



Violence, Injury, & Trauma Action Team Meeting

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Agenda

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Introductions

- Taylor Nickerson - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Madison Mansfield - St. Mary's County Public Schools
- Deidra Carroll - MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
- Eliot Willenborg - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Shannon Heaney - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Kelsey Bush - St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Jean Cooper-Carter - New Beginnings Program with The Mission
- Stephanie Freeman - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Shan Chen - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Taylor Spencer Davis - Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy
- Stacey Morgan - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Tammy Loewe - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Derek Adams - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Patrice Campbell - Building Bridges
- Ann-Marie Combs - Department of Juvenile Services
- Lisa Milburn - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Barbara O'Neal - Commission on Aging
- Angela Cochran - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Amanda Leal - Serenity Place
- Jacqueline Wells - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Shan Chen - St. Mary's County Health Department

ACEs

- ACEs Focus: Parental education/awareness and holding a series of discussion panels with parents as the targeted audience
- Speaker ideas
 - Patrice (Building Bridges, an after school program for youth)
 - A representative from the Department of Social Services
 - Reach out to Lisa Sheehan & Alexis to have them attend next meeting
 - Identifying a clergy champion?
 - Reach out to Charlie Wharton to identify someone to champion
 - Glori Van Brunt is an active community volunteer and SMCPS employee who is knowledgeable about the community
- Solidifying topic areas, number of discussion panels
 - Emotional/mental toll of being a parent
 - Absent parents, single parents; support group
 - Reach out to Robin Schrader (SMCPS) for more topic ideas
 - Provide an introduction to Strengthening Families program
- Serenity Place has offered to help with any trainings

Violent Crimes

- The team collaborated on a [Google Sheet](#) to identify programs and resources that focus on youth and adolescents
 - Asset mapping and gap analysis
 - Using list of known programs/resources, identify any gaps (in age or geographic location) in the county
 - Define “youth” - what age group is this?
 - Will need to identify programs available to address appropriate age group(s)
 - The team agreed to focus on both youth violence prevention and working with youth that have already been exposed (primary and secondary prevention) to violence

Suicidal Thoughts

- The team continued to discuss different ways to encourage or incentivize practitioners to service St. Mary's County
 - Taylor mentioned offering social incentives for practitioners who see clients in-person or after school
 - Example: St. Mary's County Commissioners issuing a proclamation thanking practitioners for servicing clients in the St. Mary's County
- Maryland Response Corps (MRC)
 - Could be potentially used to fill the provider or scheduling gaps
 - Contact [Eliot](#) for more information on MRC

Partner Spotlight

- [Eliot Willenborg](#) will be presenting on the Maryland Responds Corps (MRC).
- [View presentation](#)



Poverty Simulation

The St. Mary's County Local Management Board for Youth & Family Services and St. Mary's County Public Schools is hosting a Poverty Simulation. Please join us on **Tuesday, May 23 from 9:00am – 12:30pm at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technological Center** in Leonardtown.

A poverty simulation is an interactive learning experience designed to enhance poverty awareness. This event is for local educators, service providers, and community partners.

Increasing our awareness of poverty, allows us to better understand the families we work with and inspire changes to help strengthen our community.

There will also be an ACEs presentation by Stephanie Freeman.

If you have questions, please email amanda.meatyard@stmaryscountymd.gov.

[Click here](#) to RSVP for this event.



Partner Updates

- Welcome Derek Adams, our new Community Health Outreach Worker (CHOW) at St. Mary's County Health Department!
- Taylor shared a [Conscious Discipline Parent Workshop Flyer](#) with the team.
- There will be a mini Mission of Mercy at Pax Dental this Saturday from 9:00am-3:00pm. There are 15 appointments available for dental care - cleanings and extractions available at no cost. Spots are filling up quickly. Contact [Derisha Marshall](#) or [Shannon Heaney](#).
- SMCM is showing a screening of the film Descendant. RSVP for the event, Whispers from the Waters-Ancestral Memories from the Clotilda [here](#)!
- Beacon of Hope is hosting [Beacon Brainstorming Day](#) on May 8, from 12:00-1:00pm or 7:00-8:00pm for a brainstorming session on an adult recovery support.
- SMCHD's Thrive by Three program is hosting a Community Baby Shower on May 20 from 9:00am-12:00pm at Spring Ridge School-Based Health Center. There will be giveaways and raffles. Diapers and wipes will also be given away. View the [English/Spanish](#) flyer!
- Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy is currently hiring for two attorney positions (family law, protective order), a crisis advocate and a financial specialist. Email [Taylor](#) if you or someone you know is interested!
- Serenity Place LLC offers a [peer support group](#) every Wednesday for parents/caretakers of kids battling mental illness.

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

- **Thursday, May 25, 2023 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**
- If you are interested in doing a presentation on your agency for our monthly Partner Spotlight, please fill out [this form!](#)