

Maternal Infant Health Program

Weekly Update



Please share this information with all MIHP team members.

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Home Visiting Advisory Committee Parent Representative Opportunity

The Home Visiting State Advisory Committee is seeking eight parent representatives as members on the committee who have children age five or younger, and who are or were enrolled in evidence-based home visiting models. These models include: Early Head Start--Home Based, Family Spirit, Healthy Families America, Infant Mental Health, **Maternal Infant Health Program**, Nurse-Family Partnership and Parents as Teachers.

If you know of parents who may be interested in participating, please forward this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParentRepApplication> and ask them to complete and submit their application **by the end of the day on September 15, 2020.**

About the Advisory Committee

Purpose: To support efficient and effective operations that result in change, improvement, and impact on home visiting and the home visiting system. Additionally, the Advisory Committee aims to advise and assist the State of Michigan in magnifying and implementing a collective vision for the home visiting system and the work it carries out.

Frequency of meetings: The Advisory Committee meeting and subcommittee meetings occur at least quarterly and on the same day. *Note that meetings are currently held exclusively via video conference, however they are typically held with in-person and video conference options.*

Member Information:

- Parents are asked to serve on the Advisory for a two-year period.
- Parents are expected to attend a majority of the Advisory meetings each year, attend at least one meeting in person (once in-person meetings are held again).
- Parents will be asked to sign a Letter of Commitment.
- Parent members will be reimbursed for the childcare and transportation expenses and paid for their time.

Additional Information

- If any parent needs assistance for the application process please call or email Michelle Stevens at 517.371.9049, mstevens@ecic4kids.org
- Parent Representatives who are currently serving on the Advisory Committee may continue in their role but will need to complete the application as well.

Eviction Diversion Program

The Eviction Diversion Program (EDP) is a program of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSDHA) and is designed to keep Michigan residents who fell behind on their rent during COVID-19 in their homes. The program utilizes a

special court process to get fast rental assistance for renters who have been impacted. Rental assistance is available to landlords in exchange for allowing tenants to remain in their homes, forgiving late fees and up to 10% of amount due.

Please pass this on to the families you work with who may be eligible. Detailed information on the EDP can be found at MSHDA's [EDP website](#).

Save These Dates: Celebrate Babies Week!

MI-AIMH invites YOU to join in this year's Celebrate Babies initiative during the week of October 19-23, 2020.

Each October, The Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health (MI-AIMH) designates one week to *Celebrate Babies*. Babies, their families, and those who support them are celebrated through intentional member, chapter and community outreach, networking, fundraising, social action and policy awareness efforts! Take time out of your usual schedule to celebrate the incredible work YOU do supporting and advocating for infants, toddlers and their families. Virtually gather with your colleagues, families and community to safely host a 2020 Celebrate Babies Week event, big or small.

- Gather for Professional Development
- Raise Funds: Raise Awareness
- Use your Voice - a Call to Social Action
- Reflect on Early Experiences



Use this Celebrate Babies Week flyer to spread the word and inspire Celebrate Babies Week events by sending, posting and handing out to your networks! You can print or share:

[2020 Celebrate Babies Flyer](#)

***New this year – we have a website with more information, ideas and resources.**

[NEW MI-AIMH Celebrate Babies Website](#)

The Importance of Perinatal and Infant Oral Health

[HealthyChildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org), the parenting website of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has useful information to share with parents and caregivers on the importance of oral health for pregnant moms and their babies. Check out the information below, and click [HERE](#) for more information you can offer them about giving their babies the best possible start.

You're pregnant!





See a dentist before you deliver. You may be more prone to gum disease and cavities when you're pregnant—and having them can affect your baby's health. Also, when your baby arrives, you could pass that bad bacteria from your mouth to hers and increase her likelihood of getting cavities too. Seeing a dentist while pregnant is totally safe—and it's good to get this done before your hands are full (literally) with your new baby.

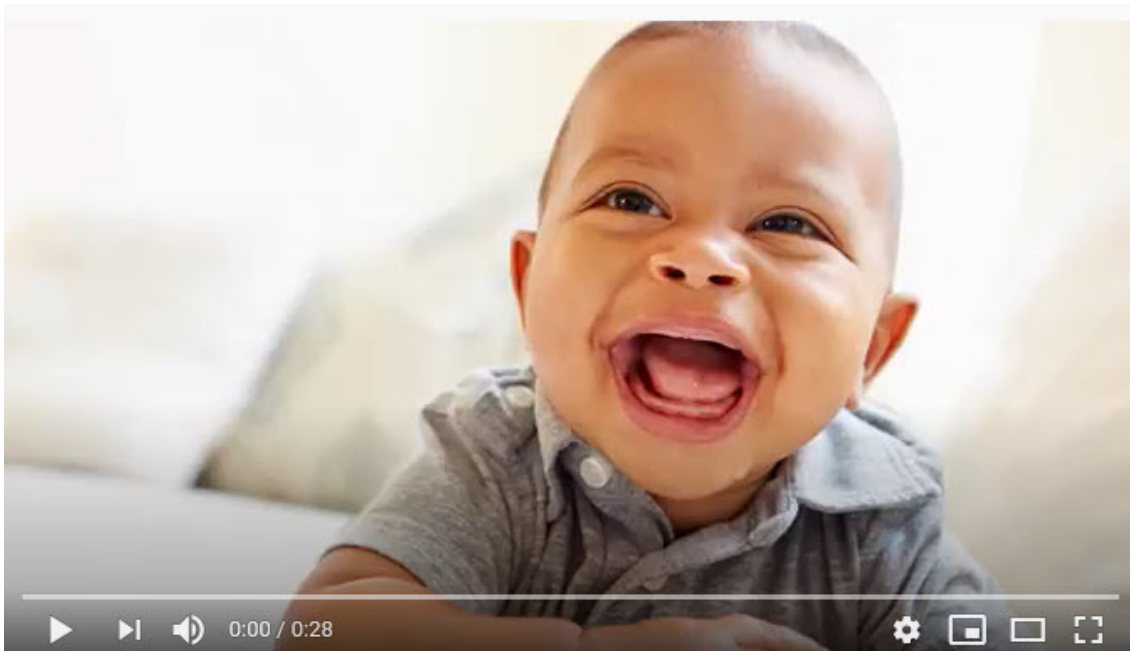


Brush twice a day and floss once a day. This is the best way prevent bad bacteria from growing that can be passed to your baby once they're born.



If you're having morning sickness, rinse your mouth with 1 tsp of baking soda in a glass of water after you get sick. This helps wash the acid away and keep your tooth's enamel safe.

You're a new mom!



Even if you can't see them yet, those tiny teeth are there—hiding just beneath the gums. Make sure to take care of them right from the start.



Wipe the gums twice a day with a soft, clean cloth—in the morning after the first feeding and right before bed. That helps wipe away bacteria and sugars that can cause cavities.



Once her first tooth comes in, start brushing her teeth twice a day with a smear (rice-grain sized) amount of toothpaste.



Take your baby to the dentist by her first birthday. It's the best way to spot signs of problems early. If you don't have a dentist, ask your pediatrician to check out your baby's mouth and help you find one.

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.