- *Smoking & Safe Sleep*
- *Safe Sleep & Vaccines*

You can order most of the resource materials for free from the [MDHHS Clearinghouse](#). Materials are available in Arabic, Burmese, English and Spanish. If the item is not available for order at the MDHHS Clearinghouse, you can download it from the Safe Sleep website, [Safe Sleep Educational Materials](#). You can print the [brochure](#) in Bengali, Dari, French, Kinyarwanda, Nepali, Pashto, and Swahili.

There is also a [list of local safe sleep resources](#), such as cribs or training sessions, for families on the website. Contact the MDHHS Infant Safe Sleep Program at [MDHHS-InfantSafeSleep@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-InfantSafeSleep@michigan.gov) for additional assistance.

Good night. Sleep tight. Sleep safe.

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



## **Family Opportunity: Michigan's Citizen Review Panel for Prevention**

Children Trust Michigan (CTM) oversees the Citizen's Review Panel and is seeking members to join the Citizen Review Panel for Prevention. This information may be of particular interest to parents, kinship caregivers, teachers, faith-based members, social workers, researchers, and anyone with an interest in protecting children.



Citizen Review Panels (CRPs) were developed in response to a requirement created in the 1996 reauthorization of the Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act (CAPTA), section 106 (c). The purpose of the CRPs is to provide opportunities for citizens to play a role in making sure that states are meeting their goals of protecting children from abuse and neglect.

Michigan has three citizen review panels, each with a different focus. The panels are:

- Citizen Review Panel for Prevention
- Citizen Review Panel for Children’s Protective Services, Foster Care, and Adoption
- Citizen Review Panel for Child Fatalities

The Citizen Review Panel for Prevention is looking for **community members with experience and knowledge in prevention programs or who have been a part of a prevention program**. We are also looking for those who have been involved in the child welfare system. We aim to have a variety of experiences and knowledge from members of the panel.

Applications are due December 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in preventing child abuse and neglect, please apply! Find details here: Citizen Review Panel for Prevention – [Flyer](#).



## Upcoming State of Michigan (SOM) Holidays

December 24 and 25  
December 31  
January 1  
January 20



## Previously Released MIHP Updates

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

## Biweekly Update Topic Submission

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

## MDHHS Publications

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

## Coordinator Directory

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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 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.