MID SHORE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Your behavioral health resource for trainings, events, program information, and more around the Shore!

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National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

November 12-20, 2016

National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week is held each year the week before Thanksgiving. This is a time for us all to start to think about what we are thankful for, a perfect time to share our compassion with our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness, and work toward a world where no one has to experience Hunger and Homelessness. H&H week offers the chance to contribute to a national social movement.

On November 1st, the Mid Shore Roundtable on Homelessness was presented a proclamation for National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week from the Dorchester County Council. Pictured left to right: Mary Justice (Salvation Army), Bertha Gonzales (Delmarva Community Services), Valerie Nwakudo (Delmarva Community Services), Councilman William Nichols, Continuum of Care Manager Jeanine Beasley (Mid Shore Behavioral Health), Council President Ricky Travers, Councilman Tom Bradshaw, Councilman Rick Price, and Councilman Don Satterfield.

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Mid Shore Roundtable on Homelessness: The Continuum of Care for the five Mid Shore Counties

Under the leadership of Mid Shore Behavioral Health, Inc. the Roundtable on Homelessness serves as the local Continuum of Care for Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties. A Continuum of Care is a group of local stakeholders, decision makers, organizations, consumers, etc. that serve to unite all agencies and organization that serve homeless and or at risk individuals/ families in order to coordinate services and reduce episodes of homelessness. The group strives to address the complex issues of homelessness in our rural region. The group oversees and applies for McKinney-Vento Funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for Permanent Supported Housing Programs in the Mid Shore area. These programs serve literally homeless individuals/ families with disabilities in the Mid Shore area. Below please see the mission statement for the group:

To provide leadership to improve the availability and delivery of both housing and supportive services to individuals and families who lack permanent, stable and safe housing in the Mid Shore region.

We continually work towards this mission with the following strategies:

1. To collaborate and continually build community partnerships among member organizations to provide a coordinated and seamless service delivery to homeless and unstably housed clients.
2. To identify needs, advocate for and work towards a comprehensive continuum of care for persons and families without homes.
3. To reduce public stigma of homelessness through community awareness and education.
4. To do long and short term planning, aligning our goals with our federal partners, to accomplish the mission.

The Roundtable meets again on Tuesday, November 8th from 1:30pm – 3pm at Mid Shore Behavioral Health (28578 Mary's Court, Suite 1, Easton, MD 21601). Call in options are offered as well and new participants are welcome to attend!

If you would like further information or would like to be added the Roundtable Distribution list please contact Jeanine Beasley at 410-770-4801 or jbeasley@midshorebehavioralhealth.org.

November Special Events

November 12- Potluck Dinner and Movie night- 6-8pm

November 18th- Social Night 5-7pm

November 21st- Lunch and Lean, this month's topic- Acupuncture

November 24th- Thanksgiving Day- CVI will be open from 12-3pm and will host a Thanksgiving Dinner at 1pm. Please RSVP by 11/18 if you will be attending! Email Avra at asullivan@chesapeakvoyagers.org or call the center at 410-822-1601

PLEASE NOTE: CVI WILL BE CLOSED ON Friday November 25th

CLICK HERE FOR OUR FULL CALENDARS!!!

LUNCH N LEARN

This Month: Acupuncture

November 21, 2016

Open Discussion with Guest Speaker: Jan Willis

Learn how Acupuncture is now being applied in the treatment of anxiety disorders, depression, and other mental illnesses. A discussion and informative presentation as well as a demonstration and chance to experience acupuncture firsthand!

