



**Maryland State Health Improvement Process (SHIP)
Health Action Newsletter
Wednesday, May 5, 2021**

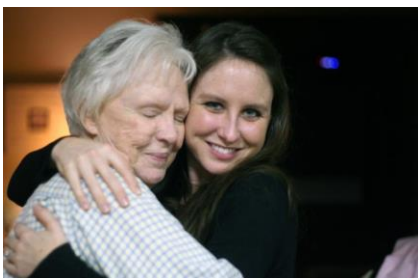
Please note the SHIP Newsletter will be distributed on a bi-weekly basis.

Resource: *The Maryland Department of Health (MDH): Latest Updates on the COVID-19 Pandemic*

Visit several MDH websites for the most current information about COVID-19 and Maryland's ongoing response to the pandemic.

The MDH coronavirus.maryland.gov site provides daily updates on the rates of infection and hospitalizations by county, testing, vaccine information, nursing home data and schools data, in addition to contact tracing.

MDH [CovidLINK](#) is Maryland's public hub for information about COVID-19. It is another resource which allows us to better understand disease transmission, prevent new infection, and help slow the spread of COVID-19 by working together.



Announcement: *Community Health Worker (CHW) Certification Application*

Applications for CHW certification based on experience will now be accepted through **June 30, 2021**. Visit the CHW Certification homepage for information about certification, full eligibility requirements, and application instructions.

To apply for CHW certification based on experience:

- Log into Maryland OneStop
- Upload the required form of age verification and two letter of validation forms

- Submit the application

Once the experience pathway closes, the only pathway to CHW certification will be based on the completion of an accredited CHW certification training program!

Join the over 750 CHWs who have been certified in Maryland!

Contact the CHW team with any questions at MDH.CHWApplications@maryland.gov or 410-767-5971. We would like to help you complete your application!

For more information, visit: pophealth.health.maryland.gov/Community-Health-Workers/Pages/Certification-Program.aspx

Find a list of accredited CHW Training Programs, visit: pophealth.health.maryland.gov/Community-Health-Workers/Pages/Accredited-Community-Health-Worker-Training-Programs



Event: *Mental Health & Aging: Motivational Interviewing Skill Development Conference*

Friday, May 14 at 8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

The GGEAR Program at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (Geriatrics and Gerontology Education and Research program) will be hosting a Continuing Education seminar Friday May 14 on motivational interviewing in

geriatric care settings.

“*Mental Health & Aging: Motivational Interviewing Skill Development Conference*” is a three-hour training that will provide a brief overview of Motivational Interviewing (MI) as a science-supported, client-centered, and collaborative conversation style for helping patients/clients with healthy behaviors. MI can be particularly useful when working with older adults for influencing change in behaviors that can lead to better management of their multiple medical conditions and treatment plans.

There is a cost for this conference.

For more information and to register, visit: ahecwest.org/ggear-ce-seminar-may-14-on-motivational-interviewing/

**Opportunity: Nurse Leadership
Institute: Advance your leadership
skills**



Application deadline: Friday, May 14

The Nurse Leadership Institute at the University of Maryland School of Nursing announces a call for applications for its next cohort of Nurse Leadership Institute Fellows.

This yearlong, high-level leadership program is open to registered nurses in Maryland and is offered at no charge, thanks to a Nurse Support Program II grant. Nurses receive Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) contact hours for their participation.

For more information and to apply, visit: www.nursing.umaryland.edu/academics/pe/nli/application/

Event: *The Maryland Assembly on School Based Health Care Annual Conference*

Monday, May 17 at 1 p.m.

Registration is now open for the *Maryland Assembly on School Based Health Care Annual Conference*, presented virtually with both live and on-demand sessions. Opening session and keynotes begin May 17, 2021 at 1pm. Ten on-demand workshops will be available from May 18-June 7, 2021. Closing session and keynotes will take place May 21, 2021 at 1pm.



Participants will be able to:

- Examine the evidenced-based knowledge and skills necessary to address selected pediatric physical and mental health problems within the school setting and community,
- Underline the role of school-based health centers in promoting optimum health and development, reducing health inequities, and supporting safe school environments,
- Apply techniques to build resiliency within children, teens, and families in school-based health centers and to support the smooth transition of students into in-person learning within a new

There is a fee for this conference.

For more information and to register, visit: <https://masbhc.org/>



Event: 2021 Maryland Action Coalition (MDAC) Virtual Leadership Summit - Meeting Challenges Head On: Maryland Nurses Respond

Monday, May 24 at 9:15 a.m.

Join the 2021 Maryland Action Coalition Virtual Leadership Summit! Registration and Call for Abstracts are now open. This year's summit, *Meeting Challenges Head On: Maryland Nurses Respond*, will be held Monday, May 24, 2021, 9:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

The first 100 registrants will receive a complimentary copy of keynote speaker Brian Castrucci's book, *The Practical Playbook: Public Health and Primary Care Together*. The development of innovative educational and clinical processes during challenging times such as a pandemic is key to the preparation of nurses for practice in an ever-evolving and complex health care environment. This conference is designed to explore models, interventions, practices and policies that are advancing the preparation of the future nursing workforce and innovation in academic and practice partnerships. Continuing education credits for nurses will be available.

For more information and to register, visit: www.nursing.umaryland.edu/academics/pe/events/MDAC/

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