



DV Prevention Subcommittee

(VIT) Action Team

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Why Don't They Just Leave Panel

- Domestic Violence Awareness month: October
- Panel: October 20
 - **Setup will begin at 4**
 - Packing bags: 5-5:30
 - Panel: 5:30-7
- Location: Lexington Park Library
- Questions for the panel
 - We will pass out index cards for people to write down questions before the panel starts
 - Lauren to control the menti during the session
- Art contest: show slideshow of people who entered from 5-5:30
 - We have 8 submissions! 5 teen & 3 adults
 - Social media voting starts today, share our post and vote!
- 18 volunteers from SMCFA!

Logistics

- Packing bags for DV/SA
 - Last year we packed 25 bags
 - **HSMP** has charging kits (100)
 - **VIT Unit** has water bottles and 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 (Lauren will ask)
 - **NCBW** is able to donate some items such as gas cards, feminine hygiene items, and toiletries (Will have a number by early October- send to Taylor)
 - **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
 - **Nat** to bring water and snacks
 - **VIT** can donate cold drinks
 - **NCBW** to donate hot chocolate & boxes of coffee,
 - **A Heavenly Taste Bakery** - Local bakery to donate baked goods
 - **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

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

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!

1ST PLACE: \$100, 2ND PLACE: \$50, 3RD PLACE: \$25

SUBMIT YOUR ART BY SCANNING THE QR CODE:

QUESTIONS? CONTACT STMARYSPARTNERSHIP@GMAIL.COM

Action Items

- **All members** to push out flyers
- **Taylor** to send out registration numbers on October 17
- **Lauren** to bring index cards
- **Members** to bring their supplies on October 20
- **All members** vote for your favorite art submissions and share the link!

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:
 - We will see everyone in person on October 20!

Meeting Close

