



# **DV Prevention Subcommittee**

## **(VIT) Action Team**

**Monday, September 15, 2025**

# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Why Don't They Just Leave Panel
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# Why Don't They Just Leave Panel

- Domestic Violence Awareness month: October
- Panel: October 20
  - Setup at 4
  - 5:30 pm start time (open the room at 5pm). Panel until 7
- Location: Lexington Park Library
- Setup
  - At the beginning (5-5:30 pm) have people brainstorm about what they know, give a chance to write down questions they have to give to panelist
    - using index cards (before session) or Menti (during session)
- Art contest: show slideshow of people who entered from 5-5:30
  - Print copies/frame for the back of the room
- 18 volunteers from SMCFA!

# Logistics

- Art contest for teens/adults
  - Prompt: Healthy relationships, what does love look like.
  - Contest closes Oct. 6, public voting for 1.5 weeks prior to event
  - Show the winners (and all submissions) at the beginning of the event
  - We have monetary prizes (Thank you SMCFA!)
- Packing bags for DV/SA
  - Last year we did 25
  - **HSMP** has charging kits
  - **VIT Unit** has 25 soft blankets and some bags, water bottles with first aid kits
  - Taylor asked the hotline team what they most often need
    - Gas cards, uber cards, socks, undergarments
  - **Health Hub** has some hygiene items we can ask about if needed
  - **NCBW** is able to donate some items such as gas cards, feminine hygiene items, and toiletries (Will have a number by early October)
  - **SMCFA**: shirts, bags, water bottles, pants, blankets (30 of each)

# Panel

- Panelists
  - All confirmed!
  - Call for panelists and reach out to specific people
    - Larry Crabtree- Chaplain for police
    - Zachary from state attorney's
    - Rachael from MedStar
    - Rachael- lived experience, author
    - Jodi Gardiner- MCF
    - We have a few backups if needed!
- Snacks
  - Taylor to send list to Nat for MOC to provide snacks
  - **VIT** can donate cases of water
  - **NCBW** to donate hot chocolate
  - **A Heavenly Taste Bakery**- Local bakery to donate baked goods
  - **Taylor** has a keurig, **NCBW** are looking into providing k cups
  - **Lauren** will plan to make signs for who donated snacks!
- Registration for attendees
  - Form reviewed
  - Please add the link to your social posts for people to register (not required but helpful for headcount) [forms.gle/ma7biEypjikapFgc6](https://forms.gle/ma7biEypjikapFgc6)

# Canva

- Canva flyers for the panel and for the art contest
  - Feedback was given and flyers were updated (pictured below)
  - Please share the flyers! You can click each to access the PNG



## “WHY DON'T THEY JUST LEAVE?” PANEL & DISCUSSION

**October 20, 2025**  
Packing Bags 5 - 5:30 PM  
Panel 5:30 - 7 PM  
**Lexington Park Library**



Join Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy for an important conversation regarding healthy relationships and the resources available to survivors of Intimate Partner Violence here in Southern Maryland

**Light refreshments provided!**

Scan to join the art contest!

Questions? Contact [taylorismcfa@gmail.com](mailto:taylorismcfa@gmail.com)

# ART CONTEST

“WHAT DOES A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP LOOK LIKE?”

OPEN TO ADULTS AND TEENS

**SUBMISSIONS DUE OCTOBER 6**

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE “WHY DON'T THEY JUST LEAVE?” PANEL ON OCTOBER 20!

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE: \$100, 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: \$50, 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE: \$25**

SUBMIT YOUR ART BY SCANNING THE QR CODE:

QUESTIONS? CONTACT [STMARYSPARTNERSHIP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:STMARYSPARTNERSHIP@GMAIL.COM)

# Action Items

- **All members** to see if they have any contacts would be helpful on this subcommittee and let Lauren know to reach out
- **Taylor** to send **Nat** a list of snacks for the event
- **All members** to push out flyers

# Future Projects

- **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
  - We should learn more soon! We anticipate interest from the Commission
- Developing a flyer to be sent through PeachJar
  - Link to data statistics [slides](#)
  - What is love postcard
  - Work on a canva document to send through PeachJar for February
  - [Here](#) is a list of resources and ideas that we could implement next February for teen dating violence education
- Are there any other future projects or goals we would like to focus on?
  - Ask VITA what we're interested in, what we can collab on, and what the new FY will bring
  - Unstoppable You Ministries is doing their self defense workshop on Aug 2. We should pull in Jennifer Foxworthy for this subcommittee.

# Future Meetings

- Next Meeting: [meet.google.com/zth-nbgr-dzn](https://meet.google.com/zth-nbgr-dzn)
  - October 7 at 10 AM

Meeting Close

