



# **Violence, Injury, & Trauma**

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

**Thursday, April 24, 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 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

- Cerise Woodard, human trafficking prevention advocate
- Forensic Nurse Examiner
  - Contact information: [cerisewoodard@gmail.com](mailto:cerisewoodard@gmail.com)
  - National Human Trafficking Hotline: 888-3737-888
  - View the slides [here](#)

# 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](#).
- **SMCFA** will be leading a [panel](#) discussion about sexual assault advocacy and prevention in Southern Maryland on April 29 at 5 pm at the Leonardtown Library
- **SMCHD** is hosting the Community Baby Shower on May 3 at the **Spring Ridge School-Based Health Center**! [Pre-registration](#) is recommended as space is limited. All participants will get diapers, wipes, and the chance to win door prizes! Share the [English](#) and [Spanish](#) flyer
- **SMCPS** is holding their annual Mental Health & Wellness [Fair](#) on May 10. **HSMP** is partnering for this event! Keynote speaker for vendors and volunteers will start at 9. CEUs may be offered and networking time will be included as well.
- **SMCHD's VIT Unit** and the **Sheriff's Office** is hosting Community Violence Prevention Day on June 28 at Nicolet Park. Sign up [here](#) to be a vendor or volunteer!

## Partner Updates, Cont.

- **Tri-County Homeless Coalition** has a homeless prevention board in each county. They are seeking community members for the board in St. Mary's County. If you are interested, please reach out to Barbara
- **SMCHD's Language Services** has several upcoming events
  - April 30, 5:30 pm at the Lexington Park Library is a multilingual family school info night. **SBHC** will be there as well
  - May 4, Menopause Matters bilingual event at the Lexington Park Library. Registration is required. See the flyer in English and Spanish
  - May 19, 2 pm Mother's Day themed Charla exclusively for the spanish-speaking community at the Lexington Park Library
- **SMCM** and **MOC** are holding a Community Conversation for community leaders on May 17, you can still register! Space is limited
- The **Horowitz Center** has monthly webinars. The next is May 5 at 10 am. They will cover resources and tools to address misinformation. Registration is required
- **UCAC** and **MOC** are holding their Juneteenth Freedom Day at the fairgrounds on June 7, vendors are needed!

# 2025 Projects and Goals

- ACEs Event
  - 3 mini sessions for targeted demographics: teens, active military and families, and the Spanish-speaking community.
    - SMCHD's VIT Unit has 3 people certified in ACEs
  - **Teens:** could be a movie night that relates to ACEs with a short discussion after? Could we combine this with the BHAT/CDAT crossover?
    - **Email Lauren your movie suggestions.** This could be a documentary or an animated movie like Inside Out
  - **Military:** Could look like a presentation that we work on together
    - Lauren will reach out to FFS to see if we could collaborate with them to work on an event on base
  - **Spanish-speaking community:** we need to collaborate with the Language Team. It could be included with education they are already doing in this community.
    - Creating materials in Spanish to distribute instead of a presentation as a first step
    - Horowitz Center can ensure we use plain language before translation

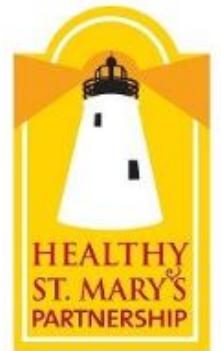
# 2025 Projects and Goals

- 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?
    - We could rent out space at Great Mills HS
  - Message Lauren if you think of any ideas!



## Meeting Close

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# Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Our next meeting will be May 22 from 1 - 2 pm.
- Interested in being an upcoming Partner Spotlight? Sign-up [here](#).

