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MIHP Advisory Group: Plan of Care 2 Revisions

In preparation for the next cycle, MDHHS MIHP is excited to revise and enhance the Infant and Maternal Plans of Care 2. We are pleased to announce an opportunity for **MIHP providers to advise on these program documents and play an invaluable role in what they will become.** Agency-level input will be critical to ensure that Plans of Care capture the goals and needs of families and providers across the state.

This opportunity will take the form of a monthly advisory group, convening provider staff from across the state. The sessions will be facilitated by 1-2 MDHHS MIHP staff members and is committed to ensuring that meetings are centered around provider voice and considerations that will be made in response to provider voice. This advisory group is anticipated to span June – September, with monthly 90-minute meetings to share input on recommended revisions.

[Please see the attached invitation to join this advisory group and share with staff.](#)

All staff interested in joining this advisory group must complete the [interest form](#) by **COB May 31, 2023.**

A streamlined email exists to support advisory efforts. For any questions or comments related to this project, please don't hesitate to email us at MDHHS-MIHP-Advisory@Michigan.gov.

[Invitation - MIHP Plan of Care Advisory.pdf](#)

MIHP Database: Helpful Hints

Recently, questions have been raised about the interface call to CHAMPS, when entering maternal and infant risk identifiers into the MIHP database. In order to assure that the correct information is "pulled" from CHAMPS, please use the following steps:

Steps to ensure CHAMPS data populates your Risk Identifiers

- 1) Best practice is to use the beneficiary's Medicaid ID (MA#) if available.
- 2) Inside the Demographic section, enter the beneficiary's MA# in the "Medicaid ID" field.
- 3) Press the TAB key to move to the next field.
- 3) The TAB action triggers the necessary Eligibility Interface Call (web service) to CHAMPS.
- 4) The "First Name," "Middle Initial," "Last Name," and "Date of Birth" found in CHAMPS will populate your RI.
- 5) Fill in the remaining fields and click "Save" or "Save/Next."
- 6) Return to Step 2 if you did not have the MA# available when you first created your RI.

Please let the MDHHS MIHP team know if you continue to have difficulty by emailing MIHP@michigan.gov



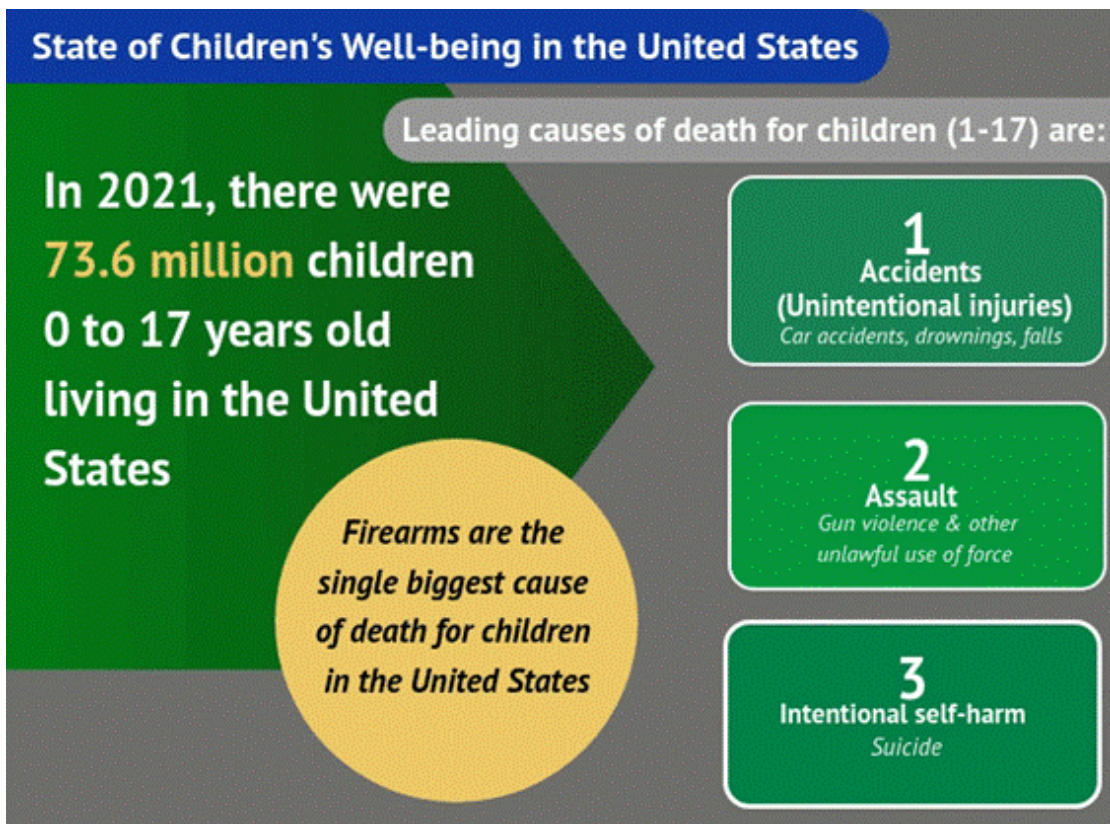
The State of Children's Health in the U.S.

