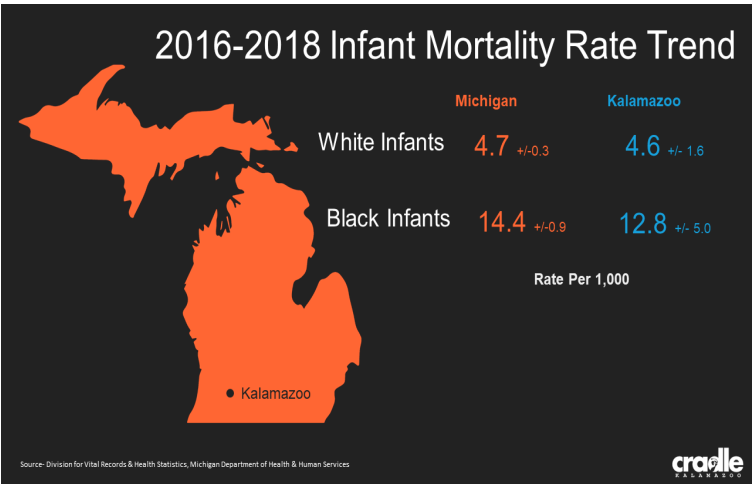


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“Cradle Talks”

WHEN: Every Wednesday at 4PM!

WHERE: Facebook-Cradle Kalamazoo
<https://www.facebook.com/cradlekalamazoo>

WHY: To discuss Maternal Infant Health Issues

DATES: Topics:

- 9/2/20: Infant Mortality Awareness Month
- 9/9/20 Understanding Insurance Programs
- 9/16/20 Changing the Narrative with Cradle Home Visitation Programs
- 9/23/20 Baby Safety-Intro to Safe Sleep
- 9/30/20 Reproductive Health Matters

Inspiring Moments

"Family is where life begins & love never ends."

-Unknown



Client Story

Project Name: Healthy Babies Healthy Start

Client's Name: Elizabeth Campbell

Age: 37

Children: 1 month old

Client was referred to Healthy Babies Healthy Start program through a WIC referral. Participant started out as a healthy start case managed client during her pregnancy and continues to receive the one to one support interconceptionally. She has taken the initiative to continue her journey by being an active voice in the community as an advocate for Healthy Start and families. She has dedicated time to participate in the Healthy Start MOMs Network—the Healthy Start Community CAN, to build advocacy in the community to make strides toward change.

Elizabeth feels as if the program was very helpful for her and in her journey of becoming a mom again.

"I have accomplished a lot; Got my apartment, took parenting classes that helped me to become a better parent"

As a result of her involvement in Healthy Babies Healthy Start, Elizabeth was able to advocate for herself and get an apartment even when she was faced with the barrier of them denying her based on past rental history. She has been able to feel confident with self-advocacy and going after what she wants.

Case Worker's Comments:

I have only known this client for less than a year, in this amount of time I have seen her grow and accomplish so much! She was determined to have an apartment secured before baby was born and she accomplished this.

She is someone who welcomes information and has a vast amount of knowledge yet is eager to learn. She is willing to do any and everything she needs for her baby who is a newborn. She desires to give her daughter a life of advice and direction, and she wants to be an example for her.



Frontline: Frontline meeting 8/6, Joi Presberry and Komal Razvi presented on the care coordination Registry. Reviewed home visiting conference. Discussed COVID-19 Home visiting protocols. Komal Razvi discussed health equity. Frontline meeting 8/20, Dana Bongers from DHHS presented on services

Health Equity: The Health Equity Subcommittee is continuing to work on goals as outlined in its work plan. Some current areas of focus include scheduling racial equity trainings for Cradle stakeholders to be conducted in the last quarter this year. The team also plans to carry out 2-on-1 presentations with Health Equity members and representatives from various sectors in Kalamazoo that align with the Social Determinants of Health. Lastly, Health Equity team member, Joi Presberry, presented the Research team's findings on the COVID Conversations interviews. Themes from these findings will be used to strategize focus areas for the Health Equity team as it looks towards its strategic planning for the Fall.

Reproductive Health: The Reproductive Health Committee will join Cradle Talks live on Facebook on September 30, 2020. Please join us. If anyone would like to join the Reproductive Health Committee, please contact Barbara Allen-allenba@bronsonhg.org. for more information

Safe Sleep: Safe Sleep will be offering more Train the Trainer classes in October. Dates will be announced shortly. Check on Cradle's Facebook or Website event page. Remember October is *Safe Sleep Awareness* month. Let us know what your organization is planning so we can share it on our social media.



Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

In 2019, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Infant Safe Sleep Program rolled out the training: *Infant Safe Sleep: The Basics and Beyond* for nurses in the hospital setting. We are happy to announce that the training is now available online. Those taking the training online will receive 1 nursing contact hour for completion of the course. To learn more about the training and to access the online version, go to www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71548_57836_58080_81808_81813-537059--,00.html.

DHHS has moved to 427 E Alcott St, Kalamazoo MI 49001. Effective, August 31st DHHS is no longer at the Stockbridge address.

