



Violence, Injury, & Trauma Action Team Meeting

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Partner Updates
3. Intimate Partner Violence
4. Driver Safety
5. Meeting Poll

Introductions

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



Partner Updates

- St. Mary's Community Development Corporation is still looking for volunteers for its upcoming Great Mills Rd Community Clean Up event on June 1. [Click here](#) to register by May 25 and get a free t-shirt!
- Johns Hopkins is seeking individuals to participate in their focus groups on Extreme Risk Protective Orders (ERPO). Potential focus group participants include community leaders, youth, individuals impacted by suicide, veterans, and anyone involved in violence/suicide prevention or impacted by violence/suicide. If interested, email [Heidi Penix](#) and CC [Aniko Renee](#).
- St. Mary's County [Commission on Aging](#) is hosting its annual Community Day on September 13. Stay tuned for more updates!
- The SMCHD's MCH team is becoming a part of the [Maryland KISS Car Seat Assistance Program](#) (CSAP). They will provide car seat safety education and car seats to low-income families. These families will be referred to a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPS) for installation checks. The Sheriff's office is trained to check seats and there is a virtual option as well. For more information, email [Ashley Milcetic](#).
- Fleet and Family Support Center is coordinating its animal abuse and domestic violence-focused awareness event, "Paws for Peace" in October. They are looking for table vendors to participate. Additionally, they are planning a Youth Violence Prevention Summit in NAS Patuxent River on February 2025. Reach out [Emilie Thomas](#) if you'd like to get involved in either event!

Intimate Partner Violence

Action team members decided that the team would be preparing bags locally to give out to the community. There will be two sets of bags - one for homeless individuals and one for trauma victims. It was determined that bag stuffing would take place sometime between late July/early August.

- **The bags for homeless individuals will contain the following**
 - Universal phone charger
 - Reusable hand warmers or insect repellent, depending on the season
- SMCHD's VIT Unit can provide tote bags, sunscreen, lip balm and hand sanitizer
- **The bags for victims of sexual assault will contain the following**
 - Universal phone charger
- SMCFA can provide 25 bags that contain a pair of pants, shirt, blanket, and water bottle
- Additional items needed (next slide)

Intimate Partner Violence (continued)

- Additional items needed include gender-neutral hygiene products (wipes and tissues), bottles of water, socks, blankets, lotion, and waterproof storage bags.
 - We will follow up with the following individuals to request or pick up items.
 - SMCSO's Community Policing Supervisor, [Sgt. Anthony Whipkey](#)
 - Unstoppable You Ministries offered to donate items
- Plans for bag distribution include
 - Working with the following partners to help distribute
 - MedStar St. Mary's Hospital (MSMH)
 - Local EMS/St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department
 - Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy (SMCFA)
 - St. Mary's College of Maryland's Wellness Center
 - Churches affiliated with the WARM Program
 - Hosting a community outreach event at the library focused on Sexual Assault Awareness to give away bags
 - Late summer/fall - stay tuned for updates!

Driver Safety

- The VIT Action Team will focus on driver safety to include topics like distracted/drunk driving, traffic accidents, Jamari's Law, and car seat safety. Action Team members discussed hosting a summer safety campaign that focused on roadway safety.
 - Examples of things we could do include
 - Inviting the community to post on social media by sharing photos of their safe summer activities and using hashtags like #SMCSummerSafe or #SafeSummerSOMD
- Other safety initiatives we will continue to support include
 - St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office offers free car safety seats checks by appointment!
 - Please share SMCHD's new water safety flyer!
 - Community outreach events
 - SMCHD's Maternal, Child & Elder Health team gave out 10 free car seats, as well as baby monitors and pack and plays at its Community Baby Shower this month!
 - SMCHD's VIT Unit will be at the Juneteenth Celebration at Lancaster Park on June 15 to give away gun locks and gun safety information!

Communications

The Healthy St. Mary's Partnership Newsletter is distributed every two weeks and highlights information on the four health priority areas for St. Mary's County. Sign up or share information with our members!



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Upcoming Meetings

- **Next scheduled meeting: Thursday, June 27, 2024, 1:00 - 2:00 PM.**
 - **Interested in being the next Partner Spotlight?** Sign-up [here](#).
- **Save the Date!** The HSMP Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at the USM at Southern Maryland SMART Building - Grand Hall from 8:30AM-2PM! [Register](#) to vendor/table now!