From our partners at the National Institute of Health Care Management (NIHCM):

America's children are facing multiple challenges to their mental and physical health. Increasing rates of depression, obesity, gun violence, sexual and emotional abuse are among the many factors harming children. Black, Hispanic, Native, American Indian, and LGBTQ+ children also experience disparities in many areas, including access to treatment. This infographic explores these threats to child health as well as expert recommendations for improving child health and well-being.

Click on [here for the full infographic.](#)

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2023 Maternal Infant Health Summit

Featured Speakers



Loretta Ross

Loretta Ross is a Professor at Smith College in the Program for the Study of Women and Gender where she teaches courses on white supremacy, human rights, and Calling In the Call Out culture. Loretta also is a recipient of a MacArthur Fellow, Class of 2022, for her work as an advocate of Reproductive Justice and Human Rights. Loretta was the National Coordinator of the SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective (2005-2012) and co-created the theory of Reproductive Justice. Loretta was National Co-Director of March for Women's Lives in Washington D.C., the largest protest march in U.S. history at that time. She founded the National Center for Human Rights Education (NCHRE) in Atlanta, Georgia, launched the Women of Color Program for the National Organization for Women (NOW), and was the national program director of the National Black Women's Health Project. One of the first African American women to direct a rape crisis center, Loretta was the third Executive Director of the D.C. Rape Crisis Center. Loretta is an award-winning, internationally-recognized expert on racism and racial justice, women's rights, and human rights.





Shawnee Benton Gibson

Shawnee Benton Gibson, LMSW/FDLC, is the co-founder and CEO of Spirit of A Woman (S.O.W.) Leadership Development Institute. She is an advocate and educator about reproductive health and Black maternal mortality.

She is a graduate of New York University's Silver School of Social Work and is a licensed practitioner with over 31 years of professional experience in the areas of substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery, adolescent development, counseling, women's health, birth equity, social justice, grief, loss, bereavement, and trauma.

Shawnee Benton Gibson is one of the subjects of the critically-acclaimed [Aftershock](#) documentary, the mother of Shamony Makeba Gibson. She lost her daughter, but as a leader in community, as somebody who has experienced birth trauma, she will continue to fight and advocate so her daughter's death is not in vain.

Erica E. Marsh

Dr. Erica E. Marsh is the University Diversity and Social Transformation Professor and the S Jan Behrman Collegiate Professor of Reproductive Medicine in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Michigan Medical School and Chief of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility in the Department of OBGYN. She also serves as the Associate Director of the Michigan Institute of Clinical and Health Research (MICHR) and she is the founder and director of Health and Reproductive Disparities (on- WHARD!) Collaborative.



Dr. Marsh takes a 360° approach to her research with a focus on leveraging the strengths and expertise of community and community engagement to investigate research and focus on health disparities in reproductive medicine. Dr. Marsh has published significantly in the areas of fibroids, abnormal uterine bleeding, infertility, and most recently COVID-19. Her work is currently funded by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) a part of the National Institutes of Health, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), and the Chan Zuckerberg Foundation.

