



Violence, Injury, & Trauma

(VIT) Action Team Meeting

Thursday, May 22, 2025

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Agenda

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

Introductions

- Welcome! Please [sign in](#)

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 Updates

- HSMP is looking for a volunteer to fill the 11:30-1:45 time slot for the Community Violence Prevention Day. If you are available, please sign up [here](#).
- SMCHD's VIT Unit and the Sheriff's Office are hosting [Community Violence Prevention Day](#) on June 28 at Nicolet Park. Sign up [here](#) to be a vendor or volunteer!
- Reach Back & Lift, the Grinding Academy and SMCHD VIT unit will partner to offer the "Touchdown Guns Down" event at Great Mills High School on June 21 from 10-3. This event is part of the safe firearm storage campaign and seeks to raise awareness during National Gun Violence Awareness Month. Flyer coming soon!
- UCAC and MOC are holding their [Juneteenth Freedom Day](#) at the **fairgrounds** on June 7, vendors are needed!
- St. Mary's 2050 is working on the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Plan. Please fill out this [survey](#) and provide your input!

Partner Updates

- Nurse Family Partnership at the St. Mary's County Health Department has developed a vulnerability tool. They are using this to prioritize individuals for the program off of their wait list. New enrollments for their program will be available soon.
- Sexual Assault Awareness Event hosted by the Center for Family Advocacy was successful. Although the attendance was small, the individuals had more time to have their needs focused on and met. More events to come!

2025 Projects and Goals

- ACEs Events

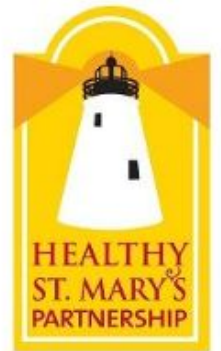
- **Teens:** we will add to our BHAT/CDAT Crossover Event. Our next meeting is May 28 at 3:15 pm
- **Military:** This could look like a presentation? Other ideas for format?
 - Involving Fleet and Family Services (FFS) to create an event that would be on base
 - We have connected with FFS and they have a team member who is trained and has a presentation. SMCHD also has master trainers who could present. We've invited FFS to our meetings to plan jointly.
- **Spanish-speaking 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 - varied levels of education
 - We need to ensure the document is localized and culturally relevant
 - Front of page: What should be included?
 - What is ACEs
 - How it impacts on you
 - Positive coping strategies
 - Identify factors that promote positivity
 - Back of page: What resources can we share?
 - Locations with Spanish speaking therapist or interpreters are available - may need to research. DSS has a provider they refer to who speaks Spanish, CFA, Health Hub
 - Resource library may need to be translation. Ensure plain language
 - <https://www.acesaware.org/resources/>
 - <https://www.centerforchildcounseling.org/programs/fightingaces/acetoolkit/>
 - ACE test - not a good resource, don't let this define you. Identify and then move forward
 - Google doc ready for next meeting

2025 Projects and Goals

- Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Education
 - SMCHD has a mentoring group at GMHS that we could tap into for peer education
 - Commission for Women is looking to potentially prioritize Intimate Partner Violence education and Teen Dating Violence education - can look into them co-sponsoring events
 - We would need to present to the Board of Education (HSMP Co-Chairs could present) on why this is important and then suggest collaborating with SMCPS for February (Teen Dating Violence Awareness month) event or education (PeachJar, posters, flyers with local stats)
 - The team discussed developing a flyer that could be sent through PeachJar targeted at parents, including local data and resources like how to talk to your child about teen dating violence
 - [Here](#) is a list of resources and ideas that we could implement next February
 - Michelle will reach out since she has contact at GMHS. Want to include all high schools.
 - Action items:
 - Sandrine will look for data around teen dating violence. Connections between abusers/abused
 - Look into idea for resources/campaigns/educational events that we would be interested in proposing to the Board of Ed

Meeting Close

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Our next meeting will be June 26 from 1 - 2 pm.
- Interested in being an upcoming Partner Spotlight? Sign-up [here](#).