Lunch will be available at 12:00pm.
Discussion session beginning at 12:30pm
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Please register by **November 16th** by emailing asullivan@chesapeakevoyagers.org or call the center at 410/822/1601

DRI-DOCK Recovery & Wellness Center

208 Sunburst Hwy. Cambridge, MD 410-228-3230
Partnered with Dorchester County Addictions Program 524 Race St., Cambridge, MD 410-228-7714

Open: Mon & Tues 10:30am-7pm Wed & Fri 9:30am-6pm Thurs 8am-3:30pm

November 2016

The staff at Dri-Dock are Certified Peer Recovery Specialists, which means they have lived experience in recovery. We are here to provide support during your journey in recovery & wellness! Contact us for the support you need!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Tobacco Prevention 2pm AA 5:30pm	2 Life Skills Group....Call 410-228-3230 for more info	3 All Recovery & MARS Meeting 5pm	4 Peer Support, Coffee & Conversation 1:30pm
7 Emotions Anonymous w/CVI 1:30pm NA 5:30pm	8 CLOSED for Election Day AA 5:30pm	9 Life Skills Group....Call 410-228-3230 for more info	10 All Recovery & MARS Meeting 5pm	11 Closed for Veteran's Day
14 Emotions Anonymous w/CVI 1:30pm NA 5:30pm	15 Tobacco Prevention 2pm AA 5:30pm	16 Life Skills Group Open 11am-7:30pm *Community/ Family Night 6:00-7:30pm*	17 All Recovery & MARS Meeting 5pm	18 Peer Support, Coffee & Conversation 1:30pm
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Special Education / Foster Care Training

Pat Halle of the Maryland Disability Law Center returns on November 9 to present the next in a series of training sessions related to education and youth in foster care. Please share this information with your staff, resource families, CASA volunteers and others who would be interested.

Understanding the Special Education Process/ Effective Advocacy Strategies for Youth in Foster Care

Highlighting:

- Special Education IEP Walk-Through of the Most Important Things Parents Need to Know;
- How to Resolve Disagreements within the Special Education Process;
- Self-Advocacy, Self-Determination and Student Directed IEP's

When: Wednesday, November 9, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Where: Talbot County Department of Social Services

Registration: DSS staff must register on The Hub (Social Work CEU's available). All others please contact Kelley Werner at 410-770-8810 or Kelley.Werner@maryland.gov to register.

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EASTERN SHORE SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH COALITION

6th Annual Conference

"Linking Mental Health to Academic Success: Partnering for Wellness"

November 18, 2016

Salisbury University

8:30am-4:30pm

Cost- $60

Conference

Welcome to the 6th Annual ESSMHC Conference "Linking Mental Health to Academic Success: Partnering for Wellness". The conference will be geared to all professional, family, and community members who are interested in improving the outcomes of children and families on the Shore. A special emphasis of this year's conference will be on anxiety and mindfulness. An important goal of the ESSMHC is to promote the social and emotional wellness of all students and to create partnerships with stakeholders who are invested in providing quality interventions and supports for children who may have behavioral health needs that can interfere with their ability to meet their academic potential.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

How to Register:

http://www.salisbury.edu/socialwork/conteduc-HOME.html

For more information, please contact Teresa Simmons at tfsimmons@salisbury.edu **or 410-677-3923.**

5.0 CEU's for Social Workers or Certificates of Attendance will be available for the conference and provided by the Salisbury University Social Work Department.

Keynote Speaker- Nicole E. Gloff, M.D.

"When is it More Than Just a Worry? Identifying and Helping Children with Anxiety"

Dr. Gloff is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry where she is a consultant with the MD BHIPP program and the Associate Director of Telemental Health. Dr. Gloff attended medical school at the University of Maryland and completed her residency and fellowship at the University of Maryland as well.
Learning Objectives:
1. Recognize how anxiety disorders manifest in children and how to distinguish between a disorder and normal development.
2. Identify the most common anxiety disorders that present in children and evidence based treatment interventions for these disorders.
3. Understand how evidence based interventions can improve outcomes for children with anxiety disorders.

Mindfulness Presentation- Ali Smith, Executive Director, Holistic Life Foundation, Inc.

"Mindfulness in Youth Development and *Education"*

Mr. Smith Co-Founded the Holistic Life Foundation in 2001, where he currently serves as Executive Director. He has over 15 years of experience teaching yoga and mindfulness to diverse populations. He has authored a series of children's books, and co-authored several yoga and mindfulness based curriculums. For the past 6 years, he has partnered with The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Health and Penn State University's Prevention Research Center on a federally funded randomized controlled trial in Baltimore City Public Schools, studying the effectiveness of yoga and mindfulness on urban youth. His work with the Holistic Life Foundation has been featured on Making a Difference on the NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, PBS, and in Mindful Magazine, Yoga Journal, and the book A Mindful Nation by Congressman Tim Ryan.

