



Violence, Injury, & Trauma Action Team Meeting

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Agenda

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

Introductions

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

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.
- The subcommittee will meet in 2024 to plan this event.
 - Date/Location: Winter 2024 (March?) at Barns at New Market (North end of the county)
 - Time: Evening (5:30-6:00?) Weekday vs Sunday?
- The group discussed re-confirming date/times with potential speakers and reaching out to additional organizations:
 - Good Samaritan Church in Lexington Park
 - Charlie Wharton has suggested 2 additional people to contact Shan will reach out.
 - Lexington Park Community Partnership
 - Kelsey has connected Amanda with Shan and Aniko to reach out.
 - Local Management Board
 - Dept. of Social Services - Lisa Sheehan
 - NAS Patuxent River - Taylor Spencer Davis

Violent Crimes

- The team is continuing to obtain and review data on youth crime.
 - Shan is continuing follow up with organizations to obtain the pre-pandemic (baseline) data and post-pandemic (2020 and after) data.
- The team held a brainstorm session and discussed:
 - As agencies and organizations, what are some things we can do to address the issue from a socio-emotional aspect? How can we implement these?
 - St. Mary's College of Maryland events
 - Kelsey proposed holding Mentoring Day in conjunction with an existing concert (The Jogo Project) on March 23. Activities include providing an afternoon tour of the college and attending the concert in the evening. Concert tickets are \$10.
 - Meeting with parents to provide education and encourage them to overcome stigmas.
 - Break-up mentors, community health professionals, and outreach into smaller, specialized groups designated to different areas and neighborhoods of the county.

Suicidal Thoughts

- BHAT-VIT's Family Education Subcommittee updates:
 - Please continue sharing our Family Education Resources [landing page](#) and [one-pager](#)!
 - The one-pager has been updated to include iMind's Mobile Response's phone number.
 - A request has been put in to have the landing page translated to Spanish and estimated completion time is 1-2 months.
- 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.
 - VIT Co-chairs met with Sheila Murphy (Chief of Community Wellness, Cecil County Department of Community Services) and invited her to our next meeting (Partner Spotlight) to discuss how their LOSS team was started.
 - Kelsey Bush and Derek Adams will be tabling at the the Public Policy Forum on Black Youth Suicide on December 9.
 - Last week, Aniko and Derek invited members of the local NAACP 7025 Chapter to attend the forum as well!

Partner Updates

- St. Mary's College of Maryland is finishing up the semester and focusing on student mental health while they prep for Final exams! SMCM offers internship opportunities for students to work at different organizations. If you are interested in recruiting interns to work for you - click [here](#)!
- HSMP and SMCPS will partner this spring to host a Mental Health Day at the Tech Center on May 18, 2024. More details to come! Unstoppable You Ministries volunteered to participate at the event.
- [Unstoppable You Ministries](#) is hosting a virtual Human Trafficking Awareness event in January. They will be collaborating with NAVAIR Patuxent River.
- The Mission shared that one of its participants, a young man with a troubled past, successfully completed its [New Beginnings program](#) and is now headed to boot camp!
- St. Mary's County Government's Department of Aging & Human Services (DAHS) is seeking volunteer drivers for its [WARM program](#)!

Partner Updates (continued)

- Children ages 2-18 with Maryland Medicaid or private insurance plans are eligible to sign up for SMCHD's Home visiting Asthma program. Contact [Sareka Butler](#) for more information on SMCHD's [Asthma program](#)!
- SMCHD's [TOPS program](#) will be starting a new chapter in January. The program will start as health department employees only, but will expand to include community members later. [Click here](#) for more information.
- SMCHD offers [Emergency Dental Services](#) to individuals without insurance. Call 301-475-4330.
- SMCHD is partnering with MedStar St. Mary's Hospital to offer [smoking cessation classes](#) starting in January. Contact [Kassie](#) (Kasenia) Coulson for general inquiries and registration questions.

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](#)

Upcoming Meetings

- **No VIT Action Team meeting in December!**
- **Next meeting: Thursday, January 25, 2024, 1:00 - 2:00 PM.**
 - We will discuss the following changes to meeting dates/times in order to accommodate for all action team members.
 - Change day/time.
 - Including a quarterly meeting held in the evening to reach volunteers that work day-jobs.