



# **Violence, Injury, & Trauma**

## **(VIT) Action Team Meeting**

**Thursday, March 27, 2025**

**1:00 - 2:00 PM**

# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Partner Spotlight
3. Partner Updates
4. 2025 Projects
5. Meeting Close
  - Contact HSMP
  - Upcoming Meetings

# Introductions

- See our 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

- Amanda Vu, representing the Horowitz Center for Health Literacy at the University of Maryland School of Public Health
  - Check out the Consumer Health Information Hub [here](#)
  - View the slides [here](#)
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# Partner Updates

- **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](#).
  - We need one person to sign up to help March 29 at the Cherry Blossom festival, the shift is 1:15 - 4 pm
- Save the date! The **2025 HSMP Annual Meeting** will be on September 25. Our theme is Public Health Starts Here: Thriving in St. Mary's. If you are interested in presenting, please submit your proposal [here](#).
- **SMCFA** will be holding a panel for Sexual Assault Awareness Month on April 29 at 5pm at the Leonardtown Library at 5pm. Flyer to come!
- **Georgia Center for Family Advocacy** has a Child Sexual Abuse, Exploitation and Trafficking Prevention [Resource](#)
- Community Violence Prevention Day, hosted by **SMCHD's VIT Unit** and the **Sheriff's Office**, is looking for vendors for their [event](#) on June 28, 12 - 4 pm in Nicolette Park. Reach out to Michelle if you have any questions

## Partner Updates, Cont.

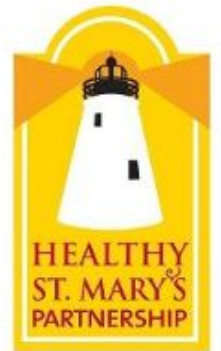
- **SMCPS** is holding their annual Mental Health & Wellness Fair on May 10. You can sign up to be a vendor [here](#). **HSMP** is partnering for this event! Keynote speaker for vendors will start at 9 am. CEUs may be offered and networking time will be included as well. Robin to send flyer
- **SMCM** will hold a Take Back the Night [event](#) on April 10, from 6:30 - 8 pm! This is a national awareness campaign for sexual assault
- **SMCM** and **SMCHD** are hosting Ruthie Alcaide, from MTV's The Real World: Hawaii for a talk on mental health and substance use on April 2. See the flyer [here](#) and register for the event [here](#)
- **SMCHD** is partnering with the **Department of Aging and Human Services** and the **Sheriff's Office** on April 26 from 9 - 1 for a medication take back and community shredding [event](#) at the St. Mary's County Gov. Campus. The Harm Reduction Program will be on site with syringe collection containers as well!
- **Recreation and Parks** will hold their Easter Egg [Festival](#) on April 12, 10:30-3
  - HSMP is running a healthy food [drive](#), the donation box is located at the entrance!

# 2025 Projects and Goals

- ACEs Event
  - SMCHD's VIT unit is certified on ACEs
  - Creating a series, the first part could be a general information on ACEs session while the following sessions could be focused for different demographics
    - Poll for demographic choices
      - Top 3 results were teens, active military and families, and the Spanish-speaking community
    - We will plan to work on the presentation together
    - There will be a shared document for people to drop their resources for the presentation
    - We could do a movie for younger demographics or panel for adult demographics
- Why Don't They Just Leave Panel Collaboration
  - We can collaborate with Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy for their event in October
  - We will plan to start our subcommittee in July
  - Reach out to Taylor Spencer Davis if you are interested in joining!
- Other event ideas?
  - Story hour using Gizmo from American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (3rd/4th grade)
    - At library, schools, parks & rec, summer camps, at park?
  - Message Lauren if you think of any ideas!

## Meeting Close

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# Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Our next meeting will be April 24 from 1 - 2 pm.
- Interested in being an upcoming Partner Spotlight? Sign-up [here](#).

