



Novembers Monthly news & updates

Welcome to the November edition of the "Make Elevate" newsletter, where we embark on a journey through the heart of Milwaukee's community health improvement plan. As the city collectively strives for better health outcomes, this newsletter serves as your guide to the latest initiatives, impactful stories, and collaborative efforts that shape the transformative landscape of community well-being. Join us as we celebrate progress, share insights, and foster a stronger, healthier Milwaukee together.

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." - Mother Teresa

MKE Elevate's CHIP Launch Party!

Join us as we celebrate **the official release of the 2023-2028 MKE Elevate Community Health Improvement Plan**, a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to improve the health and well-being of Milwaukee and our community members.

The launch party is an opportunity for community members to engage with the plan. This plan is a community-driven, collaborative effort, and we look forward to celebrating it together with all who have provided input, joined an action team, signed on as an implementation partner, or are interested in learning more.

We will be providing food and mocktails!

Location: NŌ STUDIOS, 1037 W McKinley Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53205

Thu, Dec 14, 2023, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Email mkeelevate@milwaukee.gov for any questions

Register [here](#)



MKE ELEVATE PLAN LAUNCH PARTY!

DECEMBER

14

4:30-6PM

NO STUDIOS

1037 W McKinley
Ave, Milwaukee,
WI 53205

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Reasonable accommodations provided for persons with disabilities upon request. Call [414-286-3475](tel:414-286-3475) or email ADACoordinator@milwaukee.gov

What is MKE Elevate?

MKE Elevate is a plan to improve the health of all Milwaukee residents. This plan seeks to focus and align work to address priority health issues selected by our community, for our community.



Registration for this event is preferred but not required



For questions please email us at MKEElevate@milwaukee.gov

November Action Team Q4 Meeting notes!

Appreciation to all who participated in this year's action team meetings! In total, MKE Elevate organized **17** meetings, with nearly **300 community members**, and **63** implementation partners actively contributing towards a healthier Milwaukee. This is a five-year plan, and we encourage everyone to sustain this momentum not only into the upcoming year but throughout the next four years.

Be on the lookout for the release of next year's action team meeting dates, which will be shared. towards the end of December!

[Action Team Meetings notes for November 2023.](#)

Built Environment Action Team

(Virtual, via Zoom)

Thursday, November 16th 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Q4 notes [here](#)

Q4 Recording [Here](#)

BE co-chair interest form [here](#)

Maternal & Child Health Action Team

(Virtual, via Zoom)

Thursday, November 16th 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Q4 notes [here](#)

Q4 Recording [Here](#)

Safe and Supportive Communities

(Virtual, via Zoom)

Tuesday, November 28th, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Q4 notes [here](#)

Q4 Recording [Here](#)

MKE Elevate Event

Molly Collins from the American Lung Association will provide an Advocacy 101 training for MKE Elevate action team and steering committee members.

Tuesday, December 5th from 10-11 am

Register [here](#)



Source: <https://artsmn.org/resources/advocacy-101>

Implementation Partner Spotlight Empowering Families of Milwaukee



What is EFM?

The Empowering Families of Milwaukee (EFM) and Direct Assistance for Dads (DAD) Project are comprehensive, long-term home visiting programs that serve expecting and parenting families living in the City of Milwaukee. The EFM program targets pregnant/birthing caregivers and the DAD Project targets fathers/father-figures who are expecting a child or parenting a child under the age of 3 years, and services are offered for at least two years of the child's life.

EFM is unique in that it is staffed by both Public Health Nurses and Public Health Social Workers who work in dyad pairs so that each family has access to both a nurse and social worker. DAD Project, on the other hand, is staffed by Fatherhood Involvement Specialists who focus on the often-overlooked needs of fathers with a specific focus on increasing father-involvement and healthy co-parenting. DAD Project families also have access to a nurse consultant as needed. Both programs use the Parents as Teachers evidence-based home visiting model and curriculum, and are free, voluntary programs with a focus on healthy birth outcomes, positive parenting, family health and wellness, child development and safety, and school-readiness. In addition to providing support, activities, and information about all of these topics, the programs support families in identifying strengths and areas of growth, and then support them in working toward individualized goals through connections to resources. Services are primarily provided as home visits in the family's home, where the home visitors and families meet to discuss the topics that are important to that family and engage the parents and children in educational activities. Home visitors strive to meet families where they are at, both figuratively and literally, and thus are able to meet with families at other locations throughout the community at times (libraries, health centers, doctor's appointments, grocery stores, parks, shelters, etc.) The programs also offer ongoing opportunities for peer support and connection with other families via family fun events and parent support groups.

