

Important MIHP Update- May 6, 2025



Home Visiting Parent Engagement Opportunity

The information below is being shared on behalf of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Home Visiting Unit. We encourage that this opportunity be shared with families as soon as possible, as interview options are available as soon as May 8th.

My name is Autumn Williams and I am the Parent Coordinator for the MDHHS Home Visiting Section. Part of my role is to recruit and engage a broad variety of parents at the state level and to ensure parent voice is included in decisions. Today I am reaching out to recruit parents from all models to interview regarding home visiting services received in FY24.

To enhance the Annual State Home Visiting Report (PA291), submitted to the state legislature by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Michigan Department of Education, we will be scheduling **interviews with families who participated in an evidence-based home visiting program in 2023-2024**. We will gather stories from parents about why home visiting is an important/critical service for families in Michigan and specifically how the support and resources provided while using home visiting has been beneficial to them and their children. Including parent voice in this report will add depth to the data and help legislators, system partners, and families understand the importance of funding this work. Participating parents will be compensated for their time.

We would love for you to share this opportunity with families that you serve and have included language that you can text or email to families about the opportunity.

- Through this link or attached QR code, families can get more information and complete an **interest form**: <https://forms.office.com/g/UiMNkDdJLr>

We appreciate your support ensuring we have the voices of families included in this important report. You can see an example of past reports here: [Home Visiting Legislative Report \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.michigan.gov/home-visiting-legislative-report)

If you are a supervisor or program manager, we would appreciate it if you could please forward this email to Parent Educators or Home Visitors that you supervise.

Sample Language:

The Michigan Home Visiting Section is looking to interview families who participated in a home visiting program in 2023-2024, such as (PUT YOUR MODEL NAME HERE). I thought you would be interested in this opportunity. They are scheduling virtual interviews that will last one to two hours. Your experiences could be included in a report that is critical for the funding of our programs. Your personal information will not be included in the report and you will be paid for your time to participate. For more information and to complete an interest form, use this link: <https://forms.office.com/g/UiMNkDdJLr>

If you as a home visitor or supervisor have any questions about this opportunity or would like more information, please reach out.

Thank you for all that you do and for your partnership!

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Thank you,

MDHHS Maternal Infant Health Program Team

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.