

MIHP Biweekly Update

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April Community of Practice Webinar Canceled

The Community of Practice (COP) webinar on Social Determinant of Health (SDOH), originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 19th, has been canceled. The planned speaker is not available.

We look forward to joining you on May 24th for a presentation on working with immigrant and refugee families. Please register for all COP webinars on the [training page of the MIHP website](#).

MIHP Supports Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI)

As you are aware, MIHP supports efforts of early hearing detection and intervention by reviewing MCIR for hearing screening and coordinating appropriate follow-up testing for infants, including transportation for the caregiver, to testing sites, if needed.

The [June 2022 Community Practice Webinar](#) provided helpful information that could reinforce the efforts that you are already providing to families.

Information is also available at [Early Hearing Detection and Intervention \(michigan.gov\)](#). You can contact Michelle Garcia, EHDI Follow-Up Consultant directly via email at mgarciam@michigan.gov or by phone at 517-335-8878 for additional information. In addition, your agency may be contacted by Michelle or someone from the EHDI team for assistance with follow-up. MDHHS MIHP supports these collaborative efforts.



It is Black Maternal Health Week!



NICHQ celebrates [Black Maternal Health Week](#), observed April 11-17, as a week of awareness, activism, and community building to lift the voices of and improve the birthing experience for Black people. This week, join us in honoring Black Mamas Matter Alliance's vision by attending a #BMHW23 [community event](#) and using their [social media toolkit](#) to deepen the national conversation about Black maternal health.

MDHHS Expands Medicaid Dental Benefits

The information below is extracted from an MDHHS Press Release. The entire [press release is available here](#).

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has expanded dental benefits for adult Medicaid beneficiaries and increased rates for dental providers. This redesigned benefit will directly help beneficiaries by increasing access to services, enhancing care coordination and improving health outcomes. Benefit enhancements and service delivery began April 1.

For beneficiaries who are 21 years and older, the following services will now be covered:

- X-rays
- Teeth cleanings
- Fillings
- Extractions
- Dentures
- Deep teeth cleanings (New)
- Sealants (New)
- Root canals (New)
- Crowns (New)
- Care to keep your gums healthy (New)

Medicaid beneficiaries will not lose any dental care benefits with these changes; however, the way services are delivered may change slightly. Medicaid beneficiaries aged 21 years and older, including Healthy Michigan Plan beneficiaries and pregnant women who are enrolled in a Medicaid Health Plan, Integrated Care Organization or Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly will receive dental benefits through their health plan. The health plan becomes responsible for the beneficiary's dental services obtained through the health plan's dental provider network. The health plans will continue to provide robust care coordination and ensure that beneficiaries are supported in accessing the services they need.

Dental services for beneficiaries who are not enrolled in a health plan will be provided through the Medicaid FFS program.

For questions, beneficiaries can call the Beneficiary Help Line for free at 800-642-3195 (TTY: 866-501-5656) or send an email to beneficiarysupport@michigan.gov.

Providers can call 800-292-2550 or email providersupport@michigan.gov.

Spotlight on Breastfeeding Education Resources

The Michigan Breastfeeding Network recently released a collection of breastfeeding education resources. All resources were developed by members of the Michigan Breastfeeding Network Core Cohort of 10 Black and Indigenous breastfeeding supporters and organizations, which are listed below.



The goal of the *2022 Breastfeeding Education in Solidarity with BIPOC Families Project* was to create and share educational resources developed by community-rooted and clinically skilled Black and Indigenous lactation supporters for Black and Indigenous families. Topics covered include **latch**, **milk supply**, and **pain**, which were identified through PRAMS data as top reasons for why mothers stop breastfeeding in Michigan.

This month, we are spotlighting resources from Milk Like Mine, which include information on [hand pumps](#) and [hand expression](#). Consider reviewing and sharing these resources in an effort to support families across Michigan.

COVID-19 Workshop Series – Improving COVID-19 Vaccination Rates for Children under 5

The American Academy of Pediatrics is hosting a virtual workshop series promoting peer-to-peer discussion to explore and share best practices related to COVID-19 vaccination strategies for children under age five, with an *emphasis on rural communities*.

Each workshop will feature a keynote speaker who will provide a brief presentation, followed by facilitated discussion among attendees.

Participants will leave the series with strategies to increase COVID-19 vaccination rates for children under 5 through quality improvement initiatives, leveraging partnerships, and increasing vaccine confidence.