Why is this an important resource in Milwaukee/Wisconsin?

Parenting is hard, and everyone needs support. And parenting is more difficult when it is coupled with challenges such as poverty, systemic racism, language barriers, and inequitable access to culturally sensitive and responsive care, to name a few. The EFM/DAD programs partner with families that face adversity and challenge, and help them to navigate systems, utilize resources, obtain knowledge, and overcome barriers to support the health and wellness of themselves, their children and their families. We also know that the first three years of a child's life is a crucial period that impacts a child's lifelong trajectory. Healthy attachment with a nurturing caregiver is an essential component to child development, and thus, our program focuses on strengthening and enhancing the parent-child relationship through a variety of strategies. In our work with families, we create space for parents to think about their relationship with their child, reflect on the type of parent that they want to be, and support them in making informed choices about what they know is best for their child and their family.

Why did you become an implementation partner with MKE Elevate?

No one program/agency can do it all, and there is strength and influence that

comes from a group of people working together toward common goals. The health disparities in Milwaukee are complex, and many solutions, many brains, many hands and many hearts are needed to work toward the goal of health equity for our city. The goals of MKE Elevate are aligned with the goals of the EFM/DAD Programs, and there is intention and momentum with MKE Elevate that gives me hope for positive change. Together, we can move the needle.

Implementation Partner Agreement

MKE Elevate Implementation Partners

Implementation Partners help advance the strategies identified in the 2023-2028 MKE Elevate Plan. Such implementation efforts may include, but are not limited to: program administration; providing content area expertise; sharing resources; advancing advocacy and education efforts; and/or data sharing.

Benefits of being an implementation partner include:

1. Breaking Down Silos
2. Networking Opportunities
3. Strategic Alignment Toward Common Goals
4. Community Health Improvement

Expectations of an implementation partner are:

- Attend at least half the quarterly action team meetings and biannual general meetings
- Commit to being an anti-racist organization (for more information go to <https://aorta.coop/continuum>)
- Provide an annual progress update and share program data as able

Sign on as an implementation partner [here](#)

A DOPE PUBLIC HEALTH PODCAST

Where Creativity Meets Advocacy

MKE Elevate steering committee member Demonte Dismuke is a public health practitioner residing in Milwaukee, where he has lived most of his life. He is the creator and host of A Dope Public Health Podcast, which centers around advocacy for health equity of Black and Brown people with a twist of hip-hop. Demonte credits the Dismuke village lead by his maternal grandparents Peavy & Fatrice Dismuke, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dr. Maya Angelou for helping him find his passion for community service and public health.

Find the podcast [here](#)

News and Reports

MCH: Program trains people of color as doulas to tackle healthcare disparities
Read More [Here](#)

BE: County Awarded Federal Funding For Affordable Housing \$ 1.8 million grant will help housing aid recipients move to higher-income neighborhoods.
Read More [here](#)

SSC: Milwaukee is relaunching an initiative that brings neighbors together to address safety issues. Here's what you need to know.

Read more [here](#)

Legislation to follow

Senate Bill 121

This bill pertains to health insurance coverage for breast screening and examinations. It states that health insurance policies cannot impose a cost-sharing requirement for supplemental breast screening or diagnostic breast examinations. However, this restriction does not apply if it would cause someone to become ineligible for a health savings account under the federal Internal Revenue Code.

[Find Updates here](#)

Senate Bill 365

This bill affirms an individual's statutory right to access contraceptives and to engage in contraception, while simultaneously recognizing the corresponding right of healthcare providers to offer contraceptives, contraception, and related information.

