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## Inclusive Insights – A New MDHHS MIHP Monthly Awareness Initiative

MIHP supports a diverse population of families throughout Michigan. Dipita Das, MIHP's Data and Policy Fellow, is leading this effort and launching a series focused on health equity. This new monthly initiative, "**Inclusive Insights**," explores various topics affecting different demographics within the MIHP community. The goal is to equip MIHP providers with insights into the diverse backgrounds of the families they may serve, foster open dialogues to identify needs, and effectively facilitate the care coordination process. The information below is intended to help MIHP providers understand how Ramadan may impact birthing people and their families.

[Click here to learn more about Ramadan.](#)

## MIHP Beneficiary Transfers

Beneficiaries may transfer to another provider for a variety of reasons. MIHP providers must honor all requests to transfer and work to ensure a timely, professional, and supportive transition to the receiving agency. Providers who integrate beneficiary feedback into their quality assurance process must ensure such communication is conducted in a manner that honors family autonomy. Therefore, any agency that wishes to inquire about services provided (e.g., satisfaction survey, reasons for transfer, etc.), should do so after the transfer has been completed to avoid disruption of the transfer process.



## What is 988 and how does it work?

A video explaining the national 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline can be watched at [What is 988 and How Does it Work? - YouTube](#). The idea to have one national crisis phone number was initiated by a man who lost his wife to suicide when she was experiencing postpartum depression. He did not want other families to have to search for help when they are in crisis.

Please share this important resource with staff and families.

## Attention All Providers: Professional Connect Call: MC3 Program, March 26, 2024



Attention All Providers:

The Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (Family Center) in partnership with Michigan Family to Family is pleased to announce the next **Professional Connect Call** on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, from 11:30 am -12:15 pm EST**. Join Jessica Jenkins, MC3 Outreach Specialist, as she shares more information about MC3's program and their suite of behavioral/mental health services available to support health care providers in Michigan. Following the presentation, there will be time for Q&A.

Use this link to register for the call: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/professional-connect-call-michigan-child-collaborative-care-mc3-tickets-847436022957> and please share the attached flyer with your networks.

The Family Center is the parent-directed center within Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). The Family Center offers a series of trainings to provide information and resources to both families and the professionals who work with them. For more information about the Family Center, please call 800-359-3722 or email [cshcsfc@michigan.gov](mailto:cshcsfc@michigan.gov).

- [MC3 PrCC Mar 26.pdf](#)

## Training Available: Mandated Reporters

*The information below is being shared on behalf of the Michigan Home Visiting Initiative.* A new training is available for Mandated Reporters of Abuse and Neglect, which includes the most updated information from the Children's Services Agency. Please consider attending and sharing with others who may be interested.

Home visitors support a vast array of family structures and are an essential part of the child protection system. Participants of this two-hour session will learn how to use their expertise and direct contact with children to identify and report suspected child abuse and neglect. Facilitators for the session are Jennifer Sczykutowicz and Emiliee Hudson, both from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

- When: The training will take place from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. EST on Wednesday, April 10, 2024.
- Where: The training will be held virtually using Zoom. Participants will receive an email that includes a calendar hold and link to the meeting prior to the training.
- Cost: Free
- Registration Questions: Contact Angie Percy at [apearcy@mphi.org](mailto:apearcy@mphi.org) or 989-439-5967
- Registration Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/K4TZarfBEd>

# SUID Prevention Program Learning Community Registration Open! Enroll by April 1, 2024

The Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) Prevention Program is launching a 4-part webinar series that will connect multidisciplinary professionals together to increase knowledge of fatality review, learn how to leverage local data to strengthen SUID prevention efforts, and learn to apply learnings in safe and respectful ways to champion health and racial equity in communities. The Learning Community will explore strategies for supporting families in practicing safe sleep and identifying what narratives need to change specific to the challenge of SUID prevention education and messaging.

**Who should attend:** This learning opportunity will be of interest to the audiences listed below, as well as anyone working towards an advanced understanding in the fields of fatality review and SUID prevention.

- Administrators/Managers
- CDR/FIMR/CAT teams
- Child Welfare Professionals
- Clinicians
- Community Members
- Educators
- Family Members/Caregivers
- Health/Mental Health Specialists
- Medical Examiners
- Physicians/Nurse Practitioners
- Policy Makers
- Program/Support Services Professionals
- Students/Trainees

Review the [event flyer](#) to learn more. Enrollment is limited. [Enroll](#) by April 1, 2024 to secure your spot. Contact Erika Pufunt, Program Manager, at [epufunt@aap.org](mailto:epufunt@aap.org) for questions.

Good night. Sleep tight. Sleep safe.

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



# MDHHS reports first influenza-associated pediatric death in Michigan this season



## Press Release

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**MDHHS reports first influenza-associated pediatric death in Michigan this season** *All Michigan residents ages six months and older urged to get the flu vaccine*

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has confirmed the first influenza-associated pediatric death in Michigan for the 2023-2024 flu season.

The reported death involves a child who contracted Influenza A(H1N1). Nationally, there have been at least 93 [influenza-associated pediatric deaths](#) reported this flu season.

