

# **Violence, Injury, & Trauma**

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

**Thursday, June 26, 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

- Brianne Daly and Marcus Johnson from SMCHD's VIT Unit
  - Empower Hour NACCHO [presentation](#)
- Community Violence Prevention day is June 28, from 12 - 4 pm at Nicolet Park!
  - Goodr will be distributing free groceries, people do need to [register!](#)
  - Please share information about safe firearm storage in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

# Partner Updates

- **SMCHD** was awarded a grant to support 4 behavioral health providers in the school systems (MCF, SMCHD/youth mentoring program/SBHC therapists, cornerstone in-home intervention, Sante group MRSS crisis services for youth). There is a MOU between these programs and the schools. Anyone can make referrals to these programs once they start!
- The **Health Hub** in Lexington Park has crisis walk-in services, Monday to Friday, 8 - 5. No appointment is necessary, and services are free! Harm reduction program is housed here, including a wound care nurse.
- **SMCHD** is partnering with Calvert County for Recovery Fest on September 6! Vendor registration is open!
- **Unstoppable You Ministries** has several upcoming events:
  - July 26: human trafficking awareness, documentary viewing with a panel discussion afterwards from 10 am - 1 pm. Register here
  - August 2: Safety and self-defense workshop from 10 am - 1 pm. See the flyer here
  - September 27: Southern Maryland Suicide Prevention Summit: Changing Lives, Finding Hope. Register here
  - October 11: 3rd Annual STRIDE for Change Domestic Violence Awareness 5k Walk/Run. You can register here

# Partner Updates

- There is interest in increasing information related to what medicaid covers and increasing longevity in Maryland. If you have ideas please reach out to [Barbara](#)
- **Maryland Dept. of Health:** On June 30 there will be a [webinar](#) on Maryland's new tools to prevent firearm violence
- **Fleet and Family Services** has several events in October with flyers to come!
  - October 2, 5:30-7:30 Amy's Story documentary with a panel discussion to follow. Please reach out to [Emelie](#) if you are interested in being a part of the panel (especially legal partners)
  - October 16 at sundown, there will be a glow run! People can table, base access is needed
- If you are in the military, there are family advocacy/victim advocates available 24 hours a day by phone at 901-671-6801.

# Partner Updates

- The Mentoring Connections Program through **SMCHD** has rolling referrals for their programs
  - Parenting classes will launch in FY 26. Please start creating a list of any people you would like to refer.
- **HSMP** is hosting Mind & Motion on August 11 at the Lexington Park Library at noon. This is a mental and physical wellness event that will focus on increasing access to resources for families

# 2025 Projects and Goals

- ACEs Events
  - **Teens:** We are adding an activity to our BHAT/CDAT event, Mind & Motion, on August 11. Please join our subcommittee for this event to learn more. Our last meeting will be on July 30 at 3:15 pm
  - **Stella's Girls** will be leading an activity
  - **Military:**
    - A prerecorded training with a voiceover
    - Under 10 minutes: includes easy to understand language
    - **Fleet & Family Services** has a powerpoint they have used in the past. Please review it and provide feedback on what we should keep vs take out or if there is anything to add
      - "Check with your local resources/employers"
      - Include easy to understand graphics

# 2025 Projects and Goals

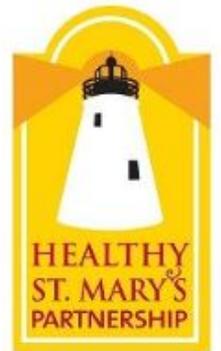
- ACEs Events
  - **Spanish-speaking community:**
    - Creating materials in Spanish to distribute instead of a presentation as a first step
    - **Horowitz Center** can ensure we use plain language before translation - varied levels of education
    - We need to ensure the document is localized and culturally relevant
    - **Action item:** Provide input and feedback on [this document](#)!

# 2025 Projects and Goals

- Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Education
- We will be creating a subcommittee to work on this project, **it will meet virtually on July 28 at 2 pm**. Please reach out to Lauren to be added to the calendar invite
  - **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
  - **SMCFA** will be leading a panel in October that we will work on in this subcommittee
  - Developing a flyer to be sent through PeachJar
    - Link to data statistics slides
    - What is love postcard
  - Here is a list of resources and ideas that we could implement next February

## Meeting Close

- Contact HSMP
- Upcoming Meetings



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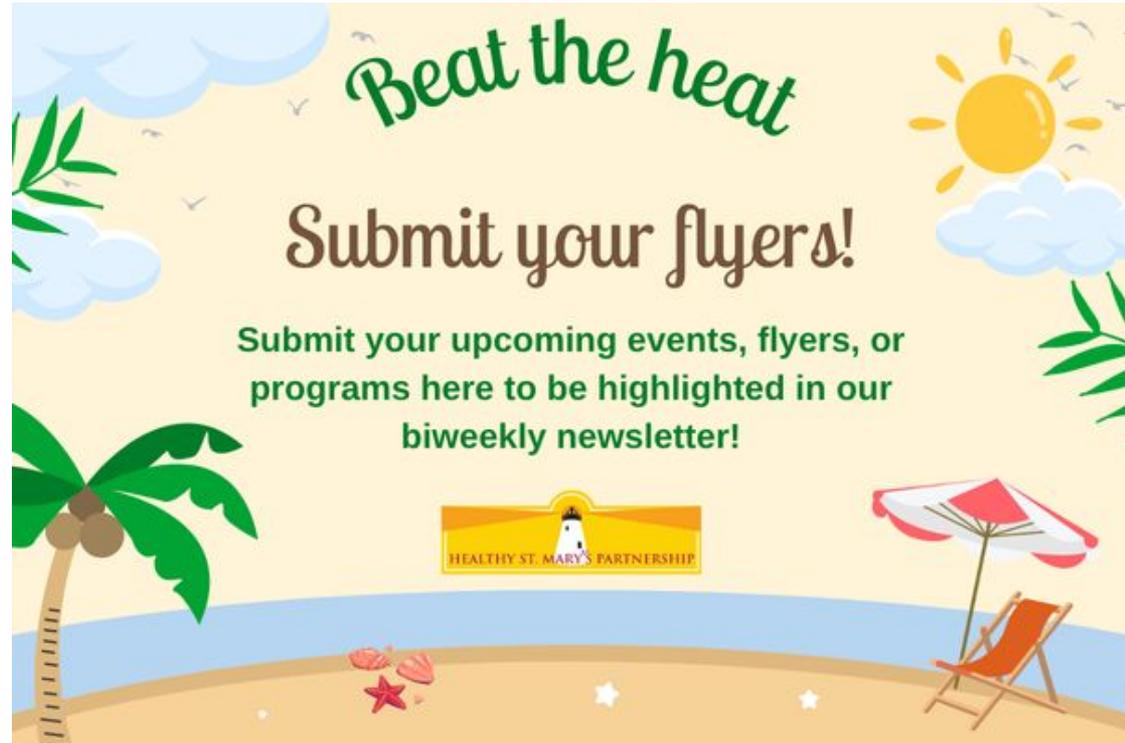


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# Upcoming Meetings & Events

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



# Partner Spotlight

**No spotlight this month**



# 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!