AGENDA

8:30-9am	Sign in; Continental Breakfast
9:00-9:30am	**Welcome/Introduction** Albert Zachik, M.D., Deputy Director Child and Adolescent Services, Behavioral Health Administration Kristina Kyles-Smith, CAGS, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Student Family, and School Support, MSDE **Presentation of School Champion Award**
9:30-10:45am	**"When is it More Than Just a Worry? Identifying and Helping Children with Anxiety"** Nicole Gloff, M.D.
10:45-11:00am	Break
11:00-12:15	**"Mindfulness in Youth Development and Education"** Ali Smith
12:15-1:15pm	**Lunch/networking**
1:15-2:30pm	**Breakout Sessions 1-3**
2:30-2:45pm	Break
2:45-4:00pm	**Breakout Sessions 4-6**
4-4:30pm	Closing/Evaluations

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

"Mindfulness: Intervention Prevention"
Presented By:
Ashton Donoway, Founder and Executive Director, Mindfully Anchored, Inc.

"Nutrition* for *Wellness"
Presented By:
Katie Pink Tolley, RN, MSN, CPNP, PMHS, Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Certified Child & Adolescent Mental Health Specialist, Holistic Health Coach

"Rockin* 4 School: Addressing Early Childhood Anxiety Through Group Music Therapy in the Pre-K *Setting"
Presented By:
Niki Runge, MCAT, MT-BC/Board Certified Music Therapist, Owner, Chesapeake Music Therapy
Tara Kearns, Program Coordinator, Wraparound Maryland, Program Supervisor, New Transitions

"Managing Anxiety: Controls from Within"
Presented By:
Angelo S. Bolea, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, BCIA, QEEG- Neurobehavioral and Neurofeedback Assessment and Treatment

"Mindfulness*-Based Techniques and Interventions for Children and Adolescents with *Anxiety"
Presented By:
Rebecca Perry, M.Ed., Ph.D. Candidate in School Psychology, and School Psychologist with Queen Anne's County Public Schools

"7 Steps Active Parenting for School Success"
Presented By:
Sheri Allen, CPSP, Family Peer Support Specialist

A collaboration of ESSMHC with:

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Bridges Behavioral Health and Wellness
Corsica River Mental Health
Dover Behavioral Health
Eastern Shore Psychological Services
MeadowWood Behavioral Health System
Mid-Shore Behavioral Health
Project AWARE- Somerset County Public Schools
Queen Anne's County Public Schools
Rockford Center
The Mental Health Association of the Lower Shore
Adventist HealthCare

To all involved with senior services:

We believe it to be not only helpful but also necessary to have an all-encompassing source of information for the senior population on the Mid-Shore. To fill that need, Chesapeake Publishing will be printing a Senior Resource Guide this December. It will cover Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties.

In order to make the venture a success, we need each of you to send us information on your services or organizations. Please adhere to the following format:

Name of your company, group, etc.:
Address:
Phone number:
Website:

Brief description of services (no more than two sentences):

In the subject of your emailed response, please specify under which category or categories (up to three) you would like to be listed. The categories are as follows:

Housing

- Independent living facility
- Assisted living facility
- Senior housing
- Home modifications

Medical

- Rehab facilities
- Medical supplies
- Behavioral health
- Hospice
- Dementia care

Transportation

Home care
- Medical
- Non-medical

End-of-life planning

Wellness
- Nutrition
- Physical well-being (YMCAs, classes, etc.)

Social/community engagement
- Volunteering
- Employment
- Continuing education

Support services

Support groups

Veterans' resources

Responses must be emailed to seniorguide@chespub.com by Nov. 21. Please share this request with others who work with seniors on the Mid-Shore.

