

## MIHP Biweekly Update

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### Maternal Infant Health Program

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## Meet the Team: Kim Francis



Hello to you all. My name is Kim Francis, and I am a Public Health Consultant for MIHP. I bring a wealth of experience to this role. I have worked as a medical social worker, an in-home child and family counselor, a childhood injury specialist/community coalition coordinator and health system manager.

Prior to working in Michigan, I worked for the Benton Franklin County Health District in Washington. I was a part of a research program for the state focused on providing intensive case management services for pregnant women and/or women with children (under the age of five) who were misusing substances. I feel like my years of direct practice and my administrative experience led me to the MIHP where I can team my experiences, skills, and passions.

I have a master's in social work from Arizona State University. I have 2 young adult boys, an energetic Goldendoodle named Ruby and I love traveling, reading, and walking and talking with friends. As a part of my orientation to this role, I have been tasked to reach out to each agency to learn more about your program. I am considering it "a virtual roadshow" 😊. I will send an email to coordinate the best time for me to meet with your agency. I look forward to meeting with each of you and providing technical assistance and consultation to support the work of MIHP.

## Reminder: September COP Webinar

The September Community of Practice webinar will be on Wednesday, September 25th from 1:00PM - 2:30PM. The topic is "Suicide Prevention," presented by members of the MDHHS Injury Prevention team.

[REGISTER HERE for the Suicide Prevention webinar.](#)

## Call for Input—Title V MCH Needs Assessment

Hello! We are excited to hear from providers and direct service staff who work with women, birthing people, infants, children, adolescents, and children with special health care needs (CSHCN) in Michigan. Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) is conducting a provider survey as part of the statewide Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Needs Assessment. Your perspective is important to help us identify strengths, needs, and areas for future focus in our state.

To be eligible for this survey you must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Live in Michigan
- Work with one or more of the following populations: women, mothers, birthing people, infants, children, adolescents, and children with special health care needs (CSHCN) in Michigan

The survey is voluntary and will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. If you are interested, **please complete the survey here:**

<https://chc.mphi.org/surveys/?s=ELMJ48L7HPFL7EY>

The survey will close October 15, 2024. You are welcome to share this survey with colleagues but please do not post on social media or public-facing websites.

If you have any questions, please contact Grace Powers at [gpowers@mphi.org](mailto:gpowers@mphi.org) or 517-324-8368. Thank you in advance for your time and feedback!



## **Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunity Personal Safety for Home Visitors, Including Doulas! Wednesday, October 9, 2024 @ 10:00 AM**

Your personal safety is as important as the work you do. This training is designed to provide you with knowledge to allow you to be safe and effective in your work life. Presented by Shane Noble, Trooper with Michigan State Police since 2008.

[Register for the Personal Safety Training](#)

Doula Initiative webinars are held via Zoom. Registrants will receive an email confirmation with the Zoom meeting link. CEUs for Nurses, Social Workers, Community Health Workers, and Lactation Specialists have been applied for. Certificates of attendance will be provided.



## **Registration Now Open! Join Us for the 2nd Annual IMH Capitol Day on Nov 7th!**

We are thrilled to announce the 2nd Annual IMH Capitol Day on **November 7, 2024!** This is your chance to join us for a powerful day of advocacy, inspiration, and community as we unite to make our voices heard in Lansing, Michigan. Last year was unforgettable, and this year promises to be even more impactful. Mark your calendars now, **\*\*register today\*\***, and get ready to stand with us as we champion the cause of infant and early childhood mental health.

Together, we can make a difference! ✨



# MICHIGAN'S 2ND ANNUAL INFANT MENTAL HEALTH CAPITOL DAY!

**NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

**Heritage Hall, Lansing, MI  
(Capitol Bldg)  
9:00am-4:00pm**

*Space can accommodate up to 70  
participants.*



Our mission is to unite a diverse community of parents, infant and early childhood professionals, system leaders, policymakers, legislators, researchers, and concerned Michiganders to champion the mental health and well-being of Michigan's infants, very young children, caregivers and families. We will meet with state representatives and senators to raise awareness, educate and advocate for policies that support maternal and infant mental health and comprehensive family services. On this 2nd Annual Infant Mental Health Capitol Day, we emphasize the vital role of Parent Involvement in Advocacy and System Change.

