



Violence, Injury, & Trauma Action Team Meeting

Thursday, August 24, 2023

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Introductions

[Click here](#) to access the list of meeting attendees!

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 and who will follow up
 - Greg Syler, Rector at Church of the Ascension & St. George's Episcopal Church (Shan)
 - Patrice, Promise Resource Center (Taylor)
 - Jodi Gardiner, Maryland Coalition of Families (Shan)
 - Glori Van Brunt, SMCPs and community volunteer (Jacquie/Shan)
 - Lisa Sheehan, Child Advocacy Center (Taylor)
- The following dates and times have been reserved for the libraries ([Preliminary flyer](#))
 - Leonardtown: Saturday, October 7 from 12-4:45pm & Thursday, October 12 from 3:45-7:45pm
 - Lexington Park: Saturday, October 28 from 12:30-4:45pm
 - A previous date, November 1 from 3:00-7:45pm, has been cancelled.
- Looking to include 2 more dates and locations: Barns at New Market (any day but Saturday) and SMCM (need to solidify a date).
- Potential topics for the discussion panel: homelessness, trafficking, suicide loss, emotional neglect, domestic violence
- Staffing and donations are needed!
 - Be on the lookout for a Volunteer Sign Up sheet. Volunteers include:
 - October 28 - Christiana, Jennifer F., Barbara, Michelle P.,
 - October 7: Jenise
 - Partners willing to donate snacks/drinks: Jennifer F., Michelle P., Jennifer A.

Violent Crimes

- HSMP's VIT Action Team tabled at the 2nd Annual Parent & Family Engagement Title I Conference on July 29. Aniko Renee (Seedco) and Angela Horn (SMCHD) volunteered and reported a great turn out!
- 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
 - St. Mary's County Teen Court provided a report on referrals, participation and completion.
 - Local Management Board (LMB) - Shan will reach out to Amanda Meatyard
 - SMCSO shared its Firearm Related Offences Report
- Due to a schedule conflict, Anne was unable to attend the meeting today to discuss the recent changes to the juvenile arrest law and juvenile services' approach to rehabilitation. She will come to our October meeting instead!

Suicidal Thoughts

- BHAT-VIT Family Education Subcommittee updates
 - Continuing to review best practices, successful models
 - Shan is continue to work on the Parent Resource “Menu” in the form of a website landing page and a one-pager (QR code to link to webpage).
 - Email Shan for a calendar invitation to join the biweekly meetings! The next meeting is Wednesday, August 30 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
 - There are organizations working with survivors, SMCHD
 - There was a discussion on creating a subcommittee to spearhead this topic. VIT members that expressed interest include:
 - Aniko Renee, Emilie Thomas, Susanne Joy, Tori Poss, Tammy Loewe and Jaime Barnes
- The Veterans Resource Center located at Three Oaks Center is a good partner for us to share resources with.

2nd Annual “Why Don’t They Just Leave” Event

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The Second Annual "Why Don't They Just Leave" Discussion Panel is Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at Leonardtown Library. The event will take place in Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 at 5:00 PM.

If you are interested in volunteering or being one of the panelists, please reach out to [Taylor Spencer Davis](#).



September VIT Meeting Cancelled

September's VIT meeting has been cancelled because it coincides with the [2023 HSMP Annual Meeting](#) on September 28.

The next VIT meeting will be Thursday, October 26.



Partner Updates

- Registration is now open for the 2023 HSMP Annual Meeting! [Click here](#) to register for free! For more information, visit the HSMP Annual Meeting [webpage](#).
- [St. Mary's County Health Hub](#) is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. There are many services available to the community including crisis counseling walk-in services, health care services, harm reduction, health insurance enrollment and more! The Harm Reduction program now has [Xylazine test strips](#) available to the public.
- Unstoppable You Ministries is hosting its annual [Self Defense Workshop](#) on September 16. It will be at Faith Bible Church in Mechanicsville from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. This event is free to the public! Register [here](#).
- The St. Mary's County Health Department and Beacon of Hope are hosting a [Candlelight Vigil](#) on August 31 to recognize International Overdose Awareness Day. The event will take place at Church of the Ascension in Lexington Park from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.
- SMCHD is offering [CPR/AED training](#). More classes will be available and announced soon. Additionally, there will be [flu clinic registrations](#) available soon.
- [Seedco](#) will be assisting individuals with Open Enrollment on November 1. Aniko Renee will be departing Seedco and her last day is September 1. Reach out to [Kara](#) if you need assistance!
- [Stride for Change: Empowering Survivors of Domestic Violence 5K Run/Walk Race](#) will take place October 14 from 1:00 - 5:00 PM at Calvert High School's track. Register [here](#)!

Partner Updates (continued)

- St. Mary's County Health Department, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office & additional community partners have launched its Group Violence Intervention Program! They will be canvassing neighborhoods to provide education on gun violence prevention.
- Fleet and Family Support Center and its partners are hosting Laps for Life on September 14, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM to bring attention to Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. The event will be held on the track behind the fire station.
- The Commissioners of St. Mary's County and St. Mary's County Homelessness Prevention Board is hosting Community Resource Day on September 8 at Lexington Park United Methodist Church from 11am-2pm. Click here if your organization is interested in tabling.
- St. Mary's County Health Department has launched a gun safety campaign that gives out free gun locks to the residents!
- There will be a Glow Run on base to bring attention to Domestic Violence Prevention on October 5th at 5:00 PM. If you'd like to table, please email Emilie Thomas.
- Nurse Family Partnership will be hosting an upcoming resource day. More info to come! If interested, please email Jennifer Cass. They will be doing home visits to low-income first time mothers.
- Harmony Wellness Counseling & Counseling Center is offering a support group for women called Breaking the Chains of Trauma.

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, October 26, 2023 from 1:00 pm - 2:00pm.**
- Interested in being in our Partner Spotlight? Sign up using [this form!](#)