Thank you for your help and cooperation,

Lena Ellwanger
Head of content for the Senior Resource Guide
443-480-3177
seniorguide@chespub.com

Nursing Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2016 was an exciting and productive year for Nursing and Patient Care Services at University of Maryland Shore Regional Health. Our nursing team accomplished significant advances in Patient Safety, Experience and Quality throughout Shore Regional's three hospitals, our emergency center, our nursing and rehabilitation center, and our many outpatient facilities in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties.

I am happy to share with you our new Nursing Annual Report, which covers many highlights of this past year and may be accessed at this link: https://issuu.com/umms/docs/umshore-nursing-annual-report-16?e=2160417/40130903.

Best wishes,

University of Maryland Shore Regional Health
219 South Washington Street
Easton, Maryland 21601
Easton Office: 410-822-1000
Fax: 410-822-7834

Creating Healthier Communities Together

MADC Education Forum

The Future Is NOW

Innovation and Partnership at the Heart of Behavioral Health

As leaders working at the intersection of addiction-related healthcare systems, you are engaged each day in actively transforming your organizations and the services you provide. The upcoming MADC Education Forum brings together top practitioners and thinkers to share strategies and resources that will improve how Maryland addresses the ever increasing demand for high-quality services**. It is clear we must think beyond incremental change** and **harness the powers of innovation and partnership to bring the true impact this time demands.**

We are pleased to share that **Lisa Kugler, the new Vice President / CEO of the Maryland Center for Engagement of Beacon Health Options** will be joining us.

When

Monday, November 14, 2016
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Where

Sheppard Pratt Conference Center
6501 North Charles Street
Towson, MD 21204

Contact

madccommunications@gmail.com

Who should attend?:

- Behavioral health and healthcare practitioners
- Criminal justice and law enforcement partners
- Education and social service professionals
- Advocates and decision-makers influencing addiction-related healthcare

All attendees will enhance their capacity to make the smart decisions, explore innovative ideas, and form new partnerships. Further, attendees will learn about and discuss innovative partnerships that support high-quality treatment and have the opportunity to meet and interact with colleagues and stakeholders from across the state.

We promise the day will be a highly rewarding educational and networking experience.

SUD Treatment and Maryland's Justice Reinvestment Efforts

Earlier this year after months of bipartisan consideration and debate that engaged stakeholders from across the criminal justice system in consultation with healthcare advocates, the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council submitted 19 recommendations to Governor Larry Hogan and the Maryland General Assembly for review. The Justice Reinvestment Act (JRI) was formed from the recommendations and passed by an overwhelming majority in the House and Senate during the 2016 Session. The bill was signed into law by Governor Hogan on May 19, 2016. The Justice

Reinvestment Act represents the most comprehensive criminal justice reform to pass in a generation and will enable Maryland to better help families, restore communities, keep our streets safe, and move Maryland's economy forward.

The Governor's Office will provide an update on implementation of the Justice Reinvestment Act and the role of treatment to impact the lives of Marylanders who enter and exit the criminal justice system.

Cara Sullivan, Special Assistant to the Chief Legislative Officer, Office of Governor Larry Hogan

Honoring the Chronic Care Disease Model; Identifying and Providing Harm Reduction/Secondary Prevention in the Spectrum of SUD Services

Secondary prevention/harm reduction is a cost-effective and important tool to improve the health, engagement and outcomes of those who are still using drugs and will be an important tool as healthcare systems move toward value-based purchasing and pay for performance in this and all other areas of healthcare. Special attention will be given to the importance of learning, implementing, and evaluating harm reduction measures as a necessity as we enter the wave of payment reform in healthcare.

Dr. Kima Joy Taylor

Innovation & Partnership Panel

In business and in life, innovation and partnerships act as accelerators for growth. Across Maryland public and private health care providers are using innovation and new partnerships to achieve the best outcomes for their patients by leveraging their combined strengths and uniting around a shared purpose to increase access to care, reduce costs and deliver innovative healthcare solutions. Gain first-hand knowledge of three cutting-edge programs utilizing innovation and partnership at the center of their work.