The annual Maternal Infant Health Summit (MIHS) provides a unique opportunity for multidisciplinary collaboration, convening both National and Statewide stakeholders working to improve maternal, infant, and family health. The inclusive opportunity provides a stage to exchange innovative ideas and stories, uplifting families and communities as changemakers and leaders.

Michigan's MIHS is a forum for innovation and change, addressing root causes of inequities, challenging systematic barriers, and creating actionable solutions. Thank you for joining the movement to achieve equity and improve family vitality!

Continuing Education Credits will be available.

Registration is open until June 11, 2023

Registration cost: \$100

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

MATERNAL INFANT HEALTH & EQUITY

TAKING **ACTION** TODAY FOR AN **EQUITABLE** TOMORROW

Creating Safe Sleeping Environments While Breastfeeding/Chestfeeding

Breastfeeding/chestfeeding brings a variety of health benefits for babies. But tired mothers and birthing people need support to continue nursing while ensuring infants sleep safely.

Read the article, [Better Sleep for Breastfeeding Mothers, Safer Sleep for Babies](#), from the [National Institute for Children's Health Quality](#) (NICHQ) to learn more about how you can support breastfeeding individuals.

Good night. Sleep tight. Sleep safe.

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



Federal Effective Communication Requirements for Providers

The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia announced that it has sent a [Dear Colleagues Letter](#) reminding healthcare providers of the effective communication requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). To strengthen awareness and understanding of these requirements, the U.S. Attorney's Office is inviting the public, including personnel at healthcare providers, to an [informational meeting](#) that will be held on June 6, 2023, at 1 p.m.

For more information on the requirements, follow this link to the [U.S. Attorney's Office](#).



MDHHS Announces Updates to COVID-19 Vaccines

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [has amended emergency use authorizations](#) to recommend bivalent Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines be used for all doses administered to those 6 months of age and older. Monovalent COVID-19 vaccines are no longer recommended for use in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices supports [these recommendations](#).

"Bivalent COVID-19 vaccines offer critical protection from severe illness and hospitalizations," said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) chief medical executive. "Updating vaccines is a normal part of how we treat and fight diseases like COVID-19. We encourage all residents to stay [up to date](#) on all vaccines, including the bivalent COVID-19 vaccine and boosters."

The original COVID-19 vaccines for most primary and original boosters were monovalent and were created from the original strain of the virus that causes COVID-19. The updated Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are bivalent – meaning they are created with two strains of the virus and include the newer omicron variant strains. [The bivalent vaccine](#) is the only type of COVID-19 vaccine created to protect against the most dominant strains circulating in the U.S.

Individuals who were previously vaccinated with monovalent COVID-19 vaccine, and who have not received a dose of bivalent vaccine, may receive a single dose of bivalent vaccine. Individuals who have already received a single dose of bivalent may not be currently eligible for another dose, however, the CDC recommendations allow for an additional updated (bivalent) vaccine dose for adults 65 years and older and additional doses for people who are immunocompromised. Talk to your health care provider about when you may be eligible to receive your COVID-19 bivalent vaccine.

The FDA intends to make decisions about future vaccination schedules after receiving recommendations on the fall strain composition during an FDA advisory committee meeting in June.

Alternatives to mRNA COVID-19 vaccines remain available for people who cannot or will not receive an mRNA vaccine. CDC's recommendations for use of (monovalent) Novavax or Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccines remain unchanged.

For more information on who should receive a vaccine and when, including information on those who are immunocompromised, visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

For information on where to find a COVID-19 vaccine, visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

[Click here for a printable version of the above news release.](#)



Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) End Outreach Resource Videos

During the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), many changes were made to the Medicaid program's eligibility, administration, and policies to ease rules for providers and prevent Medicaid beneficiaries from losing health care coverage. As MDHHS prepares for the end of the PHE on May 11, 2023, we want to ensure the provider community and other partners have resources available to help communicate our message.

MDHHS has created short videos to navigate providers and community partners through understanding request forms and other helpful resources that are posted on the MDHHS [COVID-19 Public Health Emergency \(PHE\) 2023 Benefit Changes website](#).

