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# The MI-CARES Bulletin

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To the MI-CARES community,  
Our team wants to thank you for your support of the study as we work together to understand the impacts of environmental exposures on our health and cancer risk.

This monthly newsletter is sent to our participants, community partners, and anyone interested in environmental justice and health. Keep reading to learn about MI-CARES progress, hear from our community partners, read about timely and important environment and health information, and share your views on the environment!

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## MI-CARES Across Michigan

The dots on the map represent the more than 2,000 Michiganders from 284 cities and towns who are participating in MI-CARES. Let's turn this map completely blue - tell your friends and family about MI-CARES! Remember - anyone living in Michigan between the ages of 25-44 is eligible.



Interested in participating in MI-CARES and taking action on environmental health?

Visit Our Website & Enroll Here!

Share MI-CARES!



## Community Partner Spotlight: Reverend Sharon Buttry

### ***What is your role in the community?***

My current role is a volunteer role. I serve as the Facilitator for the: **The Detroit Hamtramck Coalition for Advancing Healthy Environments**, formerly known as the Coalition to Oppose the Expansion of US Ecology. We are residents and concerned allies on the eastside of Detroit. We live between I-75, 6 Mile, Gratiot and Mack, representing black and brown communities of low wealth. We believe everyone deserves a healthy environment no matter where they live. We are surrounded by industry, regulated by the State of MI. We are constantly asking our legislators and government leaders why so many of us are suffering from cancer, asthma and lack of access to quality health care. We believe that together we can bring about change for a healthier future.

### ***How do you think MI-CARES will impact your community?***

MI-CARES will help us learn more about specific ways the environment impacts our health in Michigan. With the data and summaries that will be produced, we can become more effective advocates for the health that our children, grandchildren, and future generations deserve.

# Team Member Spotlight: Bella de Sa

## **Who are you and what is your role on the team?**

Hi, my name is Bella, and I'm a recent graduate of the University of Michigan School of Public Health Bachelor of Science program. Following graduation, I took on a full time position with MI-CARES as a research coordinator, where I specifically focus my energy on biospecimen collection.

## **What do you think is the impact of MI-CARES?**

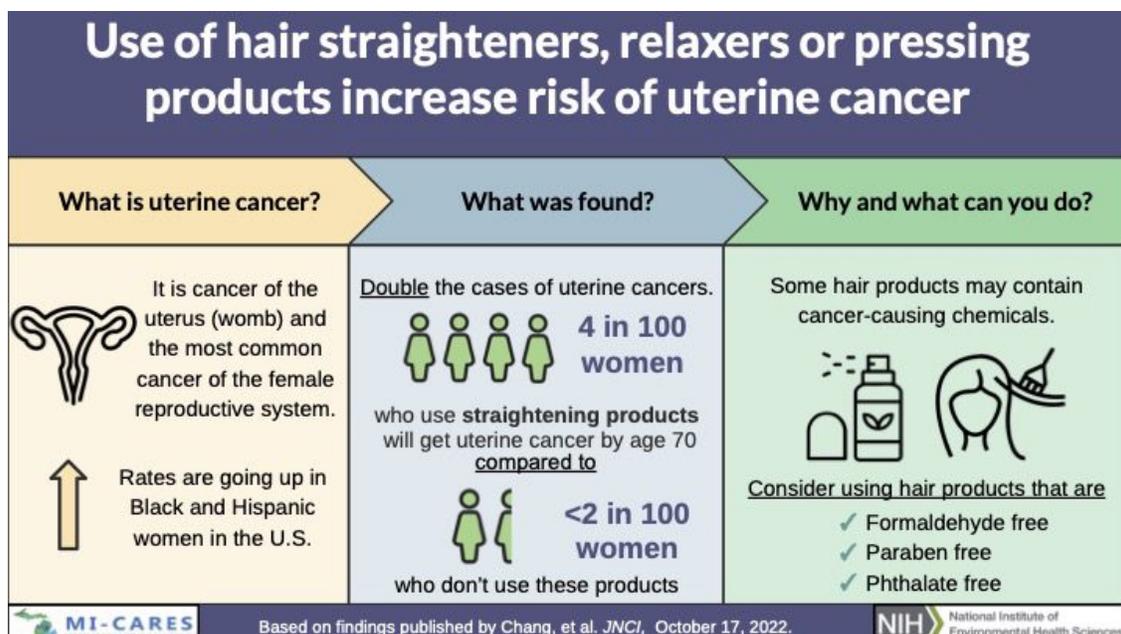
Working with MI-CARES, I've had the opportunity to attend well over 20 community events, giving me a chance to explore and understand community, environmental health and cancer in Michigan. With an engaged community, the MI-CARES research project can produce invaluable and impactful information that can support racial and ethnic groups often overlooked by research. It has been an inspiring project and role to hold, and I am excited to see what the future holds for Michigan!

Questions? Email us.



## Do you have an increased risk of uterine cancer?

MI-CARES created an easy-to-read graphic to understand the recent results of a study examining the link between chemical hair straightening and uterine cancer. You can download the graphic to share with your friends and family.



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# What is the #1 environmental concern of Michiganders?



[Click here to tell us your #1 concern.](#)

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