*Register  
Now*



 Michigan Association for  
**Infant Mental Health**  
Learning and growing together.

**Organizational sponsorships allow us to offer this event at no cost to the community. Interested in sponsoring this event?**

 [tmartinez@mi-aimh.org](mailto:tmartinez@mi-aimh.org)

## Registration Steps:

**Step 1:** Make sure that you have a MI-AIMH RELATE Account. If you are unsure if you already have an account, reach out to Laura at [lsheldon@mi-aimh.org](mailto:lsheldon@mi-aimh.org). Information about MI-AIMH RELATE is listed below.

**Step 2:** Click on the BUTTON below to go to the Event Registration on MI-AIMH RELATE. Here you will be able to read through all the event details before registration.

**Step 3:** Scroll down through the details and you should see an "ADD TO CART" option. If you do not see this, you are likely not signed in MI-AIMH RELATE. Click on the "sign-in" at the top right corner. Then the page will refresh and you should see the "add to cart" option.

**Step 4:** finalize your FREE purchase to attend Capitol Day. NOTE - only register if you are able to attend. This event is limited to 70 attendees!

[Click here to register today!](#)

## Prepare for Respiratory Virus Season Now!

As we prepare for the 2024–25 respiratory virus season, use this time as an opportunity to communicate the benefits of vaccines with your families. American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG)'s Immunization Program provides [guidance and educational resources](#) for clinicians and patients to increase knowledge and encourage acceptance of vaccines to improve health care across the life span.

Start preparing by checking out the resources on the following ACOG topic pages.

- [COVID-19](#)
- [Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\)](#)
- [Seasonal Influenza](#)

Please share ACOG's [additional immunization resources](#), including patient education videos and print tool kits and tip sheets. *See below.*

### New Infographic: Respiratory Syncytial Virus

ACOG developed an infographic to educate pregnant patients about the maternal RSV vaccine and monoclonal antibody. Use this resource to counsel patients and address vaccine-related questions and concerns. Available in English and Spanish.

## Download the infographic.

### Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

RSV is a virus that spreads easily through close contact. RSV can be serious for babies and young children. It is the leading cause of hospitalizations among infants in the United States.

#### Protecting Your Baby from RSV

Protection During Pregnancy With the maternal RSV vaccine	Or	Protection After Birth With the maternal antibody
<p><b>Who</b></p> <p>One dose if you are 12 to 24 weeks pregnant from September through January.</p> <p><b>How it works</b></p> <p>Creates antibodies that pass to your baby during pregnancy and protect them during their first RSV season.</p> <p><b>Benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides immediate protection for your baby after birth during their first RSV season when the risk of severe illness is highest.</li> <li>7 in 10 babies are protected from serious RSV illness.</li> <li>About 6 in 10 babies are protected from needing a hospital stay in their first 6 months.</li> <li>Can be given at the same time as other recommended vaccines during pregnancy.</li> <li>One less shot for baby after birth.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Who</b></p> <p>One dose for babies born during or before their first RSV season, October through March.</p> <p><b>How it works</b></p> <p>Gives all-new antibodies to babies to help their developing immunity against RSV.</p> <p><b>Benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May provide longer-lasting protection than the maternal vaccine, and your baby gets antibodies directly.</li> <li>About 8 in 10 babies are less likely to visit their doctor for an RSV-related illness.</li> <li>8 in 10 babies are less likely to need a hospital stay during RSV season.</li> <li>Protects your baby during their first RSV season when the risk of severe illness is highest.</li> </ul>	

### Virus Respiratorio Sincitial (VRS)

El VRS es un virus que se propaga fácilmente a través del contacto cercano. El VRS puede ser grave para bebés y niños pequeños. Es la principal causa de hospitalización entre los bebés en los Estados Unidos.

