



Violence, Injury, & Trauma

(VIT) Action Team Meeting

Thursday, February 27, 2025

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Agenda

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

Introductions

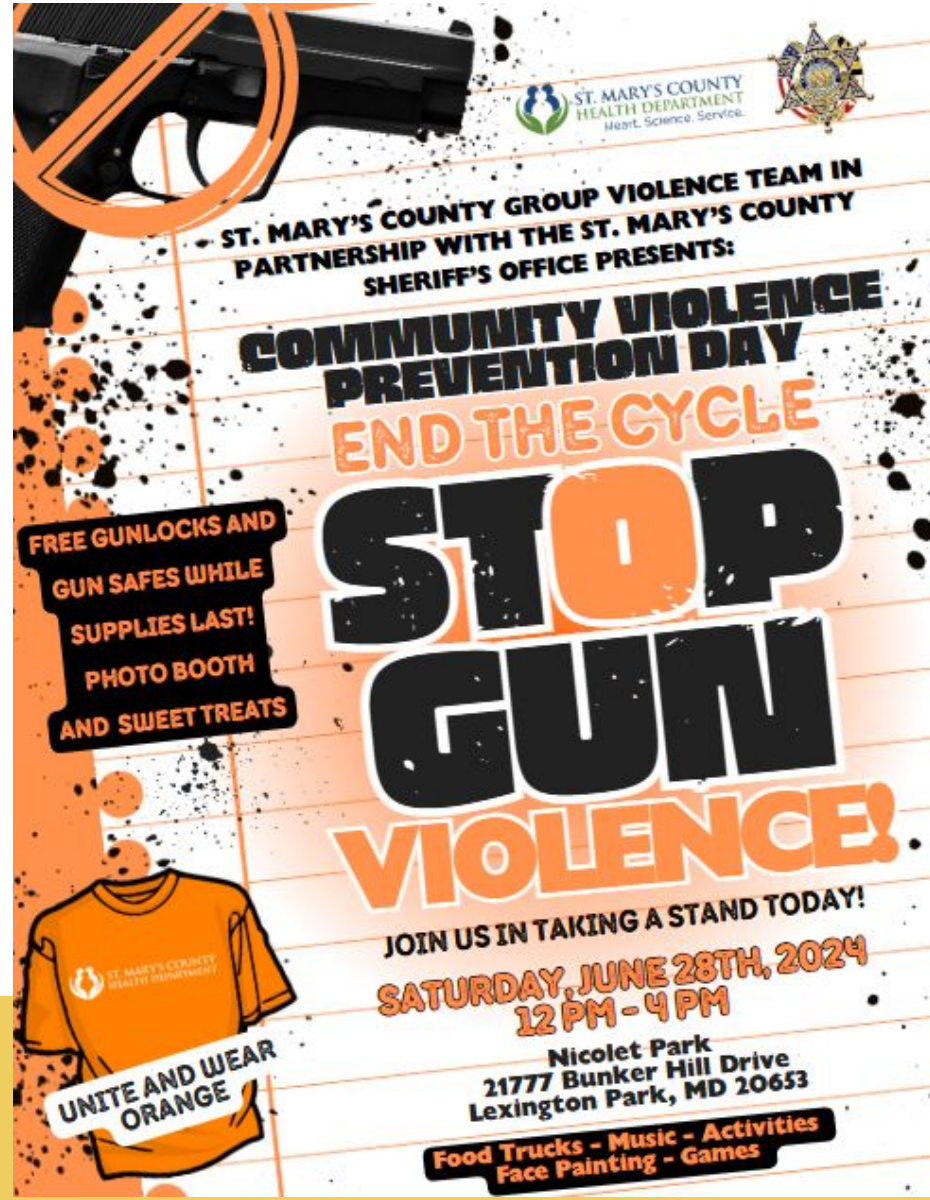
- Welcome! Please sign in [here](#)

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

- **Austin Schultz** from the Sheriff's Office and **Michelle Pottinger** from SMCHD's VIT Unit presenting on the Gun Violence Town Hall
 - Community Violence Prevention Day will take place on June 28
 - Vendor registration is open!