- Video 1: Eligibility Renewal Timeline Navigation www.youtube.be/yVpTQAoWqIA
 - [Eligibility Timeline Resource](#)
- Video 2: PHE Unwind Policy Crosswalk Navigation www.youtube.be/Tbn5XtSQnPk
 - [PHE Unwind Policy Crosswalk Resource](#)
- Video 3: Stakeholder Toolkit Navigation www.youtube.be/QSEUhbbZi0c
 - [Stakeholder Toolkit Request Form](#)

For more information on how benefits are changing with the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) visit www.Michigan.gov/2023BenefitChanges.



MDHHS Pilots CHW Program at COVID-19 Neighborhood Testing Sites

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announces a pilot program for community health worker (CHW) services at select COVID-19 Neighborhood Testing sites to address community health needs. CHWs will offer on-demand referral services to essential health and well-being resources including behavioral health and social services. Visitors to participating sites can meet with an on-site CHW to connect with community resources that include food access, housing supports, utilities assistance and health care enrollment.

“We must take every opportunity we have to bring access to health care to residents where and when they need it,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. “Increasing entry points to care leads to improving social determinants of health and the overall well-being of our communities. We continue to look for innovative ways to keep Michigan residents healthy.”

CHWs are trained public health professionals and trusted members of the community whose goal is to address social determinants of health and serve as links between residents and the health and social resources needed to improve well-being. At the testing sites, CHWs refer visitors to behavioral and health care providers, assist with health insurance coverage, point to Michigan’s 211 program referral helpline and more. CHWs also offer education on healthy lifestyles and habits, and provide education on managing medications or chronic conditions such as hypertension and diabetes.

“Based on lessons learned and best practices established over the last few years, it is important to continue our work to address racial disparities across social determinants of health,” said the Hon. Thomas Stallworth, director of the Racial Disparities Task Force and the Governor’s senior advisor for Legislative and External Affairs. “This includes expanding community hubs, enhancing services and public health programs, and providing referrals to resources where its most convenient for our more vulnerable community members.”

The CHW services are currently funded through a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant focused on addressing health disparities among high-risk and underserved populations. MDHHS will continue to evaluate ways to support community health needs across the state.

CHWs will be located at these pilot sites:

Wayne County

Wayne County Community College District, Northwest Campus

8200 West Outer Dr., Detroit

- Tuesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bethel Baptist Church East

5715 Holcomb St., Ste. 33, Detroit

- Monday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hartford Memorial Baptist Church

14000 W. Seven Mile Rd., Detroit

- Monday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Genesee County

Bethel United Methodist Church

B1309 N Ballenger Hwy., Flint

- Thursday 1-7 p.m.

Macedonia Baptist Church

G5443 N Saginaw St., Flint

- Monday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Word of Life Baptist Church

460 W. Atherton Rd., Flint

- Tuesday noon to 6 p.m.

Muskegon County

Christ Temple Church

412 E. Sherman Blvd., Muskegon

- Monday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Free consultation services up to 45 minutes are available. Walk-ins are taken as space and time allows, and no ID or insurance is required.

The first evaluation of the CHW pilot will occur at the end of May. To learn more about CHWs, visit the [Michigan Community Health Workers Alliance website.](#)

[Click here to view the full Press Release.](#)

Updates to COVID Vaccines

CDC has updated the [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States](#) to reflect recent changes in the mRNA COVID-19 vaccination schedule.

For more information click on the link above, or go to [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)

**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.

Fathers with NICU Experience Needed

The Michigan Association of Infant Mental Health (MI-AIMH) is promoting a study, being conducted by the University of Denver Graduate School of Professional Psychology. It focuses on fathers' opinions regarding their experiences with parenting during a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) admission.

This study is open to all people residing in the United States who are 18 years and older, who are not currently incarcerated, and who father a child/children that experienced NICU admission(s). The ultimate goal is to develop additional ways to support parents during this stressful period.