Becky Hogamier – Director, Washington County Day Reporting Center
Kim Wireman – CEO, Powell Recovery
Kathleen O'Brien, PhD – CEO, Walden Behavioral Health

The Broad Impact of Addiction Requires a Broad Set of Partners

This session will highlight best practices and needed reforms that support proactive partnering across healthcare, law enforcement, education, and social service professionals and systems. Special attention will be given to the many impact points needed to ensure true system change. Attendees will have the opportunity to identify and reflect on the impact points of their organization and brainstorm about potential partnerships needed to advance their mission.

Becky Vaughn, VP of Addictions, National Council for Behavioral Health

Lunch and 4.5 CEUs are included in the registration fee.

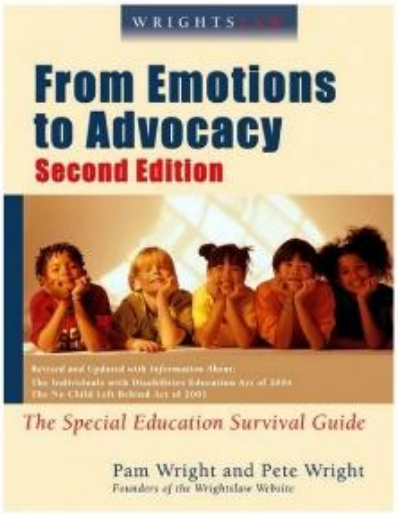
Co-sponsored by the Maryland Behavioral Health Administration's Office of Workforce Development and Training.

The Office of Workforce Development and Training is an approved sponsor of the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners for 4.5 Continuing Education Units (Category I) for licensed social workers in Maryland; as a sponsor of 4.5 Continuing Education Units acceptable to the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists; and 4.5 Continuing Education Units (Category A) by the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists, and the Maryland Association of Prevention Professionals & Advocates upon completion of this training and a completed evaluation. The Office of Workforce Development and Training maintains responsibility for this program.

Register Now!

the parents' place of Maryland and Kinera Foundation

Invite you to join us in a weekly discussion:
From Emotions to Advocacy (FETA) Study



Many parents want to advocate for their child, but hold back. As a parent of a child with special needs you can represent their interests better than anyone. Learn how to harness your emotions and use that energy to become an effective advocate for your child.

When: Saturdays, January, 14 through March 11, 2017
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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Our 5th Annual Toys 4 Tots Movie Days

Sunday November 13th & 20th
10 AM at our Easton location
Choose from three holiday favorites!

Donate one new, unopened toy ($10 value min)
or donate two new, unopened toys ($20 value min) for a family of four
and receive Admission and Free Small Popcorn!

Your kind donations will benefit children across the Eastern Shore and make their Christmas a little brighter

TOYS FOR TOTS *In collaboration with:* TCCC YP Young Professionals

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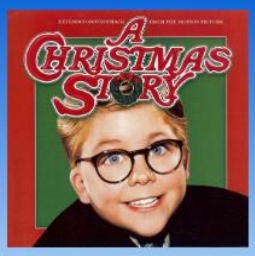
Feature!



Saturday November 12th & 19th
10 AM at our Cambridge location
Choose from a double or single feature!

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Pediatric GI Clinic

Next clinic date: November 21, 2016

Kinera Foundation, in partnership with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Genetics and People with Special Health Care Needs is very pleased to announce a partnership with the University of Maryland, Baltimore to provide services for children identified with feeding and nutritional issues at a regional clinic on the Eastern Shore. We are pleased to have this much needed service provided regionally to offset the difficulties that the trip to Baltimore presents to many families!

Schedule Your Appointment

To schedule an appointment please contact Conchetta Williams at 410-328-7351.
All appointments take place at the Kinera Foundation Eastern Shore Regional Hub.
For more information, please contact Mary O'Brien 410-443-7977

Kinera Foundation

Easton High School NJROTC proudly presents

Veterans Celebration

What: The Town of Easton, the Easton High School Navy JROTC, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5118, American Legion Post 70, American Legion Post 77 and the Easton Downtown Partnership are hosting a FREE celebration in honor of our Veterans, active duty, reserve and National Guard forces and their families.

