

# Weekly Update

## Maternal Infant Health Program



Please share this information with all MIHP team members.

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# National Minority Health Month 2021



April is [National Minority Health Month](#) (NMHM), and the theme for this year's observance is **#VaccineReady**. The Office of Minority Health (OMH) will focus on the impacts COVID-19 is having on racial and ethnic minority and American Indian and Alaska Native communities and underscoring the need for these vulnerable communities to get vaccinated as more vaccines become available.

According to the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), certain vulnerable populations, such as non-Hispanic African Americans, individuals living in nonmetropolitan areas, and adults with lower levels of education, income or who do not have health insurance, have a higher likelihood of forgoing getting vaccinated.

Throughout April, OMH will empower vulnerable populations to get the facts about COVID-19 vaccines, share accurate vaccine information, participate in clinical trials, get vaccinated when the time comes, and proactively practice COVID-19 safety measures.

For more information, tools and resources to prepare for upcoming observance activities, visit the [NMHM webpage](#), also available in [Spanish](#), and [sign up](#) for the National Minority Health Month topic on our email list for updates.

[Click here to learn more](#)

## Reminder: Registration Open for MIHP Coordinator Meeting

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on May 6, 2021 from 9:30am to 3:30pm. MIHP providers are required to attend the MIHP Coordinator training each year. The purpose of attendance is to learn skills that can enhance home visiting practices, obtain department updates, network, and engage with current quality improvement needs within home visiting and the Maternal Infant Health Program. Providers are encouraged to extend the meeting invite to an additional staff member.

**Registration will close on Friday, April 16, 2021.**

[Register](#)

## MIHP Website Additions

The "Communications" page of the MIHP website now contains archived MIHP Email Alerts from 2020 and 2021 in addition to archived editions of the MIHP Weekly Update. For earlier editions of the Email Alerts, contact us via email.

The Medicaid Provider Manual has been updated with an effective date of April 1, 2021 and the link to the manual on the website has been updated.

Finally, screenshots of the recently enhanced Maternal and Infant Discharge Summaries have been posted to the website for agency reference. They can be found on the "Forms" page of the website.

## EmbraceRace Webinar Opportunity



### Breaking Down "Structural" and "Systemic" Racism for Our Children

Monday, April 12th @ 8:30 pm

**Ahora con traducción en vivo y en español (lea más abajo)**

Appreciating diversity - of skin colors, hair textures, foods, and music. Embracing friendships across racial lines. Understanding that every racial and ethnic group includes people who believe different things and behave in different ways, that there is as much diversity within racial groups as across them.

At EmbraceRace, we subscribe to all these elements of what we call "the diversity vision" and support parents, educators and other caregivers to do the same in your work with children. We also know that the diversity vision is not enough. **If, together, we are to raise a color-brave generation of children who can help fuel a thriving multiracial democracy, we must help children understand the "structural" and "systemic" roots of the persistent racial divides, inequities, and power imbalances that characterize US society.**

[Join us for a conversation](#) about structural and systemic racism. What do we mean by those terms? Why do they matter? How do we break them down for - make them accessible to - even elementary school-aged children? How can we support our children to do about them? Bring your questions, experiences, and insights, people!

No cost to participants! [Register to join!](#)



## NIH Study: Eviction During Pregnancy

Women facing eviction from their homes while pregnant are more likely to have poor birth outcomes, compared to women who faced eviction before or after pregnancy, according to a study funded in part by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The increased risk of poor birth outcomes may have health consequences across generations because low birth weight and preterm infants are at higher risk for later-life health problems, such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and for poor outcomes when they give birth.

The authors theorized that the stress of eviction could influence pregnancy outcomes. They also noted that programs that screen women at risk for losing housing and then refer them to appropriate community resources, as we do in MIHP, may improve infant health.

The complete study is available at: <https://www.nichd.nih.gov/newsroom/news/031221-birth-outcomes-eviction>

## Think Babies Michigan Survey

From our partners at the Earlie Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC):

As the Think Babies™ Michigan Collaborative continues to grow, we are interested in hearing from you all. Completing this [brief survey](#) will help with outreach efforts to build a diverse coalition that is ready to mobilize on behalf of Michigan's infants and toddlers and their families, and it only takes **five minutes** to complete! Many thanks for filling out the [survey](#).

Learn more about the Think Babies Michigan Initiative by visiting: [www.ecic4kids.org/policythinkbabies](http://www.ecic4kids.org/policythinkbabies). For more information, please contact Alicia Guevara Warren, director of statewide policy initiatives at the Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC) at [aqwarren@ecic4kids.org](mailto:aqwarren@ecic4kids.org).

# Coordinator Directory

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## Topic Submission

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

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## 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](http://Michigan.gov/MIHP) or by clicking [here](#).

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