



Violence, Injury, & Trauma

(VIT) Action Team Meeting

Welcome! Please sign in

Thursday, February 26, 2026

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Partner Spotlight
3. Partner Updates
4. 2026 Projects
5. Community Forum
6. Meeting Close
 - Contact HSMP
 - Upcoming Meetings

Introductions

- See the attendee [list](#)
- As a reminder, we will not accept any AI note takers or transcription software into our meetings

Action Team Co-Chairs

- **Taylor Spencer Davis**, Deputy Director at Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy
 - **Tori Poss**, Probation and Parole Agent
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Partner Spotlight

- Lauren Arney, Local Health Improvement Coordinator
 - Healthy St. Mary's Partnership Outreach Training
 - Share the CHA with community members! Learn more and download flyers at healthystmarys.com/cha2026
 - View the [slides](#)



Community Health Survey

Open to all who live, work, or play in St. Mary's County, Maryland

Let us know what health topics are important to you in this 5-10 minute survey

Complete to be entered into a random drawing for ALDI gift cards and wellness items



Scan to take the survey!

Survey Closes June 30, 2026

Learn more at healthystmarys.com/cha2026



Encuesta de salud comunitaria

Abierto a todos los que viven, trabajan o disfrutan de su tiempo libre en el condado de St. Mary, Maryland.

Haznos saber qué temas de salud son importantes para ti en esta encuesta de 5 a 10 minutos.

Completa la encuesta para participar en un sorteo de tarjetas de regalo de ALDI y artículos de bienestar.



La encuesta se cierra el 30 de junio de 2026

Para más información, visita a healthystmarys.com/cha2026



Escanear para llenar la encuesta

TIPS FOR OUTREACH

MAKE THE TABLE APPROACHABLE



- Use the HSMP tablecloth
- Mix in fun outreach items with resources
- Remember to smile and say hello to everyone who walks by
- Stay off your phone.

CUSTOMIZE YOUR TABLE FOR EACH EVENT

Use items that make sense for the event. If there will be families there, you can offer coloring books. If it is adults only, think about what items and resources make sense. HSMP will typically give you all the items and resources you need for the event. You can bring some relevant items and resources from your organization as well.



WORK ON YOUR PITCH

Practice a 1-2 sentence summary of HSMP to share with people. The general public may not be interested in attending meetings, but may be interested in resources. You can also direct them to sign up for the newsletter through the membership form. Pick 2-3 items on the table to direct people to based on their demographics. Families may be directed to park resources, while adults may be directed to food pantry information.



MAKE ATTENDEES COMFORTABLE

Some resources may carry a stigma which can deter people from picking up items, such as food pantry information or parenting classes. You can direct them to the information by saying, "If you know anyone who may be interested. Some people are very comfortable sharing their struggles with you. Be compassionate and direct them to the best resource, even if it isn't HSMP."

RECORD THE EVENT



- Take photos of you at the table to be shared on social media
- Do not take photos of the general public without a completed social media release form!
- Use your clicker to count how many people come to the table - children count!

BE COMFORTABLE NOT KNOWING

It's okay to not have all the answers! If someone asks a question you don't know, write down their information & question and let them know that HSMP staff will reach out to them with an answer. You can also give them a business card.



Advocacy

- Thoughts on the dating violence postcard to be published to PeachJar (draft 2)
 - Final draft
- Review the draft to the school board, proposing the inclusion of dating violence education in the schools
 - There is general information but we do want to focus on local resources (include specific ones).
 - Include relevant data and say who conducts YRBS
 - We are trying to not put a burden on the school system and we are here to help. Include the benefits of having an expert teach this.
 - Adding the presentation given to other schools
 - Write that it is one class period (don't mention that it is not time consuming)
 - Taylor N. suggested reaching out to Charles Eible

Partner Updates

Please type out your update, including any links or contact information, and put them in the chat. This ensures the minutes are correct.

- **HSMP** has launched a survey for all community members. Please help us share these as they help us determine the **HSMP** priority areas for the next 6 years! The survey will be open to all who live, work, or play in SMC until **June 30, 2026**. Learn more and download the flyers at healthystmarys.com/cha2026
- The ACEs one-pager is complete and was posted on social media today! Please share it in English and Spanish.
- The **Commission on Women** is seeking nominations for Woman of the Year and Tomorrow's Woman. Nominations close on March 6.
- **Unstoppable You Ministries** is holding Love Smart, a teen dating violence awareness event on February 28, from 10 AM to 2 PM, in Prince Frederick.
- The **Health Hub** and **Spring Ridge SBHC** will be holding an open house on March 19th, from 5:30 - 7 for tours.
- **SMCHD** and partner organizations will have their Annual Community Shred and Medication Take Back day on April 25 at the Department of Aging, 9 AM to 1 PM. Safe disposal of sharps as well, Risk Reduction team will be there. Contact Nicoletta if you have any questions
- **Tri-County Recovery Festival** will be on September 5, 2026 from 10 - 2 at Annmarie Sculpture Gardens. Vendor registration to come!
- The **SMCHD** Annual Community Baby Shower on May 2 at Margaret Brent SBHC. 300 spots will be available for expecting and new moms, registration will be required.

Partner Updates

- **SMCHD** Youth Mentoring has rolling enrollment for mentoring connections program. Open to ages 7-17 via self-referral.
- Save the date! The **HSMP** Annual Meeting on September 24, 2026! More details to come.
- **Divine by Design** will host a women's brunch on May 23 with the theme Tea in the Garden. Presale tickets are available now till March 5.

2026 Projects

- Since HSMP will be focusing on the CHA this year, HSMP will only be able to work on 1-2 projects this year.
- Ideas to vote on:
 - Supporting the “Why Don’t They Just Leave” panel in October.
 - We can work on this starting in June
 - Assemble bags for survivors in SMC (hotline, hospital, SMCFA)
 - Art contest!
 - SMCFA does a sexual assault awareness and prevention event (panel) on April 23 for SA Awareness Month
 - Help to promote
 - Teen dating violence/healthy relationships
 - Postcard was posted on PeachJar. Taylor has hard copies of this!
 - Letter was sent to the schools, SMCFA will be able to have a table during lunchtime to share resources. This could be a stepping stone to future collaboration. What resources can we include, what can we donate?
 - Stress balls, poppits, keychains, pens and pins.
 - Please email Taylor if you have any items to donate
 - Teens may be interested in spinners, charging cords, fidget toys, candy

Community Forum

- Bills to follow:
 - SB 433: Temporary and final protective orders allowing for longer than 7 days between

Meeting Close

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Interested in being an upcoming Partner Spotlight? Sign-up [here](#)
- Our next meeting is **March 26, 2026** at **1 PM**

