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Healthy Michigan plan began enrollment on April 1, 2014. Applications are being accepted online, by telephone and at your local Michigan Department of Human Services. What does this mean to the people of Michigan? According to previous testimony at a Senate sub-committee hearing, state officials estimate that approximately 270,000 to 300,000 new enrollees will sign up for the new plan within the first year. According to Kaiser Family Foundation, nearly 38% of uninsured adults in Michigan will qualify for the Medicaid expansion program (Healthy Michigan). The program is designed to offer healthcare coverage to adults, 19-64, who are between 0% and 133% percent of the Federal Poverty Level calculated under the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) methodology, who do not qualify for or who are not enrolled in other Medicaid programs, who are not pregnant at the time of application and are residents of the state of Michigan. According to www.Michigan.gov, the Healthy Michigan Plan must have the following benefits,⁹

- _ Ambulatory patient services
- _ Emergency services
- _ Hospitalization
- _ Maternity and newborn care
- _ Mental health and substance abuse disorder treatment services, including behavioral health treatment
- _ Prescription drugs⁹
- _ Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices
- _ Laboratory services
- _ Preventative and wellness services and chronic disease management
- _ Pediatric services including oral and vision care

Enrollment for Healthy Michigan will be open all year. According to a release from Director Jim Haveman discussing Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval of the plan “This approval allowed MDCH to transition roughly 60,000 individuals from the Medicaid Adult Benefit Waiver (ABW) program into the new Healthy Michigan Plan, with coverage beginning on April 1, 2014.” This is a great start to the nearly half a million Michiganders who will benefit from this program in the next several years. For help in enrolling into a health plan, please visit Enrollmichigan.com. For questions regarding Healthy Michigan Plan, visit healthymichiganplan@michigan.gov

ADVOCACY/LEADERSHIP INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITY



The Michigan Division for Early Childhood (MiDEC)

Your Michigan source for information, resources, and guidance related to young children with special needs and their families.

Michigan DEC is committed to promoting parent-professional collaboration in all facets of planning, designing, and implementing programs and services for young children. Michigan DEC is seeking family leaders to serve and advise MI DEC on its Government Relations Committee and Parent Involvement Committees. Family Leaders Interested in serving on the Government Relations Committee can contact Deb Lively at: dlively@svsu.edu. While those interested in being involved on the Parent Involvement Committee may contact Lisa Cook-Gordon at: lisacookgordon@michiganfamilyvoices.org.

Michigan DEC's 2014 Conference

May 2, 2014
8:30 pm - 4:00 pm9
Central Michigan University
Education and Human Services Bldg.
195 East Ojibwa Court
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859

Cost

Members: \$809
Non-Members: \$809
Parents: \$25
Students: \$25
Lunch Provided9

For more information about the conference visit:
<http://eotta.ccesa.org/Event.php?ID=27019>

Family Leadership Opportunities: During lunch families will have a chance to learn about family leadership opportunities available at the local, state and national levels including Michigan Family Voices, MiDEC (Michigan Division of Exceptional Children, Parent Advisory Committees (PACS), the Association for Children's Mental Health (ACMH) and others. For more information about the Family Session contact (800) 292-7851 x472 or email info@michiganfamilyvoices.org.



Rethinking Guardianship - Facilitating Life-Long Self Determination with Dohn Hoyle, Executive Director of Arc Michigan

This workshop is for families of individuals with a developmental disability, as well as the service providers who work with them. This workshop covers: guardianship from a historical perspective, strangers as guardians and alternatives.

- 9How can I advocate for my adult son or daughter with a disability? 9
- 9What are alternatives to guardianship? 9
- 9What is power of attorney? 9
- 9How can medical and financial decisions be handled? 9
- 9How can we best support students as they transition to adulthood? 9

April 23, 2014
10:00 am – 1:30 pm
Oakland County Executive Office Building (41 West)
Conference Center - East Oakland Room
2100 Pontiac Lake Road
Waterford, MI 48328

Register by April 16, 2014 with Jill Mazur Skornicka
(248) 557-5070 ext. 112 or jill.s@michiganallianceforfamilies.org



2014 Lunchtime Webinars



**April 17: Transition and the Law-Mark McWilliams from Michigan Protection and Advocacy
12pm -1pm**

Almost all students in special education are entitled to prevocational, vocational and transition planning and services. The school should offer assessment and services to help your child prepare for life after school, including work and other community activities. The school must include transition goals and services in a student's IEP. Mark will explain the options, steps and timelines involved in transitioning from public schools.
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8514929564050912001>

April 24: Rethinking Guardianship (Part 1)- with Dohn Hoyle - 12pm -1pm

This presentation will provide participants with a long-term view of the consequences of establishing guardianship. It will cover alternative and empowering ways to address the barriers and circumstances which will inevitably face students with a cognitive or intellectual disability as well as those with communication difficulties as they move into the adult world. This two hour presentation has been divided into 2 webinars. This is part 1 of 2.
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7144515863377021185>

May 1: Rethinking Guardianship (Part 2)- with Dohn Hoyle - 12pm -1pm

This presentation will provide participants with a long-term view of the consequences of establishing guardianship. It will cover alternative and empowering ways to address the barriers and circumstances which will inevitably face students with a cognitive or intellectual disability as well as those with communication difficulties as they move into the adult world. This two hour presentation has been divided into 2 webinars. This is part 2 of 2.
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4929355075664163841>

May 8: Ask the Expert with Dohn Hoyle - 1pm-2pm

Join us for this free webinar: "Ask the Expert" with Dohn Hoyle, Executive Director of The Arc Michigan. Dohn will be with us for the entire hour, answering your questions about alternatives to guardianship. Questions may be submitted in advance to emilie@michiganallianceforfamilies.org, using the subjectline: Ask the Expert.
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2760671743969114625>

Download handouts and see details of the rest of our Transition Series webinars at
www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/webinar

Handouts are posted to the Michigan Alliance for Families website two days before the webinar date.
Webinar participants are encouraged to print handouts in advance.

Never attended a webinar before? Check out our FAQs at
<http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/webinar/webinar-faq>

Questions? Email us at info@michiganallianceforfamilies.org



COLLABORATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN 2014

MI Bridges Navigation

April 23, 2014

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Washtenaw ISD Vogel C

1819 South Wagner Road

Ann Arbor, MI 48106

<http://svy.mk/1h3HwUE>

The Building Blocks of Pride:

Boosting your Child's Self-Esteem

April 25, 2014

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

William J. Ross Education Service Center

4107 North Adrian Hwy

Adrian, MI, 49221

<http://svy.mk/1gRgS53>

The Building Blocks of Pride:

Boosting your Child's Self-Esteem

May 14, 2014

8:30 am - 11:30 am

St. Joseph County ISD

62445 Shimmel Road

Centreville, MI 49032

<http://svy.mk/1gRgS53>

What Every Family and Provider

Should Know about Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

May 22, 2014

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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1819 South Wagner Road

Ann Arbor, MI 48106

<http://svy.mk/1kQVhue>

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