



Violence, Injury, & Trauma (VIT) Action Team Meeting

Thursday, August 28, 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

- Welcome! Please [sign in](#)
- As a reminder, please mute yourself when you are not talking

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

- Constance Coggins
 - Education & Outreach Coordinator for Santé Group Southern Maryland Crisis Response
 - View the slides [here](#)
 - Email: constance.coggins@santegroup.org; 877-618-0074
 - Contact for rack cards/care sheets for your clients. Contact Constance to arrange for a drop off of materials
 - Help for incarcerated individuals - connect with community services by working with family that reaches out.
 - Open to all individuals in the community

Partner Updates

- Registration is now open for the [2025 HSMP Annual Meeting](#) on September 25! We will be holding a period product drive during this event. Please bring unopened boxes of period products to donate!
 - Interested in sponsoring? We're looking for giveaway items to add to bags, snacks, and bottled drinks. Please add your name to the [list](#) if you have an items to donate!
- **HSMP** is holding a hike at Greenwell on September 13! Please [sign up](#), as registration is limited
- Why Don't They Just Leave [Panel](#) will be on October 20 at the Lexington Park Library at 5 PM!
 - [Call for panelists](#) with lived experience!
 - Will stuff bags for the Hotline with phone chargers, blankets, water bottles, unopened & unused packaged socks & underwear.
- Santé will soon be offering mobile response stabilization service (MRSS) for youth (preK - high school, enrolled in St. Mary's County Public Schools). This is an 8 week program customized depending on what consumer needs. Schools or individuals can refer youth in need.

Partner Updates

- NAS Pax River Family Advocacy Program is hosting: “Amy’s Story” documentary screening, Oct 2nd, 5-7 pm. October 17th beginning at 10:00 am Kick Against DV (kickball tournament), on NAS Patuxent River. Location: field next to the drill hall. 6 player teams, prizes for winning team! If you want to table or participate in the kickball tournament, email emilie.s.thomas.naf@us.navy.mil
- [Health Hub](#) in Lexington Park. Classes available - Literacy council, financial literacy through PNC, health insurance enrollment will soon be offered 5 days/week, temporary cash assistance coming soon for 2 days a week!
- Grant through community support partnership - services to school aged children. Maryland Coalition of Families is a current partner. New initiative with [Cornerstone - In-home intervention program for children](#) (IHIP-C) for private pay, youth mentoring and SBHC will continue with licensed clinicians.
- Harm Reduction Services are available at the Health Hub and main HD office.
- [International Overdose Awareness Day Candlelight Vigil](#) - Sunday, August 31 at 7:00 pm at LMPP - please park at Lancaster Park and walk over.
- [4th Annual Walk for Recovery](#) - Saturday, Sept 20th at 9:00 am in Leonardtown Square.
- Drive thru Baby Shower on October 20th at the Health Hub. More info coming soon!
- Empower Hour starting again at GMHS - to offer a lunch donations to support this program, please contact brianne.daly1@maryland.gov. Sessions starting in October - Jan, then Feb - May.
- [Mentoring Connections](#) is still accepting referrals! Looking for new mentors to add to the program.
- [Thrive by Three program](#) is currently developing written literature to include program updates. They are now opening program services to any pregnant person and those postpartum up to 1 year. Looking to make connections to share this service with our local military population. Contact jennifer.cass@maryland.gov.

2025 Projects and Goals

- ACEs Events
 - **Military:**
 - A prerecorded training with a voiceover
 - Under 10 minutes: includes easy to understand language
 - **Fleet & Family Services** provided a powerpoint that we reviewed and edited
 - Next step is to record a voiceover and then post the lecture
 - Brianne volunteered to record the voiceover for the team.
 - **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!
 - New materials shared by Michelle:
 - Stress & Early Brain Growth
 - ACEs One-pager
 - CDC Free Trainings on ACEs [vetoviolence.cdc.gov/apps/aces-training/#!/#overview](https://www.cdc.gov/apps/aces-training/#!/#overview)
- The **SMCHD** Behavioral Health division is working on a comprehensive guide to therapists in the county. BHAT has a working document to add in any resources missing. Please review and highlight any additions you have!

2025 Projects and Goals

- Teen Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Education
- We have a subcommittee to work on the Why Don't They Just Leave panel on October 20. Please reach out to Lauren to be added to the calendar invite
- **Next meeting on September 15 at 2 PM**
- We are launching an art contest next week for teens and adults as part of the panel event! Please share with your networks and submit art by October 6!
 - Art will be highlighted at the event on October 20.
- Call for panelists

A poster for an art contest. The background is white with purple and pink abstract shapes. At the top, the words "ART CONTEST" are written in large, bold, black letters. Below that, the question "WHAT DOES A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP LOOK LIKE?" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. In the center, there is an illustration of a paint palette with various colored spots (purple, blue, green, pink, orange) and a paintbrush with a purple swirl of paint. At the bottom, there is a QR code and some text.

ART CONTEST
"WHAT DOES A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP LOOK LIKE?"

ADULT AND TEEN CATEGORIES
SUBMISSIONS DUE OCTOBER 6
WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE "WHY DON'T THEY JUST LEAVE" PANEL ON OCTOBER 20!

SUBMIT YOUR ART BY SCANNING THE QR CODE:

QUESTIONS? CONTACT
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Community Forum

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Our next meeting will be October 23 from 1 - 2 pm.
 - We will not meet in September
- Interested in being an upcoming Partner Spotlight? Sign-up [here](#).

