

Maternal Infant Health Program

Weekly Update



Please share this information with all MIHP team members.

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

SPECIAL TUESDAY EDITION!

The article “Michigan Launches Black Breastfeeding Collaborative” contained a hyperlink link in error in the second paragraph. That link has been removed in this version.

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Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Training

The MDHHS Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) is proud to announce that the “Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention for Primary Care Providers” course is now live. This course was developed in partnership with Michigan Public Health Institute, and can be found at

<https://courses.mihealth.org/public>. Registration on the mihealth.org site is required to access this and other training opportunities.

The course is designed to enhance professional awareness of childhood lead poisoning, increase blood lead testing rates for young children, educate on how to eliminate the sources of lead poisoning - especially in aging houses - and improve inter-agency collaboration and communication regarding resolution of this complex environmental health issue. There are several continuing education opportunities available for completing this course.

Attached is a flyer with information on the course. Please reach out to the CLPPP staff if you have any questions: MDHHS-CLPPP@michigan.gov or 517-335-8885. Thank you for your help!

- [Flyer CLPPPCP Course FINAL Digital.pdf](#)

MI Login FTP Site Maintenance

As part of its routine maintenance efforts, the MDHHS IT Department is removing obsolete or expired documents from the MI Login file transfer protocol (FTP) site. If your agency at some point in the past had uploaded documents to this site, you will receive an email message indicating that the files will be deleted, and you will no longer have access to them. **Rest assured that there are no current documents remaining on the FTP site.** The deletion process will not impact any of your current MI Login functions.

Certified Lactation Specialist Training

The Michigan WIC program is hosting a Certified Lactation Specialist (CLS) training for its staff and has identified funding for approximately 20 additional participants outside their staff. The CLS course is designed for individuals who want to improve their knowledge and skills in working with breastfeeding families. They are extending an offer to participate in this virtual training to their breastfeeding partners, supporters, and advocates--free of charge.

In their commitment to increasing cultural diversity of breastfeeding supporters in Michigan, *applicants of color who are currently working in a position serving families* will be prioritized for these community seats.

The virtual CLS training is Monday, October 19th until Friday October 23rd from 8:00 am – 5:30 pm. **Participants must commit to attending all five days, complete the assigned homework and readings, and take the exam on the last day.** Given the virtual format, participants will also need reliable internet and a functioning computer (camera preferred).

If interested, please contact Marji Cyrul at the MDHHS WIC Program by **Friday, September 18th** at CyrulM@michigan.gov with your name, email address, phone number, mailing address, whether you identify as a person of color, and how you will utilize the training. Applicants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis, with prioritization given as described above.

Michigan Launches Black Breastfeeding Collaborative

The benefits of breastfeeding are remarkable. [Save the Children US](#) tells us that it “increases a child’s chances of survival, boosts the immune system, and reduces the mother’s risk of ovarian and breast cancer. In addition, breast milk changes every day to meet a baby’s needs and releases a hormone that’s calming for both mother and child.”

Yet, according to the [CDC](#), only 73.7 percent of Black infants are ever breastfed compared with 86.7 percent of White infants. It is due to this racial disparity, which has existed for over 40 years, that the Black Breastfeeding Collaborative was created. Check out the fantastic work going on in Michigan in the [BUILD Initiative's blog](#) in partnership with [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#).

Sickle Cell Awareness Month and Hispanic Heritage Month

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health (OMH) is excited to present information and resources to commemorate two important awareness months:

National Sickle Cell Awareness Month

September is [National Sickle Cell Awareness Month](#). This year, OMH is proud to join federal and non-federal partners in raising awareness about this debilitating disease affecting approximately 100,000 Americans and the growing challenges COVID-19 has had on the sickle cell community.

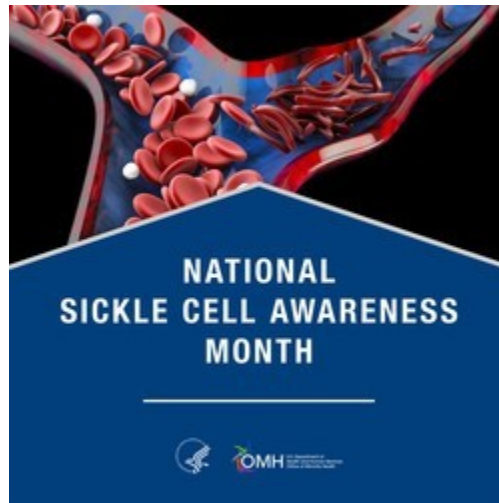
OMH will highlight the advances made by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) since the launch of the Sickle Cell Disease Initiative in 2018 and their commitment to normalizing the lives of people living with sickle cell disease within 8 years.

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#):

- Sickle cell disease occurs among 1 out of every 365 Black or African-American births.
- Sickle cell disease occurs among 1 out of every 16,300 Hispanic-American births.
- About 1 in 13 Black or African-American babies is born with sickle cell trait (SCT).

Visit the [OMH website](#) for downloadable materials, videos, information regarding the latest advances and health resources.

[Learn More](#)



Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15th marks the beginning of [Hispanic Heritage Month](#). This year, OMH will celebrate the culture, achievements and contributions of Hispanics and Latinos in the United States while also raising awareness about the health disparities impacting their community.

Health disparities continue to affect the health of [Hispanics/Latinos](#) and have left them vulnerable to the impacts of COVID-19. The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) has collected health equity considerations for racial and ethnic minority groups to address the social determinants of health that put them at an increased risk for contracting the virus.

Visit the [OMH Hispanic Heritage Month webpage](#) for more information, downloadable materials and resources throughout the month.

[Learn More](#)



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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