The survey is completed online, via Qualtrics secure site, and can be completed in about 10-15 minutes. It can be completed anonymously. Upon completion of the survey, participants have the option to share their name and email solely for the purpose of being entered into a **drawing for one of the four electronic \$25 Amazon gift cards**. Participants do not have to enroll in the drawing. Name, email address, and survey completion will enter an interested father into the gift card drawing.

Participants can find the survey
at: https://udenver.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5138QRTL9IkKzA

For more information, please email Dr. John.Holmberg@DU.edu, Associate Research Professor, University of Denver, Graduate School of Professional Psychology; Ammi Hyde Building 2450 South Vine St Denver CO 80210. This study has been approved by the University of Denver Institutional Review Board.

Upcoming State of Michigan (SOM) Holidays

May

May 29th - Memorial Day

May Is Mental Health Awareness Month

HISTORY OF MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Mental Health Awareness Month was first celebrated in 1949. It was commemorated by the Mental Health America organization, which was then known as the National Committee for Mental Hygiene and then later as the National Mental Health Association before it got its current name. The association was founded by Clifford Whittingham Beers. Beers, who was born in 1876 in Connecticut, was one of five children in his family who all suffered from mental illness and psychological distress. All of them also went on to spend time at mental institutions and it was from his hospital admittance that he discovered that the mental health field had a notorious reputation for malpractice, maltreatment, and immense bias.

[To access the full MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH article please click here.](#)

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S MORE THAN 4 MILLION REGISTERED NURSES

Nursing World has divided National Nurses Month into four weekly focus areas — Self-Care, Recognition, Professional Development, and Community Engagement. Take a minute to review each focus area taking place through the month of May. Don't forget to save each week to your calendar. You are not going to want to miss a thing!

[To access the full Nursing World article please click here.](#)

FREE National Nurses Month Webinar!

Asking and Advocating for What Nurses Need | May 17, 2023, Noon ET (Earn 1.5 CNE*) | FREE Let your voice be heard from the halls of hospitals all the way to Capitol Hill. Attend our free webinar where you will get actionable tips, tools and skills so you can confidently ask for what you need at work as well as foster a culture of self-advocacy to improve patient care. [Click here to register for the Free National Nurses Month Webinar!](#)

FREE - National Nurses Month Toolkit

Make sure to get your Nurses Month party started right. Use the official 2023 National Nurses Month Toolkit, it's chock-full of articles and downloads, including:

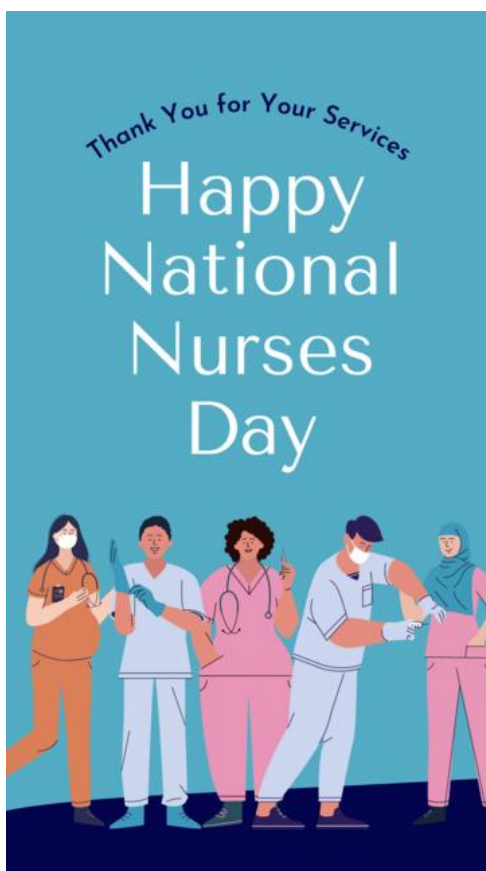
- Templates
- Graphics
- Banners
- Posters
- Online assets

The exclusive 2023 National Nurses Month toolkit is an invaluable resource to help you get ready for your celebration throughout the month of May - no matter how big or small.

Wait there's more! Inside you'll also find:

- Tips to join the weekly themes
- Ways to recognize nurses you know
- Suggestions to get the public involved

[Download the toolkit](#) and take a look for yourself



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.