Event will include speakers, patriotic music (sung and performed by the Easton HS choir and band), and the U.S. Military Silent Honor Guard. Everyone is invited to attend - those with uniforms, i.e.: military, police, fire fighters, scouts, Veterans organizations, are encouraged to wear their uniforms or military regalia.

When: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 7pm for approximately one hour. A reception with light refreshments will follow.

Where: Talbot County Auditorium at Easton High School, 723 Mecklenburg Avenue, Easton, MD

"Navy Core Values - Honor, Commitment, Courage - SET A PROPER COURSE FOR LIFE"

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW WORKING AFFECTS SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS?

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CREATING FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE THROUGH WORK INCENTIVES

DESIGNED FOR FAMILIES/ADVOCATES, SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT & ACT TEAMS, AND CONSUMERS.

LEARN THE FACTS THAT LEAD TO INFORMED CHOICES ABOUT WORK AND ECONOMIC SELF SUFFICIENCY

WHEN
Friday. Nov. 11, 2016
9:00a.m.-4:30p.m.

Ticket to Work

WHERE
Arundel Lodge
2600 Solomons Island Rd
Edgewater, MD 21037

LIGHT REFERESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

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SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT & ACT TEAMS

CONSUMERS

ADVOCATES/FAMILY

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Maryland Benefits Counseling Network

Maryland Behavioral Health Administration

Training Center, University of Maryland, Baltimore

REGISTER

Register Online at:

Www.mdbenefitscounseling.org

Fax Registration forms to Shannon Smiles-Tharp

Fax: (304) 870-4475

Registration Questions Contact: Shannon

Phone: (855) 384-2844

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The Maryland Benefits Counseling Network

Fax or e-mail registration to: Shannon Smiles-Tharp c/o Maryland Benefits Counseling Network
Fax: (304) 870-4475, E-mail: shannon.smiles@maryland.gov, Phone: 1 (855) 384-2844, press option 4

Making Employment Work: Creating Financial Independence Through Work Incentives
Date: November 11, 2016 9:00am-4:30pm
Location: Arundel Lodge 2600 Solomons Island Rd Edgewater, MD 21037

Please note that pre-registration is required in order to be admitted on the day of the training.
Trainings fill quickly, so register early!

Name:_____ **Title:**_____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:**_____

Address: _____

If needed, how can we reach you on the day of the event? (text, e-mail, phone)

_____

Please Select Which Applies to You:

- ☐ Consumer/Family Member
- ☐ Supported Employment Staff
- ☐ ACT Program Staff
  - Contact Stacy Seymore, (stacy.seymore2@maryland.gov) with requests for reasonable accommodation.

Indicate the kind of attendance verification desired:

- ☐ **Continuing Education Credit (social workers, psychologists, licensed professional counselors and therapists, alcohol and drug counselors)**
- ☐ **Certificate of Attendance (all other disciplines)**

