



# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our Winter 2020 newsletter. The newsletter will be used to disseminate the latest information and activities of the Center for Health Disparities Innovations and Studies, including the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Project – a five-year collaborative agreement with the CDC. This newsletter can also be accessed via the Center's website: [www.emich.edu/chdis](http://www.emich.edu/chdis).

**Mid-Year ACTIVE Coalition Meeting held on Nov. 2, 2019.** EMU CDC REACH Team and the ACTIVE Coalition held their mid-year coalition meeting at the Student Center on Nov. 2, 2019. The meeting was facilitated by Dr. John Sonnega and attended by community partners for Wayne, Oakland and Kent counties.



**MI Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program for the Undeserved Asian Americans.** EMU CHDIS received funding from the MI DHHS Child Lead Exposure Elimination Commission in 2019. The goals of this project are to: 1) increase lead testing and enhance linkage for high-risk children and pregnant women, 2) provide healthcare professionals and providers with education related to lead testing and elevated blood lead level treatment, and 3) implement a primary prevention program to increase lead awareness and provide resources.

The CHDIS Lead Team is working with Bangladeshi families in Hamtramck to increase lead education, screening, and linkage to resources. We are partnering with community members to create culturally relevant materials to share at online forums, face-to-face meetings. To date we have reached 872 individuals in Hamtramck. The Principal Investigators for this project are Dr. Tsu-Yin Wu and Dr. Lydia McBurrows. Ms. Sarah Lally is the Program Educator. For additional information about this project, please contact Sarah Lally at (734) 320-6432 or [sarstjoh@emich.edu](mailto:sarstjoh@emich.edu)



## Second Community Baby Shower in Hamtramck, MI on November 23, 2019

The second Community Baby Shower was held at the Wayne County Healthy Communities in Hamtramck, MI. The CDC REACH lactation consultant, Ms.

Tameka Jackson-Dyer provided education.





## Hamtramck Safe Routes to School Kick Off.

Dr. Xining Yang, the lead Director for CDC REACH Physical Activity (PA) domain, Jessica Donnelly, PA Coordinator, and Hamtramck Public School organized the Safe Routes to School Kick Off on Nov. 4, 2019

**EMU REACH Team invited as Panelist to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Expo/Symposium sponsored by the McKinney Foundation on December 14, 2019.** Drs. Alice Jo Rainville and Xining Yang were invited presenters at the McKinney Foundation Social Determinants of Health Symposium and Expo held at the Larry K. Lewis Education Center of the Wayne County Community College District. Dr. Rainville presented "Asian Americans' Health Disparities and Food Access" and Dr. Yang presented "Visualize Health Disparities using Geographic Information System (GIS)". The Symposium and Expo was attended by leaders and advocates who were passionate about improving the lives of Metro Detroit's vulnerable population. Ms. Rachel Bessire and Ms. Jessica Donnelly from the CHDIS also attended and staffed a table with information at the Expo.

**Breast Cancer Awareness and Cultural Competency in Health Literacy Training held in December in Southfield.** Dr. Tsu-Yin Wu, in collaboration with the Philippine Nursing Association of MI (PNAM), conducted a training for the Filipino community on breast cancer awareness and cultural competency in health literacy training. Dr. Jenni Hoffman spoke about breast cancer screening and provided demonstration on proper self-breast examination. Dr. Marguerite DeBello, another faculty at EMU School of Nursing presented on health literacy.

**Wayne County Healthy Communities, Hamtramck, MI, partnering with REACH recipient Eastern Michigan University (EMU)**

**in the NACCHO's Building REACH Community Breastfeeding Continuity of Care project.** Wayne County Health Communities (WCHC) is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Hamtramck, serves the Arabic- and Bengali- speaking individuals in MI. This project will facilitate communication and collaborations between WCHC FQHC, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and the Bangladeshi American Public Affairs Committee along with other county and state-level partners. WCHC FQHC will work towards policies and environmental changes and apply for a Michigan Breastfeeding Network Workplace Award. They will train staff on newly developed policies and also on breastfeeding education and referrals. In addition, they will recruit community members to be trained as culturally-attuned breastfeeding peer counselors and provide bilingual education classes. With the REACH team and community input, they will develop consistent messaging/materials, a referral network and a community resource guide to be distributed to community agencies within Wayne County.

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



**Dr. Tsu-Yin Wu was Keynote Speaker at the Philippine Nurses' Association Nightingale Gala.** On Oct. 9 2019, Dr. Tsu-Yin Wu was invited as the keynote speaker at the PNAM Nightingale Gala held at the

Somerset Inn in Troy, MI.

## EMU REACH Team attended Active Living Conference 2020.

Dr. Xining Yang presented a poster the preliminary findings of his research project **Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis on Active Living in Hamtramck Michigan: Evidence from Parent's Survey and Environment Scanning** at the Active Living Conference (ALC) in Orlando, Florida from Feb 2 - 5, 2020. Dr. Tsu-Yin Wu and Meng Hu are the co-authors of this presentation. This project is supported by the CDC REACH grant

