

Weekly Update

Maternal Infant Health Program



Please share this information with all MIHP team members.

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August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month!

In recognition of National Breastfeeding Awareness Month, over the next four weeks we will present resources and information about the importance of breastfeeding, beginning with our partners at the Michigan Breastfeeding Network (MIBFN).

Check out [MIBFN's breastfeeding awareness website](#), which has information for you to share with your families, including the following breastfeeding awareness events:

- [National Breastfeeding Month](#) (August 1-31): Every Step of the Way
- [World Breastfeeding Week](#) (August 1-7): Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility
- [Native Breastfeeding Week](#) (August 8-14): Nourishing Our Futures
- [AANHPI Breastfeeding Week](#) (August 15-21): Reclaiming our Tradition
- [Black Breastfeeding Week](#) (August 25-31): The Big Pause: Collective Rest for Collective Power

Also, be sure to download and review [the press release](#) about Governor Whitmer's declaration of August as National Breastfeeding Month. The press release includes a proclamation by the Governor.

Assistance with Rent and Utilities

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has published a [Rental Assistance Finder](#) to help renters avoid eviction and find resources to pay for utilities. It can help them understand resources available to help navigate various financial hardships related to the pandemic.

Please help get the word out to your families who may be eligible. CFPB has [promotional materials \(like flyers\) and sample social media messages/graphics](#) you can easily use.



Virtual Fatherhood Conference

Ingham County's Strong Start | Healthy Start program is holding a fatherhood conference highlighting the importance of dads in improving health outcomes for infants and families. The aim is to engage, educate, empower, and encourage with a variety of healthy topics and discussions for dads, families, and people who work with dads. The conference is open to all interested individuals in Michigan. For the agenda and conference registration, see the attached flyers.

[Click here for the Fatherhood Conference registration flyer.](#)

[Click here for the Fatherhood Conference agenda.](#)

Join the Planning for Celebrate Babies Week! Week! Oct. 18-22, 2021



**CELEBRATE BABIES
WEEK
OCTOBER 18 - 22, 2021**



This year, from October 18-22, 2021, the Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health (MI-AIMH) will be hosting virtual events dedicated to delighting in and honoring infants during Celebrate Babies 2021. This week-long, state-wide celebration is a chance for early childcare professionals, clinicians, and families to reflect, collaborate, share information, and advocate for the youngest people in our lives.

The Planning Committee for MI-AIMH Celebrate Babies 2021 is recruiting additional members to plan and organize events for Celebrate Babies Week 2021. This committee is open to all folks who care for babies, know babies, or were babies. The Celebrate Babies Planning Committee prioritizes diverse perspectives, voices, and lived experiences as we come together to celebrate babies.

The Planning Committee meets one hour per month to discuss and organize events, activities, marketing, resources sharing, and community building. If you are interested in sharing your ideas or finding out more about how to help organize Celebrate Babies Week 2021, contact Michelle Freund: freundm@umich.edu

Please feel free to drop in to learn more at our monthly, one hour, planning meetings via zoom on:

- Aug 9, 2021 08:00 AM-9:00 AM
- Sep 1, 2021 08:00 AM-9:00 AM
- Oct 4, 2021 08:00 AM-9:00 AM

To join us, please simply join via zoom: <https://mi-aimh-org.zoom.us/j/82103622169?pwd=MmRlSzQ1NW04Zk54aURja2xDcG1Wdz09>

Meeting ID: 821 0362 2169 Passcode: 12345

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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](#).

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.
