



## Newsletter Highlights

- Updates from the SHIP workgroups and subgroups,
- Resources, events, and educational opportunities from SHIP partners, and
- A calendar of upcoming SHIP events or opportunities.

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## State Health Improvement Plan Newsletter News

The last two months have been busy ones for the State Health Improvement Plan partners and stakeholders, as they have been for people all over Montana. With the COVID-19 emergency still under way, people are doing their best to meet their family and work obligations simultaneously while juggling rapidly changing requirements in both environments. Despite these challenges, SHIP partners and stakeholders were still able to participate in the four quarterly workgroup meetings to share information and discuss new data. A brief summary of those meetings are included in this newsletter and the minutes have been shared on the A Healthier Montana website.

Additionally, SHIP leadership continues to work with a trainer on how we can best utilize the Collective Impact Framework to improve SHIP implementation. Visit the [SHIP Implementation Library](#) to catch up on materials that will help you understand and use the SHIP in your work, including a recorded webinar that introduces key concepts in the Collective Impact Framework.

The SHIP Motor Vehicle Crashes workgroup will be hosting a virtual conversation for local and tribal public health department staff on preventing motor vehicle crashes in their communities on August 24, 2020 from 9 AM to 1 PM. Please contact Anna Bradley at [abradley@mt.gov](mailto:abradley@mt.gov) for an invitation to attend if you are a local or tribal public health worker with an interest in learning more.

Lastly, we welcome a new SHIP Workgroup Leader! Kate Girard, State WIC Director, will be stepping in to lead the Healthy Mothers, Babies, and Youth/ACEs workgroup.

Thank you all for your interest in the SHIP, and please continue to take good care of yourselves, your families, and your communities over the next couple of months.

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See meeting minutes and materials on the [A Healthier Montana](#) website for detailed updates provided by participants, as well as notes from data presentations and strategy conversations.

### Behavioral Health

Minutes from last quarter's meeting (June 3, 2020) are posted on the A Healthier Montana website's [Behavioral Health](#) page. There was no data presentation. The meeting provided updates on the statewide Suicide Prevention Plan and Substance Use Disorder Prevention Plan, changes to Medicaid related to COVID-19, and the County & Tribal Matching Grants that were made available to local and tribal public health departments.

### Chronic Disease Prevention and Self-Management

Last quarter's meeting (May 29, 2020) materials can be found on the [Chronic Disease Prevention](#) page of the A Healthier Montana website. Presenters shared data on tobacco quit rates among Montana Quit Line callers with disabilities and information on developing worksite wellness policies. A subgroup focused on obesity prevention has been collecting information on obesity prevention programming and resources available in Montana.

### Motor Vehicle Crashes (MVCs)

This workgroup met last quarter on June 9, 2020 and the [MVC meeting materials](#) are available on the MVC A Healthier Montana page. There was no data presentation. Partners from the Montana Department of Transportation provided an overview of their programs related to the State Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan. Subgroups on car seat safety efforts and planning a meeting with local and tribal health departments provided updates on their work.

### Healthy Mothers, Babies, and Youth/Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

The [Healthy Mothers, Babies, and Youth](#) webpage has materials from last quarter's meeting (May 22, 2020). A presentation on the development of the Experiences and Expressions Screener for Montana children was shared. Additionally, the workgroup received an update on activities from the Early Childhood Services Bureau related to COVID-19. A subgroup interested in developing a statewide ACEs resource provided an update on their work.

### Subgroup Status Updates

Workgroup members who have similar areas of interest often form "subgroups" to conduct focused work related to the SHIP. Recent conversations and projects include:

- Combined efforts to develop community messaging on car seat safety. View information on safe summer travel in the [Health in the 406](#) archives for an example.
- Rescheduling and planning a meeting for local and tribal public health departments to learn more and talk about motor vehicle crash prevention in their communities that was cancelled due to COVID-19.
- A review of possible platforms for a statewide ACEs resource with a presentation from [ACEs Connection](#).
- Beginning a landscape scan of obesity prevention programming being implemented across Montana.



See the minutes from last quarter's meetings for more updates from SHIP partners by priority area.

- Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has updated [car seat safety posters](#) available. Contact Erin Root at [eroot@mt.gov](mailto:eroot@mt.gov) to order printed copies.
- The MDT [Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan](#) (CHSP) Advisory Committee is updating the statewide work plan and has added a new Emphasis Area called "Emergency Response/After-crash Care," which will be championed by Alyssa Johnson, Trauma System Manager in the MT DPHHS Public Health and Safety Division.
- Montana Primary Care Association has several [Integrated Behavioral Health \(IBH\) training opportunities](#) remaining for 2020, including webinars on topics like methamphetamines, psychiatric medications, IBH and adolescents, and Dialectical Behavioral Therapy interventions, as well as weekly peer calls for Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT), Behavioral Health Access to Treatment (BHAT), IBH Clinic Directors, and MAT Program Coordinators.
- The three Service Area Authorities (SAA) in Montana will combine to form one statewide group to create a closer relationship with DPHHS Addictive and Mental Disorders Division (AMDD) and community members.
- The CONNECT Montana referral system has been progressively expanding statewide in collaboration with MT DPHHS AMDD. Despite the many obstacles posed by COVID-19, the regional coordinators housed in local health departments have been able to onboard many medical and social service organizations.
- The MSU Center for Health and Safety Culture shared this [webinar on effective traffic safety messaging](#) recorded in March 2020.

### Recent COVID-19 Research Related to the SHIP Key Focus Areas

#### Childhood Immunizations

[Decline of Child Vaccination Coverage During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[Provision of Pediatric Immunization Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

#### Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

[The Rise of Adverse Childhood Experiences During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

#### Social Determinants of Health

[Inequity and the Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19 on Communities of Color in the United States: The Need for a Trauma-Informed Social Justice Response](#)

[COVID-19 and the Impact of Social Determinants of Health](#)

#### Chronic Disease

[Estimated County-Level Prevalence of Selected Underlying Medical Conditions Associated with Increased Risk for Severe COVID-19 Illness](#)

#### Motor Vehicle Crashes

[Coronavirus disease in 2019: What could be the effects on road safety?](#)



## Upcoming Partner Events

*Please note that some events may experience changes due to the COVID-19 emergency. Please follow up with host organizations on the status of individual events.*

### 2020 Virtual Breastfeeding Conference

[August 2020](#)

Online

Sponsored by Montana WIC and the MT DPHHS Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Bureau's Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative.

### Great Beginnings, Great Families

[August 2020](#)

Online

Sponsored by the MT DPHHS Family and Community Health Bureau.

### DLA-20 Mandatory Training for Adult Intensive Outpatient SUD Providers

[August 11, 2020](#)

Online

Offered in partnership by the Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana and MT DPHHS Addictive and Mental Disorders Division.

### 2020 Montana Healthcare Conference

[October 5-9, 2020](#)

Online

The Montana Hospital Association and Montana Primary Care Association are partnering to provide a virtual conference, previously known as the MHA Fall Convention and Tradeshow.

### Ongoing trainings

Several statewide organizations have trainings and events available on an ongoing basis, including (but not limited to) the [Montana Primary Care Association](#), the [Montana Office of Rural Health](#), and the [Montana Public Health Training Center](#).

## Upcoming SHIP Events

### Preventing Motor Vehicle Crashes in Montana Communities

August 24, 2020 from 9 AM to 1 PM

Virtual meeting for providing education and planning around preventing MVCs for local and tribal public health department staff or their partners.

Contact Anna at [abradley@mt.gov](mailto:abradley@mt.gov) for an invitation to attend.

### Chronic Disease Prevention and Self-management

September 10, 2020 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Workgroup meeting

### Healthy Mothers, Babies, and Youth/ACEs

September 14, 2020 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM

Workgroup meeting

### Motor Vehicle Crashes

September 24, 2020 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Workgroup meeting

### Behavioral Health

September 30, 2020 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Workgroup meeting

The [Montana Healthy Communities Conference](#) is underway! Register any time for the series of 10 webinars scheduled between July and November. This conference is designed to inspire cross-sector conversations for improving communities across Montana.