“These are tragedies that no family should ever have to endure,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, chief medical executive. “Each year influenza claims the lives of dozens of children across the United States. This is why MDHHS continues to strongly recommend that everyone six months of age and older get a seasonal flu vaccine. It’s the best way to protect yourself and your family from getting sick and reduces illness severity if someone does get the flu.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that [since October](#) there have been at least 28-51 million flu illnesses, 13-24 million flu medical visits, 310,000-640,000 flu hospitalizations and 20,000-57,000 deaths nationally. Michigan is currently seeing an increase in influenza cases. Additional information is available in the [Michigan Flu Focus report](#).

It’s not too late to get the flu vaccination this season. Once children reach six months of age, it is recommended they receive two doses of the flu vaccine for their first series. Pregnant people should also get vaccinated, which helps protect themselves and their baby. [Vaccine recommendations for those at a higher risk of developing serious flu complications are available on the CDC website](#).

Currently, for the 2023-2024 flu season, only 25.1% of Michigan residents have been vaccinated against flu. [According to data from the Michigan Care Improvement Registry \(click “Seasonal Coverage”\)](#), flu vaccine coverage among children ages six months through 17 years is slightly lower for the 2023-2024 flu season (19.2%) compared to the same time in the 2022-2023 flu season (20.9%).

For individuals who do get influenza, early treatment with an antiviral drug can help prevent flu infections from becoming more severe. Check with your doctor promptly if you are at higher risk of serious flu complications.

To find flu vaccine near you, call your health care provider, local health department or visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov). For more information about the flu, visit [Michigan.gov/flu](https://www.michigan.gov/flu).

[2024 pediatric flu death NR](#)

## 2024 Maternal Infant Health Summit

Exhibitor & Sponsor Information is now available at [MIHealthSummit.com](https://MIHealthSummit.com).



**MATERNAL INFANT  
HEALTH SUMMIT**

ADVANCING HEALTHY BIRTHS:  
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**June 17-18, 2024**  
*Lansing Center, Lansing MI*

The 2024 Summit will feature national and state leaders in maternal and infant health, drawing **over 600** families, practitioners, social workers, public health professionals and students.

**EXHIBITOR  
& SPONSOR  
INFORMATION**

We invite you to join us  
at the 7th annual  
Maternal Infant Health Summit.

**Free Implicit Bias Training – Virtual Workshop**



*This information is being shared on behalf of the Southeast Michigan Perinatal Quality Improvement Coalition (SEMPQIC) and Molina Healthcare. Feel free to share this information with others who may be interested.*

SEMPQIC and Molina Healthcare have partnered to host **two, free, virtual Implicit Bias workshops**. These are tailored towards healthcare providers and aim to expand your skills and expertise in implicit bias, health equity, and more.

CE and CME credits are available for participants who attend all 3 days and complete the evaluation.

**Sessions available:**

- Spring session: March 27, April 3, and April 17 from 2:00pm – 4:30pm
  - *FYI – this session is nearing capacity*
- Summer session: August 7, 14, and 28 from 2:00pm – 4:30pm
- See the [attached flyer](#) for additional details and registration information.

[Free Implicit Bias Training.pdf](#)

## **Community Influencer Program Opportunity**

Michigan residents are helping to improve access to resources like housing, transportation and food as part of the MDHHS social determinants of health (SDOH) **community influencer program**. The program fosters community engagement, addresses barriers such as food insecurity and affordable housing and advances health equity by leveraging the power of local influencers from different regions across Michigan. MDHHS is currently seeking additional residents to participate in this program.

### **What is a community influencer?**

A community influencer is a person who shares input regarding their community's needs. Influencers will have a working relationship with MDHHS, as well as local community partners.

**MDHHS is seeking 35 influencers from across the state** and is specifically recruiting community health workers, including family advocates, navigators and outreach workers. However, anyone is welcome to apply.

Community influencers will receive a monthly compensation of \$75 for their active participation in meetings, focus groups, surveys and social media engagement. In-person orientation session attendance will be compensated with an additional \$100.

[See the full press release here.](#)

## **Updated Guidance: Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines**

CDC has updated its guidance for COVID-19 vaccination as follows:

- All people ages 65 years and older should receive 1 additional dose of any updated (2023–2024 Formula) COVID-19 vaccine (i.e., Moderna, Novavax, Pfizer-BioNTech). For detailed guidance, see [Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#).
- Updated information for reporting adverse events to VAERS following administration of a COVID-19 vaccine.

To view all updates, please visit [CDC's Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States](#).



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## Upcoming State of Michigan (SOM) Holidays

May 27  
June 19  
July 4  
September 2  
November 5  
November 11  
November 28 and 29  
December 24 and 25  
December 31

### Previously Released MIHP Updates

To review any previously released MIHP Biweekly Updates, they can be found by [visiting the MIHP webpage 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

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](mailto:MIHP@michigan.gov). For further assistance, contact the state office @ **1-833-MI4-MIHP (1-833-644-6447)**. Thank you.