[Find Updates Here](#)

Senate Bill 110

This bill mandates that the Department of Health Services in Wisconsin must request approval from the federal Department of Health and Human Services to extend Medical Assistance benefits for eligible women during their postpartum period. Currently, these benefits expire on the last day of the month in which the 60th day after childbirth occurs. However, this bill seeks to extend this coverage until the last day of the month in which the 365th day after childbirth takes place, significantly prolonging the period of eligibility.

[Find updates here](#)

Assembly Bill 176

This bill allows pharmacists in Wisconsin to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptive patches and self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives, with certain restrictions. The Pharmacy Examining Board, in consultation with other healthcare boards and agencies, will create rules governing how pharmacists can prescribe contraceptives. These rules will include using a self-assessment questionnaire based on guidelines from the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

[Find Updates here](#)

Assembly Bill 394

This bill mandates the Department of Transportation to institute a driver education grant program aimed at offering financial assistance to individuals currently enrolled or aspiring to enroll in a driver education course, as well as to providers of such courses. The grant amount allocated under this program is

limited to covering either the cost incurred by an individual for the driver education course they are enrolled in or seeking enrollment, or the expenses borne by the provider in delivering driver education to individuals under 20 years of age within their program.

[Find Updates Here](#)

Senate Bill 717

This bill directs the Department of Health Services (DHS) to seek federal approval for a separate purchase option within the BadgerCare program, allowing certain individuals with incomes surpassing the eligibility limit to obtain coverage. The outlined criteria include a premium rate akin to the state's average paid to managed care plan contractors and a minimum actuarial value of 87 percent. The legislation also mandates DHS to incorporate an option for small groups of 50 employees or fewer. The department is required to submit a comprehensive report on the federal waiver status, encompassing results from essential actuarial and economic analyses. Upon approval of any necessary waivers or state plan amendments, DHS must implement the program. The bill further instructs DHS to pursue federal waivers and state plan amendments, enabling qualified individuals opting for the BadgerCare option to utilize advanced tax credits and cost-sharing credits, if eligible.

[Find Updates Here](#)

Senate Bill 716

This bill pertains to BadgerCare Plus and BadgerCare Plus Core within the state's Medical Assistance program, which serves individuals with limited financial resources. In alignment with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, it introduces a modification to the family income eligibility level for parents and caretaker relatives under BadgerCare Plus, extending coverage to childless adults currently under BadgerCare Plus Core, and setting the threshold at up to 133 percent of the federal poverty line. The Department of Health Services is tasked with ensuring compliance with federal requirements and seeking amendments to the state Medical Assistance plan, waivers of Medicaid laws, or other necessary federal approvals. The objective is to qualify for the highest available enhanced federal medical assistance percentage specifically designated for childless adults under the BadgerCare Plus program

[Find Updates Here](#)

Funding Opportunities

DOCUMENTARY FILM FUNDING

iTVS announces their [Short Form Open Call Fund](#) to support development and co-production funding for short nonfiction projects under 30 minutes. [Short Form Open Call](#) is open to any topic, with a special interest in stories related to criminal justice reform, democracy and civics, and environmental justice. Successful applicants will work with ITVS producers throughout the editorial process. They will receive funding for development or production, and if

approved, distribution on the PBS web-based platform they identify in their proposal as an Independent Lens presentation.

Impact 100 MKE Grant

Nonprofits are invited to apply for a \$100,000 grant for the following: a capital project, a new program, an expansion of an existing program, or a new or expanded collaborative effort of several nonprofit organizations. The program or project must target a specific population for a specific duration with specific measurable goals. Complete an online Letter of Inquiry in our Application Portal and submit by noon on December 7, 2023.

More information [here](#)

Upcoming Events

If you or your organizations would like any events shared in this newsletter please email MKEElevate@milwaukee.gov

Helping Hands 2023

12/7/2023

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Central

Location: Wisconsin City Club

900 W. Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53233

"Tis' the season to make merry with Impact100 friends old and new, nosh on delicious appetizers, and offer a Helping Hand! Join as we gather to celebrate our collective impact, hear project updates from 2023 grant recipients, and support their missions with a holiday donation from their online wish lists! Unwrapped items may be brought that evening; other direct donation options are available via the wish lists as well.

