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# HEALTHY ST. MARY'S PARTNERSHIP (HSMP) Annual Meeting

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Southern Region, HSMP Co-Chair

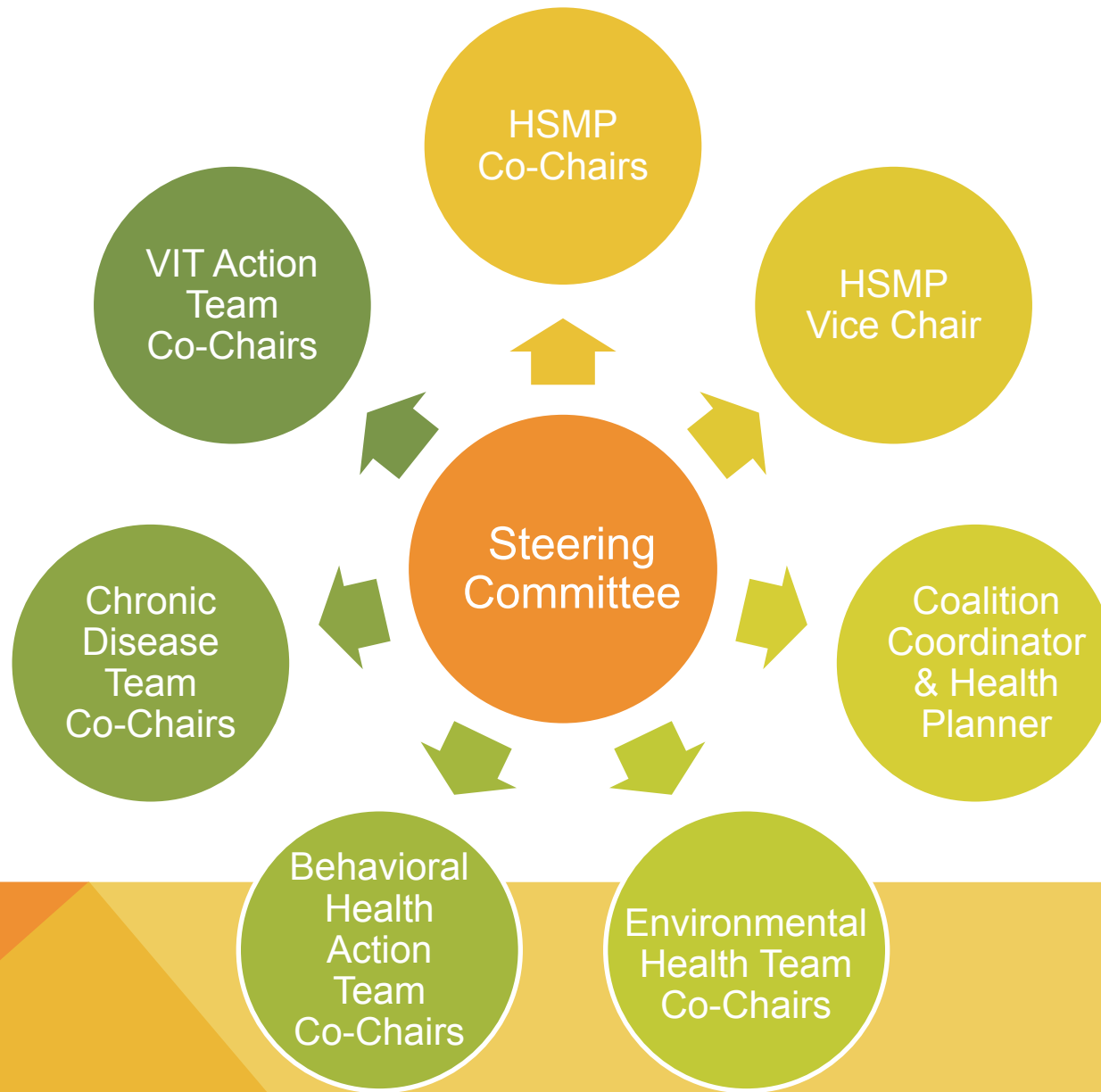
# WHAT IS THE HEALTHY ST. MARY'S PARTNERSHIP?

