

Maternal Infant Health Program

Weekly Update



Please share this information with all MIHP team members.

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Personnel Roster Update: Waiver Staff

Waiver staff are identified on the MIHP *Personnel Roster* with an asterisk (*). Upon completion of a certification review and verification of waived staff training, please submit an updated *Personnel Roster* with the asterisk removed.

Family Engagement and Focus Group Recruitment

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) are seeking to better understand the needs of families raising children and struggling with housing security. Public Sector Consultants is holding focus groups to hear about families' experiences. The conversations will last about one to two hours and families will receive \$40 for their time, and \$60 to cover childcare costs during the meeting. The meetings will be virtual, so families will need access to the Internet and a camera.

Please encourage the families you work with to register by providing them the attached flyer. Space is limited, so encourage them to register as soon as possible.

[Family Engagement and Focus Group Recruitment Flyer](#)

Diabetes Awareness Month

From our partners at the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO):

November is **National Diabetes Awareness Month**, a time to consider how we can best support the needs of the millions of Americans currently battling diabetes. According to the [2020 National Diabetes Statistics Report](#), over 34 million people in the United States have diabetes, and 90 to 95% have Type 2 diabetes. It is estimated that 5-9% of pregnant people develop gestational diabetes, a risk factor to developing Type 2 diabetes later in life. Chest/breastfeeding can significantly decrease the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes for individuals who developed gestational diabetes because of the increased insulin sensitivity and improved glucose metabolism during lactation. For more information, read this NIH [article](#).

Pregnant people or those who have recently given birth may have concerns about breastfeeding with diabetes. It is important to understand that breastfeeding is still recommended for people with type 1 and type 2 diabetes, and that breastfeeding can make your diabetes easier to manage. A great resource on breastfeeding with type 1 and type 2 diabetes is available on the La Leche League Great Britain [website](#).



FAQs--MI Bridges Referrals to MIHP

As mentioned in the October 19th edition of the MIHP Weekly Update, thome visiting programs in Michigan, including MIHP, have been collaborating with MI Bridges to add all of Michigan's evidence-based home visiting programs into their system. We wanted to reach back out to you all to provide some additional information around the MI Bridges and Home Visiting Collaboration as we have received a few questions and requests around the implementation of this initiative. Below are some frequently asked questions as well as some additional guidance around this collaboration.

1. **How does MI Bridges interface with 2-1-1?** MI Bridges pulls agency data that has been entered into the 2-1-1 database and uses that to upload the program information into their own database. Because of this, the data that is entered into both systems must match exactly. Be sure to enter your agency name into MI Bridges exactly as it is entered into 2-1-1 or you will receive a communication that your program is not entered into the system.
2. **I have tried adding my agency info into 2-1-1 but have not received a response and thus cannot complete the MI Bridges application. Who do I contact?** If you are not getting an automated email from 2-1-1 letting you know you are in the system, please reach out to resources@mi211.org.
3. **I am getting a pop-up message that is not allowing access as a referral partner in my organization from MI Bridges. What is my next step?** For Maternal Infant Health Programs that are operated within a larger organization (such as a health department), only one individual in that larger organization is granted access from MI Bridges. However, that point of contact is able to add additional people from the organization. If you are unsure of which individual within your organization has this access, reach out to MDHHSCommunityPartners@michigan.gov and they will be able to assist.

4. **If we receive a referral for an individual who is not eligible for our program, how do we know what other home visiting program to refer her to?** There are a few steps you can take to understand which home visiting programs are available within your area:
1. A local or regional Home Visiting Local Leadership Group is the first point of contact to better understand the home visiting system within your community.
 2. If you do not have a Local Leadership Group, you can use the Michigan Home Visiting Program Finder at MIhomevisiting.com to understand the programs available in your community and find their contact information. During this rollout, we highly encourage all home visiting programs to find ways to network with each other in order to provide the best service for the families in their communities.
 3. The Home Visiting Programs “At-A-Glance” document is attached. It provides a general overview of the different models available in Michigan. Please note that not all programs are available in all areas, so be sure to check the Program Finder first.
5. **If families are choosing to receive information from multiple programs can they choose to enroll in more than one?** No, families are not allowed to be dual enrolled in home visiting programs. Programs are expected to ensure that families are given all the information available from the programs for which they are eligible and offered the choice of which program they believe will best fit their needs.

If you have additional questions, please continue to reach out. The deadline for entry for this first rollout with MI Bridges is **November 30th**. It is essential to get all your information updated by this time so that families have the ability to choose from all the programs that are available in their community.

Holiday Office Closures

All State of Michigan offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!



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.
