

Bi-Weekly Update

Maternal Infant Health Program



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Welcome Back, Chelsea and Maria!

The MIHP team is happy to have Chelsea Low Darling and Maria Garcia back from their extended leaves. Chelsea welcomed her baby boy into the world on September 12th. She is ready to take on the dual role of mom and MIHP Consultant! Maria is ready to resume her important contributions to the administrative side of MIHP. We are excited to be near full staffing.

MIH Specialist Position Opening

The Women and Maternal Health Section at MDHHS is seeking applicants for a Maternal Infant Health Specialist position. This position is term-limited and will end September 30, 2023. The position will support the integration and promotion of vaccine and immunization efforts within the division and with external partners, and assist and coordinate projects related to the broader goals of the Mother Infant Health and Equity Improvement Plan.

Please use the following link to access the posting: [Maternal Infant Health Specialist](#)

Public Access to Immunization Records

Adults can now access and download their own immunization record. They can also download the record of their child if the child is enrolled in Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MICHild, or Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) served by the state of Michigan. To request a record, review the guidance below.

ADULT IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

There are two options to download adult immunization records:

1. Via the new Michigan Immunization Portal for adults 18 years and older (regardless of insurance).
 - Visit the [Immunization Portal](#) and click "Get My Immunization Record".
 - A [video tutorial](#) is available for your support.

2. Via the myHealthPortal for members of Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MIChild, and Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) served by the State of Michigan.
 - Register for myHealthPortal by following the [Registration Guide](#) steps on page 2.
 - Once registered, download your immunization record. A [quick reference guide](#) and [video tutorial](#) are available for your support.

CHILD IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

There is one option to download child immunization records:

1. Via the myHealthPortal for members of Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, MIChild, and Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) served by the State of Michigan.
 - Register for myHealthPortal by following the [Registration Guide](#) steps on page 2.
 - Once registered, download your child's immunization record. A [quick reference guide](#) and [video tutorial](#) are available for your support.

Are there other ways to request an immunization record? Yes. You may request an immunization record from your/your child's doctor's office or from your [local health department](#). You may also request a record by mail using [this form](#).

After downloading your or your child's record, feel free to review [How to Read your State of Michigan Immunization Record](#).

Vaccine Hesitancy & Motivational Interviewing

Talking about the importance of vaccines is an important component in MIHP but can be a challenge if you are met with vaccine hesitancy. Vaccine hesitancy is a spectrum ranging from delaying acceptance to complete refusal of vaccines. However, taking time to engage with families and addressing their concerns is powerful. Your support can build **vaccine confidence** – the belief that vaccines work and are safe and trusted.

Building vaccine confidence can take time and trust, which can be harnessed by home visitors who are well-suited to explore hesitancy, address misinformation and share accurate information. **Motivational interviewing (MI)** is a cornerstone in MIHP communication and can be impactful on building vaccine confidence. When families move through mixed feelings and make change that lead to accepting vaccination - illness is prevented, hospitalizations decreased, and lives are saved.

To support such communication, review the resources below on applying MI to vaccine conversations:

- [Motivational Interviewing - Vaccine Confidence | National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants \(NRC-RIM\)](#)
 - This page also includes a recorded webinar “Listening for Change: Motivational Interviewing Techniques for Client-Facing Staff”
- [Talking with Patients about COVID-19 Vaccination: Introduction to Motivational Interviewing for Healthcare Professionals | CDC](#)

2022 New Webinar Training Schedule



Provider Relations

Michigan Medicaid Provider Outreach and Provider Support have teamed up to bring you a full schedule of Provider Webinars for 2022.

A full schedule of webinar topics, based on provider survey feedback, is now available for [registration](#). Webinar topics will range from provider-specific information and best billing practices to CHAMPS 101's and 102's.

To see a full list and register, please visit www.Michigan.gov/MedicaidProviders >> select Training >> select Medicaid Webinar Training Dates.

For questions or trouble registering, please contact ProviderOutreach@Michigan.gov.

Thank you,

MDHHS Provider Outreach & Education

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

During the month of January, Homeland Security is “focusing on the challenges faced by Human Trafficking victims and the increase across our nation, particularly among our children. Human trafficking is considered one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises in the world. It is estimated that there are over 40 million people being trafficked in the world and the age of trafficked victims have decreased. These traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to lure their victims and force them into labor or commercial sexual exploitation. They look for people who are susceptible for a variety of reasons, including psychological or emotional vulnerability, economic hardship, lack of a social safety net, natural disasters, or political instability. The trauma caused by the traffickers can be so great that many may not identify themselves as victims or ask for help, even in highly public settings ([What Is Human Trafficking? | Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](#)”).

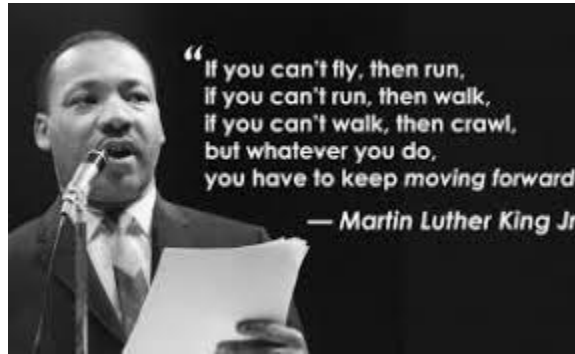
The Attorney General of Michigan, Dana Nessel, along with Governor Whitmer issued a [press release on January 11th focused on how to recognize victims and assist. The press release is attached.](#)

Quality Improvement Learning Collaborative Opportunity - Deadline Extended

Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) and the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) have shared a new opportunity for evidence-based home visiting programs in Michigan to participate in a *Home Visiting Transitions Quality Improvement Learning Collaborative (QI LC)*. The Home Visiting Transitions QI LC will be composed of seven Michigan based home visiting programs, as well as state level staff, and offer tools, resources, and network connections needed to improve transitions for families served by home visiting programs.

Research and feedback from parents in Michigan highlight the importance of program-to-program transition planning and support. This collaborative will focus on transitions between home visiting programs, between home visiting programs and other types of providers, as well as between home visiting programs and Preschool/Kindergarten settings.

[Please see the attached flyer for more information and the link to apply for this opportunity.](#) Space is limited to seven programs. Deadline extended to January 31st.



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

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.