- Coalition working toward local health improvement
- Community members and partner organizations
- Assess health needs
- Identify what's important
- Action & collaboration
- Evaluate efforts



# ACTION TEAMS WORK TO ADDRESS PRIORITY HEALTH NEEDS

- Behavioral Health (Mental Health & Substance Use)
- Chronic Disease Prevention & Control
- Environmental Health (Natural & Built Environment)
- Violence, Injury, & Trauma



# DOWN TO BUSINESS

**So... what has HSMP been working on  
this past year?**

# ACTION TEAM PROJECTS/PRIORITIES

## **Behavioral Health Action Team (BHAT)**

- Reduce Emergency Department visits
- Reduce No Shows for Appointments
- Improve Behavioral Health Equity

**Co-Chairs**  
Chris Shea  
Jess Jolly

# ACTION TEAM PROJECTS/PRIORITIES

## Chronic Disease Action Team

- **Walking Groups**

- 3rd Wednesday of each month
  - 11 participants at the September group!
- Lexington Manor Passive Park
- In partnership with Peaktop Wellness and WARCycle



### Co-Chairs

Brian Abell

Andrea Hamilton



# ACTION TEAM PROJECTS/PRIORITIES

## Chronic Disease Action Team

- **Reducing overweight and obesity rates**
  - Coordinating cooking demonstrations
    - **Over 40** enrollees in demonstration with Recreation & Parks camp
  - Healthy Summer Recipes
  - Funding

# ACTION TEAM PROJECTS/PRIORITIES

## Chronic Disease Action Team

- **More to Explore Program**
  - Annual passport challenge that encourages community members to explore local parks and farmers markets
  - Enter the secret code found at each site for a chance to win prizes
  - Over 800 participants this year!
    - Over 1,000 site visits logged!

# ACTION TEAM PROJECTS/PRIORITIES

## Environmental Health Action Team

- **Walkable neighborhoods**
  - HSMP Walking Maps & Resources webpage
- **Bike Share**
- **Food Security**
  - Digital Food Pantry Platform
  - SoMD Fridge initiative

### Co-Chairs

Sue Veith

Ashlyn Dishman

# ACTION TEAM PROJECTS/PRIORITIES

## Environmental Health Action Team

- Walk With a Doc

A promotional poster for the 'Walk With a Doc' event. The poster has a dark green background with a decorative border of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red. At the top, it says 'Healthy St. Mary's Partnership presents' in a white sans-serif font. Below that, the title 'WALK WITH A DOC' is written in large, bold, green serif capital letters. Underneath the title, two event locations are listed side-by-side. The first is 'MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (Outpatient Pavillion)' on 'Saturday, September 30' at '10:00 AM'. The second is 'Lexington Manor Passive Park (Rennell Pavillion)' on 'Saturday, October 14' from '10:00 AM - 12:00 PM'. At the bottom, there are three logos: MedStar Health (a blue and yellow logo), the Healthy St. Mary's Partnership logo (a yellow banner with a white lighthouse icon and the text 'HEALTHY ST. MARY'S PARTNERSHIP'), and the Aetna logo (a purple heart icon followed by the word 'aetna' in lowercase). Below the Aetna logo is the tagline 'Aetna Better Health of Maryland'.

