



Our Health. Our Community. Our Future.

## Monthly news & updates

As we step into the colorful season of autumn, we are thrilled to bring you the latest updates, upcoming events, and essential information on our ongoing journey to elevate the well-being of the city of Milwaukee which is led by our community members.

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

— Margaret J. Wheatley

## 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](mailto:mkeelevate@milwaukee.gov) for any questions

Register [here](#)

**August Action Team Q3 Meeting notes and Q4**

# November Meeting Registration Links.

**Action Team Meetings notes for August 2023.**

## **Built Environment Action Team**

(Virtual, via Zoom)  
Thursday, November 16th  
10:00 am to 11:30 am

**Q3 notes [here](#)**  
**Register for Q4 [here](#)**

## **Maternal & Child Health Action Team**

(Virtual, via Zoom)  
Thursday, November 16th  
4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

**Q3 notes [here](#)**  
**Register for Q4 [here](#)**

## **Safe and Supportive Communities**

(Virtual, via Zoom)  
Tuesday, November 28th,  
10:30 am to 12:00 pm

**Q3 notes [here](#)**  
**Register for Q4 [here](#)**

Join us at our  
**Q4 Action Team Meetings this November!**



Please join us at our fourth round of Action Team Meetings to work together to create a plan to work towards our goals and strategies for the next five year plan!



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Register for Zoom meetings at  
[milwaukee.gov/elevate](https://milwaukee.gov/elevate)



## 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](#)

## News and Reports

**MCH:** Review a new report from the March of Dimes on Maternal Care Deserts at [www.marchofdimes.org/mcdr](http://www.marchofdimes.org/mcdr)

**BE: Leftover Pod, Episode 2** – Looks at Milwaukee and features Anita Garrett and her experience with schools meals. Anita is a Feeding America Food Leaders Lab - Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin ([feedingamericawi.org](http://feedingamericawi.org)) graduate and her project focused on increasing school lunch participation and availability of healthy school meals at MPS.

## 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](#)**

## **Upcoming Events**

If you or your organizations would like any events shared in this newsletter please email [MKEElevate@milwaukee.gov](mailto:MKEElevate@milwaukee.gov)



# OPEN HOUSE

1:00 – 4:00 PM, October 31, 2023

Maple at Westlawn Gardens

6405 W. Sheridan Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208

The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM) will host an Open House for Maple at Westlawn Gardens, which offers one-bedroom apartments available to former foster youth.

If you would like to attend or want to learn more, please connect with your assigned Case Manager. Otherwise you can direct questions to (414) 343-5718 or [DCFDMCPSINDEPENDENTLIVING@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DCFDMCPSINDEPENDENTLIVING@wisconsin.gov).



Wisconsin Department of  
Children and Families



westlawn  
gardens





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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PARTNERS:



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

12:30 - 2 PM

# WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

*For Milwaukee's Victims of Road Traffic Violence*

The Coalition for Safe Driving MKE invites you to a vigil honoring the families and friends of road traffic victims. Join us in remembering those who have been lost and injured by traffic violence, and stand in solidarity with those impacted by reckless driving. All are welcome.

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Sunday, November 19, 2023

12:30 - 2:00 pm

All Saints Catholic Church, 4051 N. 25th St.

Contact: Danitra (414-444-8204 or [danitra@nwscdc.org](mailto:danitra@nwscdc.org))





# 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](http://mentalhealthmke.org). For help finding other mental health or substance use services in the community visit [healthymke.com/well](http://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



# OFRENDAS

**Festival de Muertos Tradición Viva!**



**Nov. 1 & 2, 2023**

FLORES HALL  
2997 S. 20TH ST.  
MILWAUKEE, WI 53215

\*EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

IMMERSE INTO THE COLORS, AND TRADITION BY FULLY EMBRACING THE EXPERIENCE OF THE **LARGEST COMMUNITY ALTAR.**

- CUENTOS Y LEYENDAS /STORYTELLING
- THEATRICAL DANCES & FOLKLORE
- CANDLELIGHT & AZTEC CEREMONY
- PAN DE MUERTO
- CATRINA SHOWCASE
- AND MUCH MORE!

\*COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGE WILL BE SERVED UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST.  
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Event is subject to change without a prior notice and if the weather permits.

# ATTENTION VETERANS

Need to apply for 2024  
Energy Assistance?



Thursdays

November 2nd and 9th

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Milwaukee County Veterans Service  
Office 6401 W. Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis, WI 53214

Call to schedule your appointment:  
414.522.6629



Checklist of items you will need to present at appointment:

Social security number and date of birth for all members of the household

Proof of residency-WI DL or state ID card

Energy/Heating Bill

Landlord information for renters (name, address, phone number) or copy of lease

Proof of Income -wages, unemployment compensation, self-employment income, social security, SSI or SSDI, pensions, child support payments, TANF/W-2





# Just ahead: hope & healing.

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
& HUMAN SERVICES

**BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH SERVICES**

Substance Use Prevention & Treatment

Mental Health & Wellness Services | 24-Hr Crisis Line **414-257-7222**



**Free Community Engagement Session:  
Fentanyl Info, Narcan Training,  
Medication Lock Boxes &  
How Milwaukee County  
Should Invest in Our Community**

**Friday, November 3  
8:30 a.m. to 12 noon  
Tripoli Shrine Center  
3000 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee**

- Hear from fentanyl expert Ben Westhoff
- Learn how you can save lives with Narcan
- Tell us how you want Milwaukee County funds to be spent

**Light breakfast provided**



**The first 20 people to register can win gift cards  
after they participate in the full session.**

**Registration required at: [RISEdrugfreemke.org](https://rise.drugfreemke.org)**



**Sponsors: Community Advocates  
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Milwaukee County Behavioral  
Health Services**

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](mailto:mkeelevate@milwaukee.gov) for more information.

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





