

Maternal Infant Health Program

Weekly Update



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September is National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month and Newborn Screening Month!

Childhood obesity:

One in five children in the United States is obese. Childhood obesity puts kids at risk for health problems that were once seen only in adults, like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease.

The good news? Childhood obesity can be prevented. Take action during [National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month!](#) You can encourage communities, health

professionals, and families to work together to raise awareness about the obesity epidemic and show people how to work towards a solution.

With this and other National Health Observance toolkits offered on healthfinder.gov, we've made it easier for you to make a difference. The toolkits provide resources for organizations like schools, health care providers, health departments, and more to raise awareness about critical public health issues, like childhood obesity. This toolkit is full of ideas to help you take action today. For example:

- [Add this Web badge to your website, blog, or social networking profile.](#)
- [Add information about obesity prevention to your website or newsletter.](#)
- [Tweet about National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month.](#)
- [Plan an event or take another action in your community to increase awareness for childhood obesity.](#)

By raising awareness about childhood obesity, we can all work together to keep our kids healthy.



Newborn Screening:

Newborn screening identifies conditions that can affect a child's long-term health or survival. Early detection, diagnosis, and intervention can prevent death or disability and enable children to reach their full potential. Each year, millions of babies in the U.S. are routinely screened, using a few drops of blood from the newborn's heel, for certain genetic, endocrine, and metabolic disorders, and are also tested for hearing loss and critical congenital heart defects (CCHDs) prior to discharge from a hospital or birthing center.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the MDHHS Newborn Screening Program have numerous resources to help you educate your moms and families on the importance of newborn screening. Follow the links below for more information:

[CDC Newborn Screening Portal](#)

[Michigan Newborn Screening Program](#)



Changes to Achieve OnDemand Training Modules

Until further notice, the Achieve OnDemand (AOD) training modules that have been available to MIHP agency staff as supplemental, non-mandatory training will no longer be offered free of charge. This change will take effect immediately. Agency staff may still take the self-paced courses for a fee of \$95; webinars may be viewed for \$25.

The MDHHS Home Visiting Unit staff are working with the team at AOD to renew the current contract, and are hopeful that the free access to the AOD portal will resume in the near future. **Note that agency staff who started but have not completed a self-paced course will be able to continue through completion without an additional charge.**

Michigan Regional Perinatal Quality Collaboratives

The Perinatal Quality Collaborative (PQC) in Michigan is structured differently than in other states. Michigan's PQC is made up of [9 Regional Perinatal Quality Collaboratives \(RPQCs\)](#), which represent every Prosperity Region in Michigan. Each RPQC convenes regular meetings with diverse stakeholders and partners to address their respective region's largest maternal and infant health concerns.

RPQCs are charged with improving birth outcomes for moms, babies and families through data-driven quality improvement projects that are tailored to the strengths and challenges of each region. The RPQCs utilize both community and clinical approaches by bringing together health care professionals, community partners, families, faith-based organizations, Great Start Collaboratives, home visiting agencies, and others in a unified, collaborative effort.

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Healthy People 2030 Plan Released

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently released [Healthy People 2030](#), the nation's 10-year plan for addressing our most critical public health priorities and challenges. Since 1980, HHS's Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion has set measurable objectives and targets to improve the health and well-being of the nation.

This decade, Healthy People 2030 features 355 core – or measurable – objectives with 10-year targets, new objectives related to opioid use disorder and youth e-cigarette use, and resources for adapting Healthy People 2030 to emerging public health threats like COVID-19. For the first time, Healthy People 2030 also sets 10-year targets for objectives related to social determinants of health.

For the complete news release: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/08/18/hhs-releases-healthy-people-2030-with-national-disease-prevention-and-health-promotion-objectives-for-the-next-decade.html>



APHA Report on Health & Housing Equity

The American Public Health Association (APHA) is pleased to announce the release of its report, "[Creating the Healthiest Nation: Health & Housing Equity](#)." The report examines how structural racism and discriminatory policies led to housing and health inequality in America for low-income communities and people of color.

To equip public health professionals with the tools to address these inequities in their communities, the report outlines numerous ways to advance equitable change in housing equity through policy and advocacy, cross-sector partnerships and community engagement and education.

This report:

- demonstrates how structural racism – particularly through policies – led to the current state of housing inequality in America.
- examines how biased policies have impacted housing affordability, quality, safety and stability and resulted in disparate impacts to certain groups.
- explains the link between poor housing and poor health.
- outlines numerous ways to advance change in housing equity via policy, cross-sector partnerships and community engagement.

Creating *health equity* is a [guiding priority](#) and [core value](#) of APHA. By health equity, we mean everyone has the opportunity to attain their highest level of health. We hope you find it a useful tool in your efforts to achieve health equity in housing.

MILogin FTP Maintenance Notice

As part of routine maintenance efforts, the MDHHS IT Department is removing obsolete or expired documents from the MILogin file transfer protocol (FTP) areas titled "MIHP COORD Emails" and "MIHP Qtrly Rpts." If your agency had user access to these areas in the past, you will receive an automated email message when deletion occurs indicating that the file areas and user access have been removed. **Rest assured that the file transfer areas being removed are obsolete and the removal process will not impact any of your current MILogin functions.**



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FEATURED SPEAKERS



Renee Canady, PhD

Dr. Renée Branch Canady serves as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of MPH; a unique public trust dedicated to advancing population health through public health innovation and collaboration. In this role she leads the strategic direction of the organization as they strive to build a world-class infrastructure to support the Institute's diverse and progressive program areas and projects, while establishing and maintaining stakeholder relationships.

Joia Crear-Perry, MD

Recently, Dr. Crear-Perry addressed the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to urge a human rights framework to improve maternal mortality. She has been celebrated for her work to improve the availability and utilization of affordable health care for New Orleans' citizens post the Hurricane Katrina disaster of 2005. Currently, her focus has expanded nationally and internationally as it relates to Maternal and Child Health.



Christine Dehlendorf, MD, MAS

Dr. Dehlendorf is a family physician with advanced training in family planning and a Master's Degree in Clinical Research. As the director of the Person-Centered Reproductive Health Program, she is a national thought leader in contraceptive counseling and health equity in reproductive health care.

Zea Malawa, MD, MPH

Zea Malawa is a pediatrician and public health professional committed to improving health outcomes for children of color. Currently, Dr. Malawa sees patients at Mission Neighborhood Health Center and she works for the San Francisco Department of Public Health leading a collective impact initiative to reduce racial disparities in birth outcomes.



Coordinator Directory

To view the most recent Coordinator Directory, please click [here](#).

Topic Submission

If you have suggestions for topics to be addressed in future additions of the MIHP Weekly Update, please submit your ideas [here](#).

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.



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