



Violence, Injury, & Trauma Action Team Meeting

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. ACEs
3. Violent Crimes
4. Suicidal Thoughts
5. Partner Updates

Introductions

- Kelsey Bush - St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Ann-Marie Combs - Department of Juvenile Services
- Marybelle Edelen - Lifestyles of Maryland
- Barbara O'Neal - Commission on Aging
- Robin Schrader - St. Mary's County Public Schools
- Eliot Willenborg - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Jenise Henson - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Shan Chen - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Stacey Morgan - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Stephanie Freeman - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Tammy Loewe - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Taylor Nickerson - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Taylor Spencer Davis - Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy
- Emilie Thomas - Fleet and Family Support Center
- Deidra Carroll - MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
- Lisa Sheehan - Department of Social Services

ACEs

The team would like to focus on parental education and awareness by hosting a series of discussion panels with parents of youth as the targeted audience

- Speakers that have confirmed interest
 - Greg Syler, Rector at Church of the Ascension & St. George's Episcopal Church
 - Patrice, Promise Resource Center
 - Jodi Gardiner, Maryland Coalition of Families
 - Glori Van Brunt, SMCPS and community volunteer
- Locations for panel discussions
 - St. Mary's County Libraries - Lexington Park and Leonardtown Library are mostly available in the fall except for a couple of select days
 - Charlotte Hall Library is closed due to AC issues
 - North Senior Activity Center
 - Taylor Spencer Davis has reached out to Debra Kane at the Department of Aging & Human Services on its availability
 - Other potential sites under consideration
 - New Market Farmers Market - Shan will reach out to POC [Lisa Ledman](#)
 - Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department
 - Ridge Volunteer Fire Department
 - St. Mary's College of Maryland
- **Action item:** Reserve the following locations and dates
 - Lexington Park Library, Leonardtown Library, & North Senior Activity Center around mid-October/November

Violent Crimes

- Data sources to review
 - Youth Risk Behavior Survey, YRBS - Shan will review
 - Juvenile arrests
 - Department of Juvenile Services provided a report
 - St. Mary's County Teen Court
 - Stephanie reached out to Gregory Jones for data on the number of youth referred, participated and who have successfully completed the program
 - Local Management Board (LMB) - Shan will reach out to Amanda Meatyard
 - SMCSO's Gun Violence Data
 - Firearm Related Offences Involved Persons up to 25 years of age
- We will review these data in conjunction with our local assets (list of programs/resources) and perform a gap analysis to determine what services are missing and which age group(s) need assistance the most
- Hosting and promoting violence prevention-themed events
 - Partnering with NAACP for its annual Back to School event
 - Kelsey Bush to follow up with Marsha Williams
 - Reach Back and Lift 1 Inc. and Grinding Academy rescheduled its "Touchdown Against Gun Violence" Saturday, July 8 at Lancaster Park from noon to 5:00 p.m.
- Jenise Henson has invited Lt. Joshua Krum and Officer Austin Schultz of SMCSO to speak about the CIU Task Force at next month's meeting

Suicidal Thoughts

- The VIT co-chairs have partnered with BHAT's Family Education Subcommittee to address parental education and how parents can best help their child/teen with their mental and behavioral health
- Maryland Response Corps (MRC)
- Consider organizing a support group for grieving friends/family members
 - Hospice partnership (bereavement coordinator Dawn Kelly)
 - Shan will continue to follow up with Dawn
 - Ideas for grief counseling, church group, retreat for grieving parents
 - Partnering with Camp Maria for a retreat and involving The Cove kids in a summer event
 - Sharing AFSP's list of support groups
- Shan shared the concept of a LOSS Team Model "Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors" - an active postvention model; involves two or more volunteers, called a LOSS Team, proactively going to the scene of a suicide to provide immediate support to those left behind
 - How to Launch a LOSS Team
 - Potential interest in starting one in St. Mary's County?

Partner Updates

- SMCHD is onboarding two new providers who will be primarily focusing on adolescent substance use.
- Starting July 1, non-citizen pregnant Marylanders who would otherwise be eligible for Medicaid but for their immigration status may now be eligible for coverage. View the [flyer](#) or [Healthy Babies Equity Act](#) overview.
- St. Mary's County Government launched a new [public opinion survey](#) to better understand local residents' priorities and concerns on a wide range of county services and the local quality of life. Please provide your feedback and share!
- St. Mary's College of Maryland and the Chesapeake Orchestra is kicking off its first night of the [25th Annual River Concert Series](#) this Friday, June 23. Concerts will be on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. starting on June 23, and continuing until July 21. Concerts and parking are free and open to the public!
- Nicolet Park and Wildewood are hosting [National Night Out](#) on August 1.
- Addiction Prevention Coalition and its partners are offering a [virtual ACEs Training](#) on July 13. CEUs are offered!

Communications

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

Upcoming Meetings

- **Thursday, July 27, 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!](#)