



Violence, Injury, & Trauma

(VIT) Action Team Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2025

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Partner Spotlight
3. Partner Updates
4. 2024 Review
5. 2025 Brainstorming
6. Meeting Close
 - Contact HSMP
 - Upcoming Meetings

Introductions

- See the attendee list [here](#).

Action Team Co-Chairs

- Taylor Spencer Davis, Deputy Director at Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy
- Michelle Pottinger, Program Director, VIT Unit at SMCHD

Partner Spotlight

- Jennifer Foxworthy, Founder and CEO of Unstoppable You! Ministries
 - Click [here](#) to view the presentation slides
 - January 31: Human Trafficking and Internet Safety Awareness event
 - February 8: Teen Dating Violence Education event
 - July 18-19: Women's Retreat



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Navigating Teen Relationships Safely



UNSTOPPABLE YOU
MINISTRIES

- Practical strategies for building healthy, respectful relationships
- Recognizing red flags and preventing teen dating violence
- Staying safe in a digital world: Protecting privacy and boundaries online

Light refreshments will be provided | Open to the public, Free, Ages 12 and Up

FEBRUARY 8, 2025

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Partner Updates

- **HSMP** ran a very successful winter clothing drive to support the schools! We had over 5 totes of clothes donated.
- **Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault** is leading a free training "Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Training Series-Online" February 10-21. Please click the [link](#) to register
- **Sheriff's Office** is hosting a gun violence [town hall](#) on Jan. 27 from 5:30-7 at Bay District Fire Dept. GVI group will be there with other presentations.
- **SMCHD** will have their Community Violence Prevention Day is on June 28 at Nicolet Park from 12-4. Lots of activities for this family friendly [event](#). Vendor registration is [available](#)!
- January is national mentoring awareness month. **SMCHD** was a part of the [proclamation](#) on Jan 13.

Partner Updates, Cont.

- There will be a Dating Violence Proclamation at the Chesapeake building at 9 am on February 4. Please RSVP to this event with [Debra Kane](#).
- **SMCFA** and the **Bar Association** will host a [symposium](#) on domestic violence in the LGBTQ+ community on Feb 11 at SMCM.
- **SMCHD's Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)** had a presentation from the Fathers Forward Initiative: a safe place for fathers and father figures to share experiences, joys, and challenges. Referrals can be made to them- [meetings](#) are weekly and virtual.
 - **UMD** is leading a [webinar](#) titled "Understanding the Unique Experience and Needs of Minority Fathers" on February 19.
 - **NFP** is at full capacity!
- **SMCHD's GVI team** led their third Empower Hour session for their pilot program to build up our youth and collaboration with the schools. If you are interested in being a guest speaker in the future please contact [Brienne](#).
- **SMCPS** is hosting their mental health fair again this year on May 10, 2025. Located in the tech center. Flyer to come!

Partner Updates, Cont.

- The **County Commissioners** and the **Department of Aging and Human Services** is hosting a poverty simulation interactive learning experience on March 7.
- **School Based Health Centers (SBHC)** and **CPEST** are hosting “Be a Well Woman” on February 5. They will be sharing information on women's health and exams. This event will be bilingual. See the flyer and register.
- **SMHC** are available for students and staff during the school days. They are open to the community outside of those hours (after school, snow days, etc.). They can do sports physicals!
- The **Health Hub** has many services, including crisis counseling, harm reduction, community mediation, and more!
- **Community Mediation of St. Mary’s County** and the **Health Hub** will be hosting a Conflict Management Workshop on January 28.

2024 Goals, Topic Areas, and Advocacy Agenda

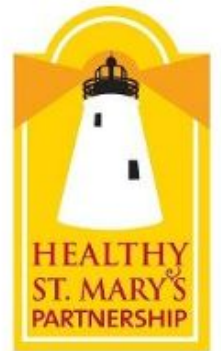
- Advocacy Agenda
 - Teen Dating Violence Education
- Topic Areas
 - Traffic Accidents/injuries
 - Bicycles, car seats, distracted/intoxicated driving
 - Intimate partner violence
 - Water safety
- Projects
 - #SafeSummerSOMD
 - VIT Action Bags
- View the data points we track and our focus areas here:
<https://healthystmarys.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Healthy-St.-Marys-2026-vit.pdf>

2025 Brainstorming Activity

| Goals or Projects | Topic Areas | Advocacy Agenda | What organizations are we missing? |
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| <p>More action team led collaboration—tabling at community events</p> <p>Anti-Bullying Campaign – Online Bullying vs. School Bullying</p> <p>Support of WARM Program & Unhoused Population</p> | <p>Community trainings (Trevor project, etc.)</p> <p>ESOL Program for Spanish Families in Waldorf and Calvert county</p> <p>Domestic Violence Support Groups</p> <p>Postpartum support</p> <p>Intimate Partner Violence Prevention</p> <p>Bullying and education on relationship building</p> <p>De-escalation</p> <p>Sexual Assault Prevention</p> <p>ADHD supports for youth and teens</p> <p>Teen pregnancy and Postpartum support</p> <p>ACEs awareness and reduction</p> <p>Intersection between domestic violence and human trafficking</p> <p>Discrimination against non-native English speakers</p> | <p>Teen Dating Violence Education in SMCPS</p> <p>Free Legal consultation</p> | <p>Sheriff's Office</p> <p>State's Attorney's Office</p> <p>Social Services</p> <p>Rescue Squads</p> <p>Local therapeutic organizations</p> <p>Local Churches</p> <p>YMCA</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce</p> |

Meeting Close

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Our next meeting will be February 27 from 1 - 2 pm.
- Interested in being an upcoming Partner Spotlight? Sign-up [here](#).