Johns Hopkins Public Health Magazine Publishing. Statistics in health disparities that Black Americans face. Often times, people get caught in narratives and long paragraphs that lose impact when talking about racial disparities. Similarly, many of us are aware of racial disparities within our own line of work but lack a "bigger picture" view of how this manifests itself in other areas. This link includes plain statistics (with sources), allowing us to focus on the glaring disparities in various areas within health and opportunity. Check it out: https://magazine.jhsph.edu/2020/how-structural-racism-harms-black-americans-health?&utm_source=email&utm_medium=social-media&utm_campaign=addtoany

United HealthCare

United Health Care Community Plan would like to support community-based organizations in building programs to improve the quality of life of the underserved in our communities. We are proud to announce our 2020 Community Builder Grant Program, and we are inviting your organization to apply. We understand the pressing need to serve the community during this unprecedented COVID-19 national public health emergency. The goal of the Community Builder Grant Program is to provide funding to support initiatives designed to positively impact three key areas:

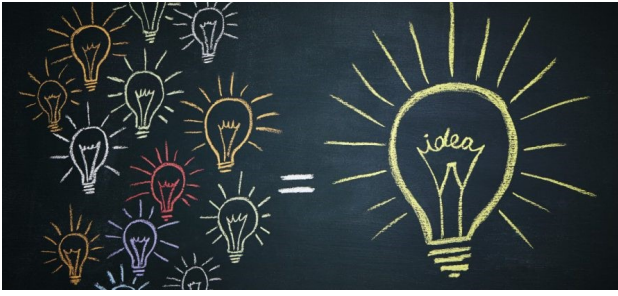
- * Social Determinants of Health: Food Assistance, Housing, Utility Payment Assistance Employment/Education/Training
- * Reduction of Non-Emergent Care in the Emergency Department
- * Access to Primary & Preventive Care

Contact Barbara Allen allenba@bronsonhg.org for copy of the application form.

Daily Mail Health

Black babies in the US are THREE TIMES more likely to die in hospital than white children when cared for by a white doctor, study finds

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-8636743/Black-newborns-cared-white-doctors-3-times-likely-die.html?fbclid=IwAR1OPj14KbtEk6po3biwl9z_50X_3x4cSgWrm0882HbOwp2I7uVNsc



Announcements:

Cradle-Backbone

Cradle is now holding “Virtual Community Baby Shower” please check our Website or Facebook or contact at trey@ywcakalamazoo.org. for more details

SharePoint is still up and running and holds a lot of useful information for the collaborative. If you have not signed up and need assistance please contact Barbara Allen allenba@bronsonhg.org

Remember to submit your information for the newsletter to Barbara Allen at allenba@bronsonhg.org by the 1st of each month

ERACCE Online Workshop Introduction to Systemic Racism

September 23 & 24, 2020

October 21 & 22, 2020

November 18 & 19, 2020

December 2 & 3, 2020

January 13 & 14, 2021

Via Zoom Register www.eracce.org/event-registration/

Rootead

Registration for Reclaiming Birth: a virtual birth keeper training is open from 9.2.20 through 10.10.20. This brand new opportunity is hosted in partnership by Rootead and Red Birth Green. Limited scholarships are available. For more information and to sign up visit rootead.org/reclaiming-birth

YWCA

YWCA WISH now has a fillable/editable pdf version of our referral form. You can now submit typed or handwritten referrals to YWCA WISH. Forms were emailed. If you didn't receive one, please contact Katie Corbit kcorbit@ywcakalamazoo.org

The YWCA Kalamazoo is hiring an Outreach & Care Coordinator for the YWCA WISH Home Visitation Program. [Here is a link for the position on the YWCA Kalamazoo's website](#). You can apply to the position directly on the website. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Corbit at kcorbit@ywcakalamazoo.org or 269-345-5595

Announcements Cont:

Postpartum Support International

Perinatal Mood Disorder Components of Care– 2 Day -Zoom Webinare **10/22-/2020** 8:00 Am and **10/23/2020** 5:00 PM. Register Online postpartum.z2systems.com/np/clients/postpartum/event.jsp?event=170&

Advanced Perinatal Mental Health Psychotherapy Saturday October 24, 2020 Presented via Zoom Webinar. Register Online postpartum.z2systems.com/np/clients/postpartum/event.jsp?event=175&

Homeless Community Solidarity Vigil

Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Bronson Park [https://www.facebook.com/events/707492019836980/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A\[%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22search_results%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22search%22%7D\]%7D](https://www.facebook.com/events/707492019836980/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A[%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22search_results%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22search%22%7D]%7D)

CityMatCH's 2020 Virtual Conference

September 16, 17 and 18, 2020 for the 2020 CityMatCH Leadership and MCH Epidemiology https://reg.abcsignup.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0009-0007-11e7c485647e4c129519e28495044c13

2020 SIDS Awareness Month #SafeSleepSnap Digital Toolkit

In recognition of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month, the #SafeSleepSnap activity encourages safe infant sleep advocates and infant caregivers to come together on social media to share safe infant sleep images and messages, help normalize safe sleep practices, and celebrate the role that all caregivers have in keeping baby safe during every sleep.

This digital toolkit offers resources and guidance to help you or your organization plan and participate in #SafeSleepSnap during SIDS Awareness Month

<https://safetosleep.nichd.nih.gov/resources/sids-awareness-toolkit>

Ending Infant Mortality Together