#### Protegiendo a su bebé contra el VRS

Protección durante el embarazo con la vacuna materna contra el VRS	Or	Protección después del nacimiento con el anticuerpo materno
<p><b>Who</b></p> <p>Una dosis si usted está entre 12 y 24 semanas de embarazo de septiembre a marzo.</p> <p><b>How it works</b></p> <p>Crece anticuerpos que se transmiten a su bebé durante el embarazo y lo protegen durante su primer temporada de VRS.</p> <p><b>Benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ofrece protección inmediata a su bebé después del nacimiento durante su primera temporada de VRS, cuando el riesgo de enfermedad grave es mayor.</li> <li>7 de cada 10 bebés están protegidos con su primera vacuna prenatal contra el VRS.</li> <li>Aproximadamente 6 de cada 10 bebés están protegidos de la necesidad de hospitalización durante su primer año de vida.</li> <li>Se puede administrar al mismo tiempo que otras vacunas recombinadas durante el embarazo.</li> <li>Una menos inyección para el bebé después del nacimiento.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Who</b></p> <p>Una dosis para bebés que nacen durante o antes de su primera temporada de VRS, de octubre a marzo.</p> <p><b>How it works</b></p> <p>Proporciona anticuerpos adicionales en laboratorio a su bebé para ayudarlos a desarrollar inmunidad contra el VRS.</p> <p><b>Benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Puede proporcionar una protección más duradera que la vacuna materna si su bebé recibe el anticuerpo directamente.</li> <li>Aproximadamente 8 de cada 10 bebés tienen menos probabilidades de visitar a su médico por una enfermedad relacionada con el VRS.</li> <li>8 de cada 10 bebés tienen menos probabilidades de necesitar hospitalización durante su temporada de VRS.</li> <li>Protege a su bebé durante su primera temporada de VRS cuando el riesgo de enfermedad grave es mayor.</li> </ul>	

## Earn Continuing Education Credit with CDC and ACOG Webinar on Fall and Winter Respiratory Season

As preparations begin for respiratory virus season this fall and winter, many health care professionals have questions about how to protect their families, themselves, and their colleagues against COVID-19, influenza, and RSV. Join Geeta K. Swamy, MD, FACOG, and CDC's Dana Meaney-Delman, MD, MPH, FACOG, and Elisha Hall, PhD, RD, as they discuss vaccinations and other tools that can keep pregnant people safer this respiratory illness season.

This event has been recorded. Continuing education credit is available and details on obtaining it will be provided at the conclusion of the webinar. The deadline to obtain continuing education credit is **September 23, 2024**. [Watch the webinar.](#)

*American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) has two additional virtual educational sessions as the respiratory season begins:*

### Promoting Effective Vaccine Conversations

#### Online and Offline

Getting vaccinated during pregnancy can protect both parent and child from vaccine preventable, yet maternal vaccination coverage in the United States is historically lower than the general population. Vaccine misinformation and questions and concerns that go unaddressed can all affect vaccine confidence and affect a pregnant person's health care decisions. In this interactive webinar, participants will be equipped with the latest knowledge and tools and share their best practices to confidently recommend vaccines to their pregnant clients. [Register to join](#) on **Wednesday, September 25**, at 7 p.m. ET.



### Obstacles and Advances in Maternal Immunization during Pregnancy

In this virtual session, we will review the immunology of how vaccines delivered to the pregnant parent during gestation create antibodies that cross the placenta. We will learn about the mechanism of action of pregnancy vaccines and how they support immunity in the newborn for the first months after birth. We will review current vaccines during pregnancy, why these are recommended and learn about new vaccines that are being explored for future distribution. [Watch the recently recorded session.](#)



## Upcoming State of Michigan (SOM) Holidays

November 5  
November 11  
November 28 and 29  
December 24 and 25  
December 31

### Previously Released MIHP Updates

To review any previously released MIHP Biweekly Updates, they can be found by [visiting the MIHP webpage Michigan.gov/MIHP](http://michigan.gov/MIHP).

### Biweekly Update Topic Submission

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

### MDHHS Publications

[Sign up here to receive program updates and communications.](#)

### Coordinator Directory

Please click here to access the most recent Coordinator Directory. [MIHP Coordinator Directory](#)

Our communication for the Maternal Infant Health Program has been streamlined to a single email address and phone number. Please forward all emails to [MIHP@michigan.gov](mailto:MIHP@michigan.gov). For further assistance, contact the state office @ **1-833-MI4-MIHP (1-833-644-6447)**. Thank you.