



# **Violence, Injury, & Trauma Action Team Meeting**

Thursday, October 26, 2023

# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Recap of 2nd Annual “Why Don’t They Just Leave” Event
3. ACEs
4. Violent Crimes
5. Suicidal Thoughts
6. Partner Updates

# Introductions

Click here to access the [attendee](#) list!

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

- The Second Annual "Why Don't They Just Leave" Discussion Panel was successful!
  - There were about 23 people in attendance.
  - Traffic delays and hosting the event at Leonardtown Library caused the attendance to be lower this year.
  - It was noted that additional people reached out to Taylor Spencer Davis following the event for resources!



# 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.

- Potential speakers:
  - 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/community volunteer
  - Lisa Sheehan, Child Advocacy Center
- The team decided to host a discussion panel in January 2024 at Barns at New Market to continue focus on reaching the northern end of St. Mary's County.
  - Barbara, Shan/Aniko, Taylor, Kelsey, and Maria volunteered for the panel discussion subcommittee.
  - The group proposed:
    - Time: Evening (5:30-6:00?)
    - Lisa Sheehan can find someone at DSS who may be able to speak at the discussion panel. Robin can ask Kim Hall (a former school social worker) if interested. Taylor will reach out to someone on base to see if they can get involved.
- Check out the Interactive Planning Session Poster from the 2023 HSMP Annual Meeting on [ACEs!](#) We will be using these ideas to guide our action team initiatives in 2024.

# Violent Crimes

- The team is continuing to obtain and review data on youth crime.
  - Shan will follow up with the below agencies/data sources to obtain their pre-pandemic (baseline) data and post-pandemic (2020 and after) data to compare:
    - The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)
    - Department of Juvenile Services' report on arrests.
    - St. Mary's County Teen Court's report on referrals, participation and completion.
    - The Local Management Board (LMB)
    - SMCSO's Firearm Related Offences Report
- Anne-Marie Combs is unable to attend the meeting to discuss the juvenile arrest law.
  - If you would like information on this topic, please visit <http://www.djs.maryland.gov/> or email Anne.
- Check out the Interactive Planning Session Poster from the 2023 HSMP Annual Meeting on Violent Crimes! We will be using these ideas to guide our action team initiatives in 2024.

# Suicidal Thoughts

- BHAT-VIT's Family Education Subcommittee updates
  - Shan presented the newly created [Website landing page](#) and [one-pager](#) to the subcommittee and collected feedback
  - Please share this resource with your network!
- 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.
    - 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
    - Shan will follow up with her contact, Sheila Murphy of Cecil County, regarding her LOSS team program

## Partner Updates

- SMCPS has 3 openings for social workers. SMCPS and HSMP are looking to host to partner and host a Behavioral Health Resource Day in May 2024. There will be upcoming community town hall meetings scheduled for Maryland's Blueprint Requirements. The town hall on Student Services will be held on December 4 at the Tech Center from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.
- SMCM is hosting its 3rd Annual Sacred Journey: The Commemorative To Enslaved Peoples Of Southern Maryland from 4:45-6:15 pm on Friday, November 3.
- If you have data on the number of elderly individuals with housing problems, please reach out to Barbara O'Neal to assist with assessing their needs.



# Communications

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

# Upcoming Meetings

- **Thursday, November 30th from 1:00 pm - 2:00pm will be our last meeting for 2023.**
- Interested in being in our Partner Spotlight? Sign up using [this form!](#)