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Dear State of Michigan Departments, Programs, and Partners:

Did you know that cancer and heart disease are the leading causes of death for Michigan women? The American Cancer Society estimates that one-third of Americans missed routine cancer screenings due to COVID-19. As a result of the pandemic, health care organizations have taken precautions to make it safe to return for these lifesaving health screenings.

The [Cancer Prevention and Control Section](#) of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has screening programs for women. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program (BC3NP) provides breast and cervical cancer screening to eligible women. The WISEWOMAN Program provides screening for heart disease risk factors and health coaching to make lifestyle changes.

The Cancer Section of MDHHS needs your help to promote these programs. You are invited to become a partner in our **Women's Health Partnership Campaign** to:

- **Enroll** women for lifesaving health screenings.
- **Engage** women in services for themselves and their families.
- **Share** the attached flyer: Help women take advantage of **FREE health services** in the communities you serve. The flyer has links to websites with more information about screening programs.
- **Be listed** on the **Women's Health Partnership Campaign** page.
- **Be featured** in an upcoming press release.

Contact MDHHS-WomensHealthPartner@michigan.gov by **September 30, 2022**, to **join this campaign**.

Read the following testimonials to find out what cancer, heart disease, and health screening programs mean to Michigan women.

- "Chronic disease health programs mean a lot to me as a cancer survivor myself. I believe in the power of early detection, and I want to make sure I can educate the Middle Eastern/North African (MENA) community on the importance of early screening and be able to offer them the services. These programs give hope to my community."

Ghada Aziz
Breast, Cervical and Colorectal Cancer Program Coordinator
ACCESS Community Center and Medical Clinic

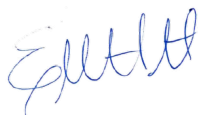
- “The Women’s Health Network has been helping women in Kent, Barry, Muskegon and Ottawa counties access Mammograms and Pap smears as well as follow up and treatment services for nearly 30 years! We serve our communities with multiple locations, and it is our honor to deliver compassionate, personal, and dignified care.”

Sally Cory
Women’s Health Coordinator
Kent County Health Department

- “The Public Health Department of Delta Menominee (PHDM) provides WISEWOMAN services in Delta and Menominee counties in Upper Michigan. Out of the 40 participants screened this past year, thirty-five percent were sent to their physician for further follow-up and seventy percent were referred for further lab testing. These are services which would not have been available to our participants due to financial barriers. PHDM offers many harm reduction services and feels the WISEWOMAN program is a great fit to the mission of the department.”

Mary Claire Massi-Lee
WISEWOMAN Coordinator

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Hertel
Director

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Attachment

c: David Knezek, MDHHS Senior Chief Deputy Director