

MIHP Bi-Weekly Update

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MIHP Email Alert Has a New Name!

The Email Alert notices you periodically receive will now be titled “Important MIHP Update.” We have learned that in some organizations the word “alert” in a subject line triggers a spam block. We want to ensure that all agencies and partners receive important information. This change will take effect immediately.

Required Training Course IT Issues Resolved

The **required MIHP training for waiver staff**, “*Moving to Action: Advocacy, Referrals and Goals*,” as well as the “*Family Partnerships that support Change and Healing*,” course **required for all staff** via the Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals (<https://institutefsp.org/>), is now fully functional. Staff hired on or after August 1, 2021, who have not taken the required course(s) should be prompted to complete them no later than August 31, 2022. For reference, the September 20, 2021 and October 4, 2021 editions of the MIHP Weekly Updates referenced the disposition of both courses at that time, indicating that both were temporarily unavailable.

Resource Spotlight: Home Visitor Safety

MDHHS MIHP recognizes the importance of home visitor safety. Links to resources on the [Policy & Operations](#) section of the MIHP website provide valuable information for home visiting professionals. Please consider these resources to promote home visitor safety.

- [Home Visiting Safety: Staying Safe & Aware on the Job - YouTube](#)
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- [Home Visits Tips and Resources](#)

Trauma Informed Home Visitor Training

Our partners in the Michigan Home Visiting Initiative have made available a series of three no-cost virtual trainings for home visiting professionals to support you in your work with families impacted by trauma.

There are a limited number of slots available so act quickly! Participants must register for all three sessions. Note that the third session is held over two days. Additional training in trauma informed care will be made available in the future.

[Please see the attached flyer for more information and a registration link.](#)

Do Children Need to be Vaccinated Against COVID-19?



Check out [this short video](#) responding to parents who may wonder if they should vaccinate their child against COVID-19. Need additional resources for families who have children who are now eligible for COVID-19 vaccine? Consider these:

- CDC: [Resources to Promote COVID-19 Vaccine for Children and Teens](#)
- National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants: [Conversation Guide - Pediatric Vaccinations](#)
 - Fact sheets in a variety of languages
 - 2 videos that explore the perspective of immigrant parents as they explain their decision to vaccinate their children against COVID. One is from the [perspective of a mother](#) and the other from the [perspective of a father](#).
- Healthy Children (AAP): [What Parents Should Know About the COVID Vaccine for Children Under Five](#)
- HHS Resource Library: [COVID-19 Vaccinations for Children](#)
- Find a pediatric COVID-19 vaccine:
 - [Vaccines.gov](#)
 - 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489); Help is available in a variety of languages.
 - [gov/KidsCOVIDVaccine](#)
 - Contact your pediatrician, [Health Department](#), [Health Center](#), or other healthcare provider.
 - Call 2-1-1.

Healthy Native Babies Project - Webinar Series

The *Healthy Native Babies Project* recently held a three-part webinar series focused on addressing safe infant sleep in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. The series included:

- Webinar 1: Evidence for Helping Babies Sleep Safely in AI/AN Communities
- Webinar 2: Strategies & Tips for Teaching Safe Infant Sleep in AI/AN Communities
- Webinar 3: Tools for Addressing Safe Infant Sleep in AI/AN Communities

Visit the [Healthy Native Babies Project page](https://safetosleep.nichd.nih.gov/activities/outreach/HNBP) (URL: <https://safetosleep.nichd.nih.gov/activities/outreach/HNBP>) to access the webinar recordings.

In addition to the webinar recordings, you will also find a Literature Review Brief, which gives a snapshot of recent studies of SIDS and SUID, related risk and protective factors, and promising practices among AI/AN communities.



COVID-19 Pregnancy & Breastfeeding, Fatherhood Infographics in Spanish

The National Healthy Start Association (NHSA) has made available two Spanish-language infographics to promote COVID-19 vaccines as safe and effective for pregnant/breastfeeding individuals and fathers. Please share with your families.



