

POURING INTO US: LEADERSHIP, LOVE, AND LIBERATION IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

INTRODUCING RAEANNE MADISON, MPH: MIBFN GRANTS & PARTNERSHIPS COORDINATOR

Raeanne Madison, MPH, is a crane clan citizen of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians who lives in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. An Indigenous mother, auntie, health educator, and doula, Raeanne is passionate about revitalizing traditional perinatal cultural practices for improved family health. With a storied career in maternal and infant health, Raeanne is the founder of Postpartum Healing Lodge, a doula training and technical assistance organization that serves tribes and tribal serving partners all around the country. She recently joined the team at Michigan Breastfeeding Network as the Grants and Partnerships Coordinator. A lifelong learner and dedicated community member, Raeanne can be found drinking coffee, doing yoga, and chasing freighters around the Sault.



WORK RAEANNE WILL BE FOCUSED ON:

MIBFN provides fiscal sponsorship for identity and geographic organizations across Michigan.

Have fiscal sponsorship or fund development questions? Email raeanne@mibreastfeeding.org.



AUGUST BREASTFEEDING MONTH

SAVE THE DATE

AUG 1

MIBFN Proclamation Reading on [Facebook](#)

AUG 19

Live panel discussion featuring Shonte Terhune-Smith, BS, IBCLC; Taniah Ingram CBS, Doula; Ajené Robinson-Figueroa, MA



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MIBFN'S THEME: POURING INTO US

Pouring Into Us - More than nourishment, it's love, life, and legacy. This August, MIBFN is highlighting the importance of life-sustaining human milk for families and communities. We want to recognize all the ways we pour into each other as we work towards a more equitable, just, and breastfeeding-supportive culture.



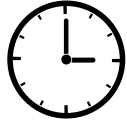
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FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO MEDICAID

Adapted from Michigan Voices: HB-1 passed both the House and Senate and was signed by President Trump. These are the stated impacts to Medicaid:



80-Hour Work Rule:
"Able-bodied" adults must work 80 hours/month by 2027-2029.



6-Month Reviews:
Medicaid expansion enrollees will be reviewed every 6 months.



Reduced Coverage Backdating:
Covered care backdated to 1 month (expansion) or 2 months (traditional).



Immigrant Exclusions:
Cuts eligibility for some noncitizens, including refugees and asylum seekers.



12-20 Million At Risk:
Millions could lose benefits partially or completely.

INPUT FROM LOCAL BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTERS:

Keep Applying:
Families should still apply for services as usual for now.

Changes Ahead:
Big shifts expected in 2027, but some will happen sooner.

Budget Unknowns:
Michigan hasn't released its budget so guidance is unclear.

Cuts Likely Soon:
WIC, doulas, midwives, and clinics may all face funding losses.

Community Is Vital:
Non-federally funded orgs will be vital to fill care gaps.

BOTTOM LINE: THIS WORSENS ACCESS TO CARE THAT IS ALREADY HARD FOR MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS - INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BLACK FAMILIES, INDIGENOUS FAMILIES, AND LOW INCOME AND/OR RURAL FAMILIES OF ALL RACES



IMMIGRATION, ICE, CBP, AND BIRTHING FAMILIES

THIS CHANGES HOW WE PROTECT SAFETY ALONGSIDE BIRTHING FAMILIES.

“UNDERGROUND CARE HAS NEVER STOPPED. IT CONTINUES TODAY - AND IF IT BECOMES THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF SUPPORT, KNOW THAT IT IS DEEPLY ROOTED AND INCREDIBLY STRONG.”

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Support Will Shift:

Care will look different in the months and years ahead - adaptation is essential.



Know the Policies:

We must learn and challenge hospital and organizational policies to protect birthing families.

NO ONE IS SAFE. SPECIFICALLY, PEOPLE WITH PRIVILEGE NEED TO GET WORKING TO STOP THESE HARMFUL POLICIES - THEY WILL EVENTUALLY HARM YOU TOO.

“PERFORMATIVE ALLYSHIP HELPS NO ONE. FEARLESS ACCOMPLICES ARE NEEDED IN THESE TIMES.”

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Use Your Privilege:

Normalize resistance by speaking up and addressing harm.



Be Accountable:

White women must use power and privilege to take meaningful action.



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