Partner Updates

- Providers should update their information in the **SMCHD** listserv to stay up to date on information: smchd.org/important-notices
- **HSMP** has been asked to table at a few events. We cannot table unless we have volunteers! Please see the list of events and sign up for a time slot [here](#).
- The **Horowitz Center for Health Literacy** has a convening on March 12 in College Park. Register for this free [event](#)
- The IPV in the LGBTQ Community [symposium](#) was rescheduled for March 24 at **SMCM**
- **Carver Elementary** is hosting a wellness fair for their families on April 22, 4 - 6 pm. They are seeking community partners to table. If you are interested, please email [Dorothy Cole](#)
- **SMCFA** has a [presentation](#) on recognizing and responding to healthy & unhealthy relationships.
 - **SMCHD's** VIT Unit continues their Empower Hour mentoring program and is interested in SMCFA presenting on this topic

Partner Updates, Cont.

- The **County Commissioners** and the **Department of Aging and Human Services**' Poverty Simulation on March 7 has changed location to the Valley Lee Fire Dept. Slots are available to attend!
- **Unstoppable You Ministries** will be hosting a Southern Maryland Suicide Prevention Summit on September 27 at USM 10-2. Vendors and volunteers are needed for this free event - it is appropriate for teens! Reach out to Jennifer for more information. Spread the word!
- **SMCM** is holding Take Back The Night on April 10, from 6:30 - 8 pm at the Cole Cinema and Campus Center Patio. Flyer to come!
- A panelist is needed for the Amy's Story event in October at NAS Pax River - base access may be granted to those interested. Please reach out to Emelie if you are interested.

Partner Updates, Cont.

- The Horowitz Center for Health Literacy shared a recording of their webinar on Black men's mental health. You can view it [here](#).
- The Group Violence Intervention team went to the Senate for a seminar on gun violence!

2025 Brainstorming Results

Goals or Projects

More action team led collaboration—tabling at community events

Anti-Bullying Campaign – Online Bullying vs. School Bullying

Support of WARM Program & Unhoused Population

Community trainings (Trevor project, etc.)

ESOL Program for Spanish Families in Waldorf and Calvert county

Domestic Violence Support Groups

Postpartum support

Intimate Partner Violence Prevention

Bullying and education on relationship building

De-escalation

Sexual Assault Prevention

ADHD supports for youth and teens

Teen pregnancy and Postpartum support

ACEs awareness and reduction

Intersection between domestic violence and human trafficking

Discrimination against non-native English speakers

2025 Projects and Goals

- Dating Violence Education and prevention
 - What groups can we work with to complete this?
 - School system (PTA), stella's girls, GS troops, boys and girls club, mentoring connections, religious organizations
 - Teen education is on our advocacy agenda, let's keep pushing to get this information back in our schools.
 - Working with younger kids on being respectful
 - What already exists and what gaps are left?
 - Why don't they just leave event in October subcommittee interest?
 - October is domestic violence awareness month
 - Including teen dating violence
- Bullying education and prevention
 - What projects can we do to support this?
 - De-escalation programs.
 - SMC mediation offers services at the Health Hub offers workshops. Could we partner with them for an event?
 - Can people share any bullying education toolkits that we can repurpose?
 - Safe school year booklets includes info on relationships and bullying

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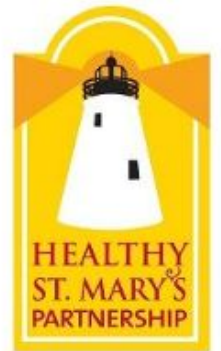
- Community education
 - What topics should we focus on? Where can this information be given out?
 - ACEs
 - HSMP did ACE panels last year. The VIT unit is certified ACE instructors! Use different information and what they learned. Tailoring different presentation- subcommittee?
 - Push out info on mentoring connections program
 - Suicide prevention
 - Collaborate with Unstoppable You Ministries' September event
 - Out of the darkness walk at SMCM in October
 - SMCPS mental health fair in May- we are meeting with Robin to explore this
 - Gun violence?
 - Community violence prevention day in June
 - The VIT Unit is doing community meetings in the Spring. Michelle to share if anyone is interested
 - Sexual assault prevention
 - SMCFA has a panel planned for April- flyer to come! Panelists needed!
 - Homelessness prevention?
 - Community Resource Day- HSMP would like to attend again
 - HSMP will reach out to the homelessness prevention board to see where we can partner

2025 Projects and Goals

- Increasing access to resources for our diverse populations
 - Translations to Spanish. SMCHD has an amazing language department!
 - Know your rights pamphlets in different languages- are we allowed to do this?
 - Use plain language! The Horowitz Center provides free services to organizations to review their language. Reach out to [Amanda](#) or use the MD plain language [checklist](#) if you are interested
- What other projects can we do to support our community?

Meeting Close

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- Upcoming Meetings



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Upcoming Meetings & Events

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