# ACTION TEAM PROJECTS/PRIORITIES

## Violence, Injury, and Trauma (VIT) Action Team

- **Adverse Childhood Experiences**
  - Discussion Panel Series
- **Violent Crimes**

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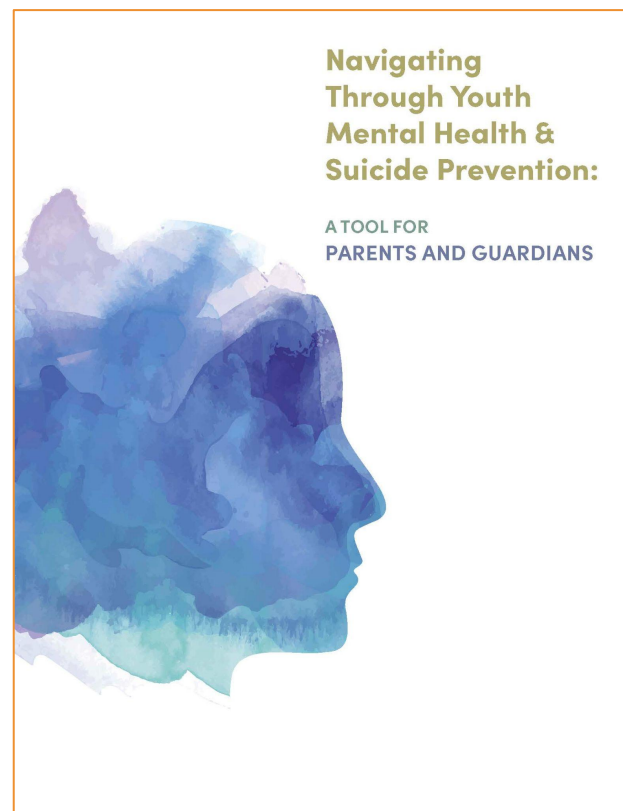
Kelsey Bush

Taylor Spencer Davis

# ACTION TEAM PROJECTS/PRIORITIES

## Violence, Injury, and Trauma (VIT) Action Team

- Navigating Through Youth Mental Health & Suicide Prevention: A Tool for Parents and Guardians



# ACTION TEAM PROJECTS/PRIORITIES

## Violence, Injury, and Trauma (VIT) Action Team

- 2nd Annual Why Don't They Just Leave event



**The Second Annual**  
**“Why don't they**  
**JUST**  
**LEAVE?”**

An honest conversation with survivors and service providers about the challenges of leaving an unhealthy relationship

**Leonardtown Library**  
**Meeting Rooms 1 and 2**  
**October 25th, 2023**  
**5:00 PM**

*Presented by the St. Mary's County Violence, Injury, and Trauma Team, the St. Mary's County Commission for Women, and the Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy*

For more information, please reach out to Taylor Spencer Davis at [taylorsmcfa@gmail.com](mailto:taylorsmcfa@gmail.com).

# COMMUNITY GARDEN





# HOW CAN I HELP?

- **Stay Connected**
  - E-Newsletter
  - [healthystmarys.com](http://healthystmarys.com)
  - Social Media
- **Participate**
  - Team Meetings
  - Advocacy work
  - Recruitment and development
  - MedStar Health Community Health Needs Assessment
- **Implement**
  - Align organizational work with Healthy St. Mary's 2026
  - Collaborate on strategies for health improvement

# WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR

- **HSMP Co-Chair & Vice-Chair Elections**
  - Nominations coming in October
- **Healthy St. Mary's 2026 Data Update**
  - Coming in December/January

# GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Schedule**
- **Membership & Action Team Information**
- **Healthy Food Drive**
- **Evaluation Forms**
- **Bathrooms**
- **Physical Activity Session at 4:00 p.m.**

# Stroke Smart St. Mary's County



Maryland was proclaimed  
a ***Stroke Smart*** State  
in May 2022

St. Mary's County was  
proclaimed ***Stroke Smart***  
May 23, 2023!

*Spot a Stroke,  
Stop a Stroke,  
Save a Life!*

# Here is what you can do to be “Stroke Smart”

1. Learn what a stroke is - **interrupted blood supply to the brain**
2. Learn how to “Spot A Stroke” -**BEFAST**
3. Learn that stroke is a medical emergency-**call 911 right away!**



**Know the signs of Stroke and BE FAST**

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Balance	Eyes	Face	Arms	Speech	Time
Does the person have sudden loss of balance?	Has the person lost vision in one or both eyes?	Does one side of the face droop?	Does one arm drift downward?	Does the speech sound slurred or strange?	Call 911 now!

