



Violence, Injury, & Trauma Action Team Meeting

Thursday, July 28, 2022

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. ACEs/Trauma
3. Youth Dating Violence/Domestic Violence
4. Community/Gun Violence
5. Suicide Prevention Education for Parents
6. VIT Interim Co-Chair
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Introductions

- Jourdan Cucinotta - St. Mary's County Health Department, LBHA
- Kelsey Bush - St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Taylor Spencer Davis - Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy
- Stacey Morgan - St. Mary's County Health Department, ACCU
- Ann-Marie Combs - Department of Juvenile Services
- Tori Poss - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Stephanie Freeman - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Shan Chen - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Jacquie Wells - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Paul Quade - PFLAG Leonardtown
- Nat Scroggins - Minority Outreach Coalition
- Tammy Loewe - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Tania Ceasar - Family Violence Coordinating Council
- Jennifer Martinez - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Marta Kelsey - Commission for Women
- Jennifer Foxworthy - Unstoppable You Ministries, Inc
- Laura Stewart Webb - Pyramid

ACEs/Trauma

- Future ACEs Training dates:
 - Wednesday, September 28 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm
 - Wednesday, November 16 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm
 - We are checking CEUs can be offered and are looking for a co-facilitator for training - please reach out if you are available!
- The first screening of Paper Tigers at Lexington Park Library on July 20 was successful!
 - 12 viewers present
 - Jacquie provided an overview of the guided discussion had after the viewing. Viewers discussed wanting local trainings on trauma informed care for volunteers/coaches/adults who interact with youth/children (rather than just for teachers), the developmental assets from the search institute, and the need for a common language locally when discussing ACEs.
- The team will be holding its last screening this Saturday at the Lexington Park Library. Register here!
 - Meeting Room A on Saturday, July 30 from 12:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
 - Tania & SMCHD staff (Stephanie F.) will be moderating
 - We will be tabling and providing resources at the showing, as well as collecting feedback from participants to gather common questions/requests after the showing
 - ACEs information will be made available on the table

Youth Dating Violence/Domestic Violence

- October's "Why Don't They Just Leave" panel event
 - Taylor provided an update
 - She discussed the idea of having security at the event with the new DV coordinator at St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
 - She is trying to get Newtown Players on board to host at their location, rather than the library
- **#SMCWhatIsLove** Social Media Campaign
 - Shan has drafted a social media toolkit using "What is Love?" postcard images provided by Taylor (below).
 - The team provided feedback to the toolkit
 - There was discussion around ensuring that language for LGBTQ+ relationships is included; posts could link to The Trevor Project (or similar organizations)
 - SMCFA has some DV posters that are focused on the LGBTQ+ community that they can share
 - Shan and Jacquie will touch base with Paul to make sure that the toolkit is inclusive.
 - Shan will finalize the toolkit and then send out to the team



In a healthy relationship, your partner...

should	should not
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• communicate kindly, openly, and honestly• respect wishes, boundaries, and feelings• leave time for family and friends• encourage you to be the best version of yourself	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• use put-downs or threats• touch you without your permission• hurt you emotionally or physically• try to control what you wear, who you talk to, or how you spend your time

If you or a friend is in an unhealthy relationship and needs help, please contact the Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy at www.SMCFA.net or (301) 373-4141. Students can also notify an adult by submitting an anonymous tip at smcps-md.safeschoolsalert.com (Organization Code: 1013).

Community/Gun Violence

- Safe St. Mary's Summer Party (below) had over 70 participants!
- The team discussed holding more events centered around the community and gun violence prevention. Some ideas discussed were:
 - A community walk
 - A candle lighting ceremony
 - The event would also be a way to gather community input to put together a Community Safety Plan (evidence-based practice to prevent gun violence)
- Please reach out to HSMP via email if you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can coordinate these events!



Suicide Prevention Education for Parents

- The subcommittee is continuing to review its Draft Design and Parent Packet planning document and providing feedback
 - Final product will be made into a billboard, media advertisement(s), online digital document and tabbed booklet
- The subcommittee will continue to follow up with Bill (graphic designer) and will share with the team at the next meeting.

VIT Interim Co-Chair

Farewell to our current Co-Chair, Jennifer Martinez! Best of luck!

- The VIT Action Team needs an interim co-chair to serve until a newly elected co-chair is chosen on December 2022.
 - Nominations will be in November 2022
 - Elections will take place in November/December, depending on any changes due to the holidays
- The following candidates for interim co-chair were nominated:
 - Stephanie Freeman
 - Angela Cochran
- **Congratulations to Stephanie Freeman for being elected Interim Co-Chair.**

Partner Updates

- St. Mary's County Health Department's Behavioral Health Hub is in its final stages of construction. They are anticipating on opening in September, with Harm Reduction moving in there first. SMCHD HR will be closed the 16th and 17th while they move locations. SMCHD will host an invitation-only ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 8. They are currently recruiting for the Health Hub Director position and several positions will be posted in the future.
- Stephanie Freeman's role at SMCHD has changed slightly - she is now the Child Adolescent and Young Adult (CAYA) Care coordinator!
- Welcome Brian Ayers, the new Older Adult Care Coordinator at SMCHD!
- Two new requests for proposals (RFPs) have been shared to [SMCHD's website](#).
- The Big Conversation of SOMD is hosting their annual virtual discussion, "[Living and Coping with Trauma: The Unseen Force](#)" on Sept 11th.
- HSMP/SMCHD has issued an [RFP to promote safe physical activity for pregnant and postpartum women](#). Three \$4,500 mini-grants will be offered to qualified applicants.
- [HSMP's Annual Meeting](#) is September 29 at Bay District Volunteer Fire Dept. Shan and Jacquie are finalizing the speakers. Registration will be opening next month and tabling registration will be made available next week!

Communications

- Submit event and news updates/information through our website or email stmaryspartnership@gmail.com
- Follow HSMP on Social Media
 - Facebook: Healthy St. Mary's Partnership
 - Twitter: @HealthyStMarys

Upcoming Meetings

- August 25, 2022 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.