Invite a guest as we celebrate the giving season with festive attire, complimentary appetizers, and cash bar at the Wisconsin City Club; including secure, complimentary valet parking.

Register [Here](#)

MKE FEED Coalition December Hybrid Meeting

When: Wednesday, December 13th from 1:30 – 3:30 PM

In-person meeting details:

- Milwaukee Public Library Mitchell Street Branch 906 W Historic Mitchell St, Milwaukee, WI 53204
 - Community Room (behind glass doors to left of entrance)
 - Parking is available behind the library – enter on 9th St
 - This branch is accessible via MCTS routes 19, 54, and 80

Zoom Link:

<https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/99785135788?pwd=UXBNTmxlcFM3N1NzR3NjYkUxRG5tQT09>

We are looking forward to connecting to learn about how food waste reduction work is moving forward in our City, including the Mayor's interest and future involvement in this work! We hope you can join us! If you have any questions or would like to be added to the MKE FEED Coalition email listserv please email Meg Kilkenney: meg.kilkenney@wisc.edu

Madison's premiere screening of the ***It's Basic*** documentary, hosted by Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway. This compelling film features families from across the country who have participated in Mayors for a Guaranteed Income pilot programs. It sheds light on the transformative impact of the no-strings-attached monthly cash payments on their lives.

Madison Forward Fund is one of the many pilots funded by Mayors for a Guaranteed Income. We invite you to hear the inspiring stories of Madison Forward Fund participants in a post-screening discussion. By educating the broader community about the life-changing potential of guaranteed income, we can galvanize greater support for this critical movement.

Details of the event are as follows:

Date: Thursday, December 14

Time: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Location: Madison Youth Arts Center (MYArts), 1055 E Mifflin Street, Madison, WI 53703

Link to register: <https://www.guaranteedincomeworks.org/madison>

THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE AND MILWAUKEE COUNTY'S 16TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY DRIVE

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 18

REQUESTED ITEMS:

THE 2023 HOLIDAY DRIVE BENEFITS MILWAUKEE-AREA INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AT: UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS OF MILWAUKEE (UNCOM).

- NEW TOYS
- SOCKS
- PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS
- BLANKETS
- PORTABLE CHARGERS
- EARBUDS
- HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES
- GIFT CARDS (WALMART, KROGER, GAS)

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HAVE LEGAL QUESTIONS?
NEED ANSWERS OR ADVICE?

ASK A LAWYER

SEEK HELP DURING LEGAL AID SOCIETY
OFFICE HOURS AT DOMINICAN CENTER

WHAT: Bi-monthly office hours with Legal Aid Society lawyer Anthony Garcia

WHEN: Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month

TIME: 9:30am-12pm

WHERE: Dominican Center, 2470 W. Locust St.

HOW: Walk-ins welcome, but sign up for an appointment: <https://bit.ly/amanilegalhelp>

Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee is available to answer questions and talk about any legal issues you may be having. A session with the lawyer is only informational and may not result in representation. Legal Aid Society might be able to help you with:

- **HOUSING MATTERS** including evictions, foreclosure, poor housing conditions, negligent landlord problems
- **ESTATE PLANNING** including power of attorney (finance, health), wills, living wills, advance directives
- **OTHER LEGAL ISSUES**

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This Week!



Encouraging Housing Choice & Growth Through Milwaukee's Zoning Code

**Share your feedback on the
draft recommendations for Growing MKE!**

Open House-Style Public Meeting

Mitchell Street Library

Monday, November 27, 2023

5:30pm to 7:00pm

Spanish translation available

Office Hours Pop-Ups

Atkinson Library

Tuesday, November 28th

3:00pm to 6:00pm

Milwaukee Central Library

Wednesday, November 29th

2:30pm to 5:30pm



Upcoming Training in January 2024

serving Milwaukee County

Time:

- 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Dates:

- January 22-25
- January 29-February 1
- February 5-8

Trainers: Michelle Laga & Shirley Drake

Applications Open: November 13

Applications Close: December 11

More info here:

<https://bit.ly/12224CPST>



Mental Health Emergency Center

ABOUT THE EMERGENCY CENTER

The Mental Health Emergency Center (MHEC) is the mental health (psychiatric) emergency department caring for residents of Milwaukee County. The MHEC offers emergency mental health services for people of all ages experiencing a mental health crisis. MHEC is one of many mental health crisis services available to people in the community along with mobile crisis services, walk-in access clinics, and the Behavioral Health Services Crisis Line. »

MHEC SERVICES

The Care We Offer:

- MHEC assesses, stabilizes, and provides emergency treatment to people experiencing a mental health emergency.
- The goal is to treat the emergency and quickly connect the patient with the appropriate care. This could be additional mental health support in the community or in a mental health hospital.
- The center also connects patients and families to supportive services.
- There are separate treatment areas for adults and children.

The MHEC Does Not Provide:

- Long-term inpatient care
- Outpatient mental health therapy or medication administration
- Scheduled appointments (walk-in only)
- Medical care, such as heart, cancer, or wound care. » Patients who have both medical and mental health emergencies should go to a hospital emergency room.

MORE INFORMATION

More information about the Mental Health Emergency Center can be found at mentalhealthmke.org. For help finding other mental health or substance use services in the community visit healthymke.com/well.

» If you are unsure of what services you or a loved one need, call the Behavioral Health Services Crisis Line at 414-257-7222.

EMERGENCY CENTER INFORMATION

Location:

1525 N. 12th Street
Milwaukee, WI

Hours:

Monday - Sunday
24 Hours/Day

MHEC Patients:

- Adults and children of all ages
- All people, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay
- People who walk in themselves or with friends/family and people who are brought in by law enforcement

WHEN TO USE THE EMERGENCY CENTER

Patients and families should go to MHEC if they are experiencing a serious mental health emergency and are at risk to themselves or others.

This may include:

- Thoughts of suicide, self-harm or harming others
- Violent, erratic or aggressive behavior
- Significant worsening of mental health disorders

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DINNER DIALOGUE

Join us for dinner and a facilitated discussion about coercive control and gaslighting. Hear from guest speaker Carmen Pitre, President & CEO of Sojourner Family Peace Center!



DEC 4

5-8 pm

LuLu Cafe and Bar
2265 S Howell Ave

\$30 per ticket



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Questions?

Email us at Engagement@MilwaukeeRep.com
or call us at 414-290-0707.

DECORATE THE PARK & SPREAD

Holiday Cheer

SATURDAY, DEC. 9 | 1PM

MOODY PARK | 2201 W. Auer Ave.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Stop by Moody Park to help
decorate for the season.

DECORATIONS NEEDED!

Do you have any spare holiday
decorations? Donate them!

To donate, volunteer or to get more info, contact Elizabeth Brown at elizabeth@dominican-center.org





PLEASE JOIN US FOR

A Christmas Carol

Families

SHOPPING DAY!

Saturday,
December
2nd

8:00 AM

Kohl's @
Bayshore Mall

5700 N Port Washington Rd
Glendale, WI 53217

Scan QR Code to
RSVP



Questions? Contact Jenny at jtoutant@milwaukeeep.com

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WHEN
WHY**

YOU MATTER

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HEALTHCARE HIRING EVENT

ON-THE-SPOT INTERVIEWS

Monday, December 18th, 3-5PM

Employ Milwaukee

2342 N 27th St. Milwaukee, WI

[Register here!](#)

**RSVPs Preferred,
Walk-ins Welcome!**

- DRESS APPROPRIATELY
- BRING RESUMES
- MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ENCOURAGED



Questions?

Contact Fred Nelson at | 414-270-1738 | frederick.nelson@employmilwaukee.org

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Community

Narcan Training

December 13th at 5:30PM
Oak Creek Civic Center:
Multi-Purpose Room



The Milwaukee Health Department serves as the convener for MKE Elevate, coordinating partners, aligning strategies, and facilitating a steering committee and issue-based action teams.

If you are interested in getting involved, email mkeelevate@milwaukee.gov for more information.

To learn more visit our website or follow us on social media!