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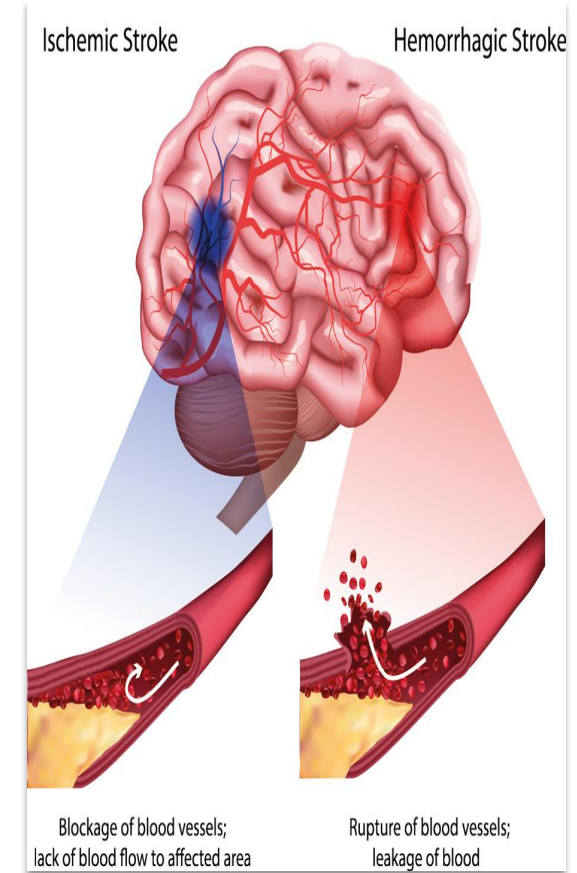
## Step 1: Learn what a stroke is - **interrupted blood supply to the brain**

### What is a Stroke (two types)?

**Type 1: Ischemic stroke** = lack of blood supply due to a blockage

**Type 2: Hemorrhagic stroke** = lack of blood supply due to a bleed







**Ischemic strokes (~90% of all strokes)** can be effectively treated with clot busters (thrombolytics) or surgery (endovascular treatment).



**A stroke can cause lasting brain damage, long-term disability, or even death. Timely treatment can help reduce this risk!**

## Step 2: Learn how to “Spot A Stroke”-BEFAST

**Know the signs of Stroke and BE FAST**

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### Step 3: Learn that stroke is a medical emergency-call **911 right away!**

While effective stroke treatments are available, they must be administered within a strict time frame. About **10%** of patients with stroke symptoms arrive to the hospital **in time** to receive acute treatment. About **75%** of patients with stroke symptoms **miss** the treatment window because they arrive to the hospital too late.



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If you or someone you are in contact with is experiencing **BEFAST symptoms – call 911 right away!**



# MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH) is committed to partnering with St. Mary's County to ensure residents are *Stroke Smart* !

Here is what you can do to support the *Stroke Smart* Initiative and empower our community members:

## Option 1:

Share this one-minute video [Maryland is a \*Stroke Smart\* State](#) with your friends, family, associates, co-workers, community groups, etc. and also share, with the MSMH Population and Community Health Team, the number of community members you have forwarded this information to.

## Option 2:

Contact MSMH Population and Community Health @**301-475-6019** for more comprehensive *Stroke Smart* Education including the following:

- ✓ MSMH is happy to attend meetings, events, wellness initiatives, etc. to provide *Stroke Smart* Education to the community.
- ✓ MSMH also offers in person or virtual *Stroke Smart* Champion Training – Become a *Stroke Smart* Champion and be empowered to share *Stroke Smart* education with your County Agency, Private Organization, Employees, Children, Associates, Employees, Residents, Parishioners, etc.



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