



Violence, Injury, & Trauma Action Team Meeting

Thursday, July 27, 2023

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. ACEs
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4. Suicidal Thoughts
5. Community Advisory Board - Nurse-Family Partnership
6. Partner Updates

Introductions

- Suha Ansari - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Jenise Henson - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Jennifer Cass - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Amanda Leal - Serenity Place
- Kelsey Bush - St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Emelie Thomas - Fleet and Family Support Center
- Aniko Renee - Seedco
- Jessica Jolly - St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Stacey Morgan - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Shan Chen - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Lisa Milburn - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Nat Scroggins - Minority Outreach Coalition
- Taylor Spencer Davis - Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy
- Tammy Loewe - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Austin Schultz - St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
- Erin Farley - CalvertHealth
- Jean Carter - The Mission
- Marta Kelsey - Commission for Women
- Madison Mansfield - St. Mary's County Public Schools
- Mackenzie Orange - CalvertHealth
- Robin Schrader - St. Mary's County Public Schools
- Daveria Maddox - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Derek Adams - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Jacqueline Wells - St. Mary's County Health Department
- Mary Golway - CalvertHealth
- Angela Cochran - St. Mary's County Health Department

ACEs

The team would like to focus on parental education and awareness by hosting a series of discussion panels this fall (October/November) 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 discussion panels
 - St. Mary's County Libraries (Lexington Park, Leonardtown, possibly Charlotte Hall)
 - The Barns at New Market - free to reserve!
 - Other potential sites under consideration
 - Ridge Vol. FD
 - St. Mary's College of Maryland - Will review availability of Saturdays
 - No longer considered: Mechanicsville Vol. FD - does not have space to utilize; Northern Senior Activity Center - Fees/deposit is required.

The following dates and times have been reserved for the libraries

- Leonardtown: Thursday 10/12/23 3:45-7:45 and Saturday 10/7/23 12-4:45
- Lexington Park: Saturday 10/28/23 12:30-4:45

Violent Crimes

- HSMP's VIT Action Team will be tabling at the 2nd Annual Parent & Family Engagement Title I Conference and is seeking volunteers! The event is this Saturday, July 29 at Green Holly Elementary School, from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm.
 - Aniko Renee and Angela Horn will be tabling from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- Kelsey shared a July 26 Baltimore Sun article on how the availability of youth recreation centers help to lower juvenile delinquency
- The team is continuing to obtain and review the following data:
 - Youth Risk Behavior Survey, YRBS - Shan will review
 - Department of Juvenile Services provided a report on arrests
 - Stephanie reached out to St. Mary's County Teen Court (Gregory Jones) last month; still waiting for a response.
 - Local Management Board (LMB) - Shan will reach out to Amanda Meatyard
 - SMCSO shared its Firearm Related Offences Report
- Sgt. Austin Schultz of St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office spoke about the newly formed Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) Task Force, which mirrors the duties of its predecessor, the Youth Gun Violence Task Force. They continue to execute warrants, make arrests and seize firearms in efforts to curb gun violence in St. Mary's County.
 - There was a discussion on local partners working together to compile community resources on violence prevention

Suicidal Thoughts

- BHAT-VIT Family Education Subcommittee updates
 - Looking at best practices, successful models
 - Working on a Parent Resource “Menu” in the form of a website landing page and a one-pager (QR code to link to webpage).
 - Deadline: August 23, when students return to school
 - Email Shan for a calendar invitation to join the biweekly meetings! The next meeting is Wednesday, August 2 from 9:00 am - 10:00 am.
- Support groups for grieving friends and family members
 - There is a potential interest in starting a LOSS (Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors) Team in St. Mary’s County. A LOSS Team is made up of trained suicide loss survivors, and sometimes other concerned community members, that go to the scene of a suicide to support those left behind.
 - Currently, there are no active LOSS teams in Maryland
- SMCHD’s Behavioral Health Division is working on developing resources for individuals coping with crisis situations or critical incidents.
- It was suggested to reach out to veteran organizations to share resources pertaining to suicide prevention and loss.
- National Night Out is taking place August 1 in neighborhoods across St. Mary's County!
 - SMCHD will be present at Wildewood and Nicolet Park

Nurse-Family Partnership - Community Advisory Board

Jennifer Cass is seeking individuals interested in joining the Community Advisory Board (CAB) for the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP).

- The CAB is holding its first meeting on August 21.
- If you are interested in participating, [email Jennifer Cass!](#)
- For more information on the Nurse-Family Partnership, visit: <https://smchd.org/infants-and-children/>

Partner Updates

- HSMP is launching its [Annual Monitoring Survey](#) to better understand the work of action team members and partner organizations. Please complete this over the next couple of months.
- SMCHD's Back-To-School Vaccination Clinics are accepting appointments now! [Click here](#) to view the clinic schedule and to make an appointment.
- Southern Maryland's 2nd Annual Italian Heritage Festival is Saturday, August 5. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.
- Join Leonardtown in celebrating the 15th Anniversary of the Leonardtown Waterfront Park during August Wharf Fest First Friday Weekend (August 4-6). Attractions include the World's Largest Rubber Duck, live music, kayak rides and more! Click [here](#) for details.
- St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) is gearing up to host the prestigious 50th annual Governor's Cup Yacht Race August 4-5. Click [here](#) for details.
- Baltimore Symphony Orchestra is performing at SMCM's Performing Arts Center on August 5. Click [here](#) for details.

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, August 24, 2023 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**
- Interested in being in our Partner Spotlight? Sign up using [this form!](#)