

Maternal Infant Health Program

Weekly Update



Please share this information with all MIHP team members.

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Infant Referrals in the MIHP Application

The MIHP application in the MILogin system is designed to provide an electronic error message if a new infant's mother is currently enrolled in MIHP for her pregnancy. The message alerts the entering agency that a mom is receiving MIHP care and identifies which local agency is engaged. This is done to encourage continuity of care for the family. Please remember to contact the agency serving the mom prior to enrolling a new infant if this occurs, in order to determine which agency should ultimately serve the family.

New Form for Agency Information Updates

To ensure accuracy of records, a very brief form has been developed for agencies to notify MDHHS MIHP staff of changes in status such as updated NPI, address, counties served, specialty, etc. The form may be returned by fax at 517-763-0366 or by email to MIHP@michigan.gov. A link to the form is below and it will be posted on the MIHP website.

[Agency Information Change Request - MDHHS - 5915.docx](#)

National Home Visiting Summit

The National Home Visiting Summit brings together systems leaders, practitioners, advocates and decision-makers in a collaborative pursuit to advance the home visiting field and systems of care to increase service quality and improve outcomes. The Summit will be held virtually this year on February 22nd - 26th.

Click [HERE](#) to access the Summit website for more information and to register. **The deadline to register is February 5th.**

February "Essentials of Home Visiting" Webinars

The START EARLY™ "Essentials of Home Visiting" webinars for February are now available. Take a look at upcoming webinars and click on the link below to sign up.

Home Visiting Safety: 2/2/2021 from 11:00am - noon. What measures should you take to ensure your personal safety in your work with families? This webinar explores the importance of home visitor safety, how to identify safety risk factors, and appropriate actions to take based on various risk factors. This webinar complements the **Basics of Home Visiting** self-paced course.

Exploring Values and Beliefs around Parenting: 2/10/2021 from 1:00pm - 2:00pm. We all come to the table with our own beliefs about parenting. This webinar covers how to acknowledge and monitor those beliefs and address how they may impact the work we do with families. This webinar complements the **Foundations of Infant Mental Health in Home Visiting** self-paced course.

Promoting Effective Parenting with Motivational Interviewing: 2/18/2021 from 1:00pm - 2:00pm. We all come to the table with our own beliefs about parenting. This webinar covers how to acknowledge and monitor those beliefs and address how they may impact the work we do with families. This webinar complements the **Foundations of Infant Mental Health in Home Visiting** self-paced course.

Click [here](#) for information on fees and to register.

February is Heart Awareness Month

In observance of Health Awareness Month, we are providing two excellent resources for you to use and share with your families:

- [National Heart, Blood, and Lung Institute \(NHBLI\)](#) has information on how you can help families raise awareness about preventing heart disease, including a comprehensive outreach toolkit. The website also has an invitation to join the #OurHearts Movement to get social support in preventing heart disease.
- [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention is shining a light on hypertension (high blood pressure), a leading risk factor for heart disease and stroke. The website has many resources as well as three toolkits with key hypertension control resources.



Concept Paper: "The Power of Fathers"

Research and practice show that involving fathers supports healthy childhood development and leads to improved outcomes for fathers, children, families, and communities. In an effort to contribute to the conversation about the importance of father engagement in very young children's lives, the Father Engagement Committee of the Harris Professional Development Network (a group of early childhood mental health professionals) developed [*The Power of Fathers: A Concept Paper on Fatherhood, Father Engagement, and Early Childhood*](#). This paper aims to provide an overview of the empirical and practical evidence that supports father engagement and offer recommendations on how to make father engagement a reality in all family-serving programs.



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](#).

Previously Released MIHP Weekly Updates

To review any previously released MIHP Weekly Updates, they can be found by visiting the MIHP webpage Michigan.gov/MIHP or by clicking [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.