Click the image on the left for the Spanish version of the **Fatherhood Infographic COVID-19**.



Click the image on the left to access the Spanish version of the **Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Infographic COVID-19**.



Know Your Rights: Reproductive Health Care

Reproductive health care, including access to birth control and safe and legal abortion care, is an essential part of your health and well-being. While *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, abortion remains legal in many states, and other reproductive health care services remain protected by law. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is committed to providing you with accurate and up-to-date information about access to and coverage of reproductive health care and resources. Our goal is to make sure you have appropriate information and support.

Your Reproductive Rights

Below you will find information on your right to access care and have it covered by your insurance or other health care coverage if you have it, where to go if you don't have coverage, and how to get information if you don't know.

Most health insurance plans – whether you have public (e.g., Medicaid) or private health coverage (e.g., coverage through the Affordable Care Act Marketplace or through your employer) – cover family planning counseling, birth control, and other preventive services at no cost to you.

Your Right to Birth Control

Under the Affordable Care Act, most health plans are required to provide you with birth control and family planning counseling with no out-of-pocket costs. This includes:

- Hormonal methods, like birth control pills and vaginal rings
- Implanted devices, like intrauterine devices (IUDs)
- Emergency contraception, like Plan B® and ella®
- Barrier methods, like diaphragms and sponges
- Patient education and counseling
- Sterilization procedures

[To learn more about birth control coverage requirements for different types of health insurance plans, please click here.](#)

Your Right to Access Abortion Services

Following the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, access to abortion will depend on the state you live in even more than before.

- Medication abortion has been approved by the FDA since 2000 as a safe and effective option. Federal regulation permits medication abortion to be dispensed by telehealth and sent by mail via certified prescribers and pharmacies, in addition to in-person dispensing in clinics, medical offices, and hospitals.
- Under federal law, federal Medicaid funds can cover abortion services only in the circumstances of rape, incest or if the patient's life is in danger. However, there are over a dozen states that provide coverage for abortion services using state Medicaid funds. To find out more on state funding of abortions under Medicaid visit this [website](#).
- If you need help paying for an abortion, abortion funds may be able to provide financial assistance. Information about abortion funds and resources to help are available at [AbortionFinder.org](#)
- If you need information on your state's laws or legal help, you may consider this website: [AbortionFinder.org](#)

[To view the full article and additional resources that include: "Your Right to Access Other Preventive Health Services" and If "You Do Not Have Health Insurance Coverage" please click here.](#)

Affordable Connectivity Program

The HRSA Region 5 Office of Child Care would like to make your families aware of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). The ACP is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program to help low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices.

Eligible households may receive:

- Up to \$30/month discount on internet service.
- Up to \$75/month discount if the household is on qualifying Tribal lands.
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

We would like to encourage you to spread the word about this benefit. Tell the families that you serve about ACP so that they may apply directly. Eligible households can enroll in the ACP through an approved provider or by visiting one of two simple and easy-to-use websites: [ACPBenefit.org](#) or [GetInternet.gov](#).

The FCC has a toolkit with flyers, social media content, ACP application materials and more. More detailed facts about the overall program can be found on the ACP [fact sheet](#).

Households with income at or below 200 percent of the poverty level are eligible for the subsidy. Some households are automatically eligible for the ACP, without the need to prove their income, if at least one member of the household is receiving benefits from certain federal programs, including Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household. Not all participating internet service providers offer device discounts.

To learn more about the ACP program or to become a partner, visit www.fcc.gov/acp. If you have any questions you can send an e-mail to ACPinfo@fcc.gov.

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](#).

MDHHS Publications

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

Coordinator Directory

[Please click here to access the most recent Coordinator Directory.](#)

Our communication for the Maternal Infant Health Program has been streamlined to a single email address and phone number. Please forward all email to MIHP@michigan.gov. For further assistance, contact the state office @ **1-833-MI4-MIHP (1-833-644-6447)**. Thank you.