Session/Title	Date/Time	Faculty
Workshop #1 <i>Increasing COVID-19 Vaccination Rates through Quality Improvement Initiatives</i>	Tuesday, April 4 12:30 – 1:30pm EST	Dr Eliza Varadi, MD, FAAP
Workshop #2 <i>Leveraging Partnerships to Increase COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence</i>	Monday, April 17 th 3 – 4 pm EST	Cynthia R. McReynolds, MBA
Workshop #3 <i>Strategies to Improve Covid-19 Vaccine Confidence</i>	Friday, May 12: 1 – 2pm EST	Dr Rajiv M. Naik, MD, FAAP

To enroll, please complete the following Survey Monkey.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HYQLXFF>

You will then receive a calendar invite with the information to join the respective sessions via Zoom.

Multilanguage Culturally and Linguistically Competent social media COVID-19 Toolkit!

Montgomery County (Pennsylvania) Immunization Coalition (MCIC) has created a social media toolkit with culturally and linguistically competent social media images and sample text to make it easier for you to encourage our communities to stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccines. MCIC collaborated with organizations to translate the toolkit to several languages, including Chinese, Korean, Hindi, Nepali, and Spanish.

Please feel free to use and share within your networks!

Related Links:

- Toolkit (Messages + Images):
 - <https://www.montcopa.org/DocumentCenter/View/38376/MCIC-NMHM-2023-Social-Media-Toolkit>
- Direct Links to Social Media Images: English, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Nepali, Spanish
 - <https://www.immunizepa.org/montgomery-county-immunization-coalition/>



“Parents Partnering for Change” Training

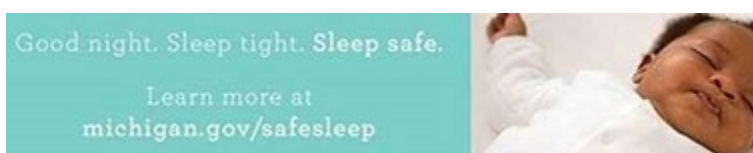
[Registration](#) for the May 2-4 “Parents Partnering for Change” training is now open. “Parents Partnering for Change” is an initiative of [Parent Leadership in State Government \(plsg.org\)](#). Additional Information can be found below. Please feel free to share with your networks and parent leaders.

[Please click here to register for the Parents Partnering for Change Training](#)

[Parents Partnering for Change Flyer May 2023.pdf](#)

Safe Sleep Resources by County Webpage

The [Safe Sleep Resources by County page](#) has a new look and improved functionality. You can now use a dropdown menu to find a county or click on the county on the map. Go to this page if you are looking for infant safe sleep education classes, pack and plays, or other resources for families. You can navigate to the resources page from the main [Infant Safe Sleep website](#) by clicking on Resources by County.



Upcoming State of Michigan (SOM) Holidays

May

May 29th - Memorial Day

April is National Arab American Heritage Month

Gov. Whitmer has issued a [proclamation](#) making April 2023 Arab American Heritage Month in Michigan to celebrate the rich and diverse culture of Arab Americans. The initiative for the official national designation was launched in 2017 by the [Arab America Foundation](#) with support from a few states.



CELEBRATING ARAB AMERICAN PIONEERS IN HEALTHCARE

As we celebrate National Arab American Heritage Month, we want to recognize several of the most prominent Arab American healthcare professionals who have made groundbreaking contributions to the practice of medicine. Some of the best doctors in America are of Arab descent and have made lifesaving discoveries.

[To continue reading the full article "CELEBRATING ARAB AMERICAN PIONEERS IN HEALTHCARE" please click here.](#)

Additional articles related to Arab American History Month

[National Arab American Heritage Month as a Public Health Catalyst](#)

[National Arab American Heritage Month](#)

[13 Ways To Celebrate Arab American Heritage Month \(2023\)](#)

April is also [Celebrate Diversity Month](#), which was established in 2004 to recognize and honor the diversity of the world around us. It's a time to recognize, understand, and appreciate our differences, gender, race, ethnicity, faith, sexual orientation, and other factors. Celebrate Diversity Month aims to get people to foster a deeper understanding of others, regardless of who they are, what they are, or how they live.



Additional articles related to Diversity Month

[April is Celebrate Diversity Month!](#)

[HISTORY OF CELEBRATE DIVERSITY MONTH](#)

**Previously Released
MIHP Updates**

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

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