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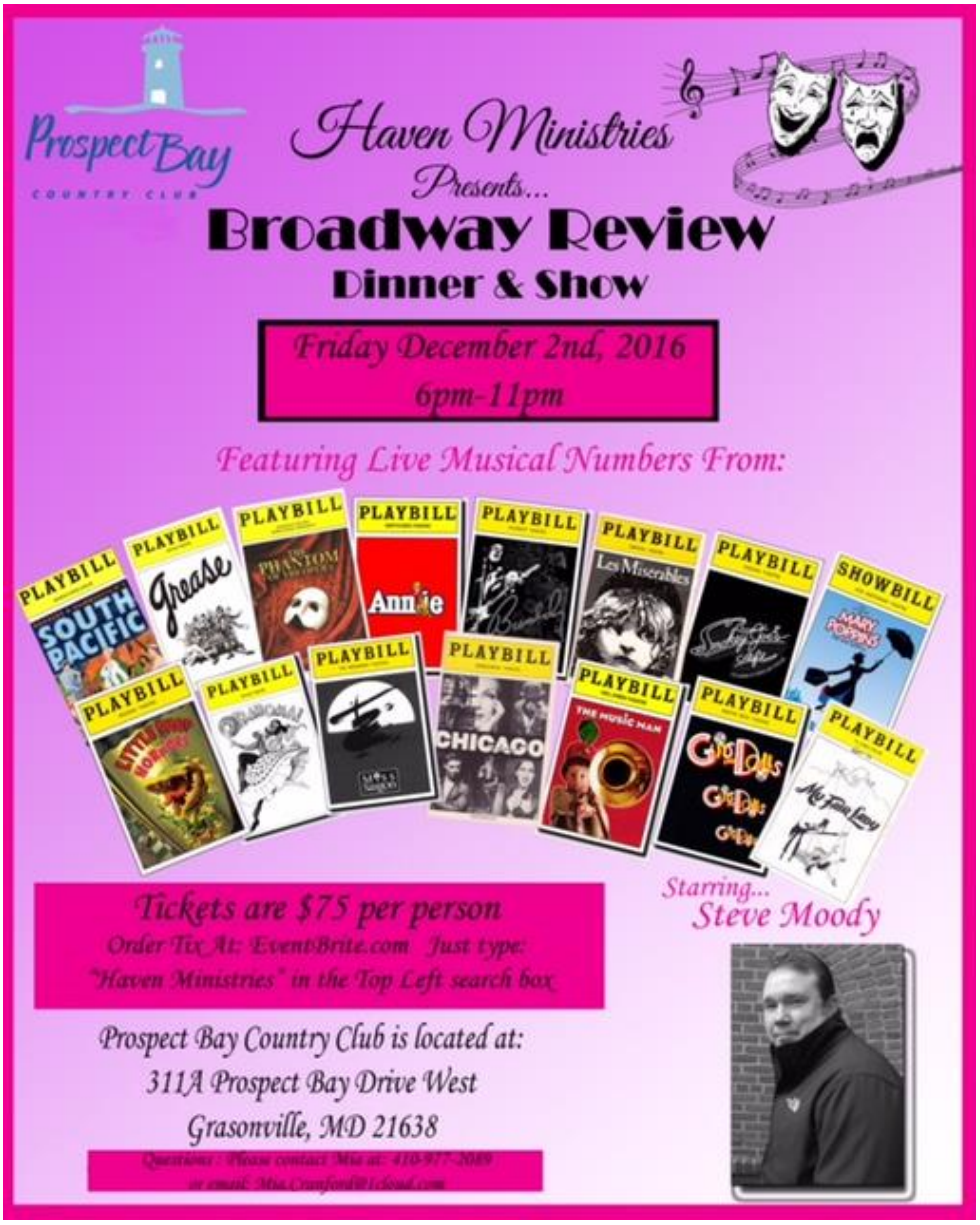

Visit www.haven-ministries.org for more information.

Haven Ministries Resource Center

The Resource Center will advance the missions of both Haven Ministries and St. Paul's Church by offering a place of referral and case management services to residents of Queen Anne's County. The Resource Center will include case management services, educational programs, job training, and use of computers and office equipment. The Resource Center also offers office space for Haven Ministries in which to conduct meetings and perform administrative duties.

Purpose:
To meet the needs of QAC residents who need a hand up by offering information on financial counseling, job training, wellness, limited pastoral counseling, and enrichment classes.

Dates of Operation:
Beginning November 15, 2016 - Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.

Location:
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
301 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617

Contact:
Krista Pettit
410-739-4363

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Saturday, Dec.10th

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The Care & Share Fund, Inc.

P.O. Box 1256, Cambridge, MD 21613

410-901-4131

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I Want To Sign Up!

16th Annual Care & Share Santa Swim Waiver

Team Name: _____

Santa's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Waiver - Each Santa must sign this waiver to participate in the "Swim". As a participant in the "Santa Swim", I do hereby release and discharge the Care & Share Fund, the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort, the event site, their management, their officers, members, sponsors, organizers, or their representatives, or their successors, and all cooperating businesses and organizations from all claims of damages, demands, actions, and causes whatsoever, in any manner arising or growing out of my participation in this event.

I give my full permission for the use of my name and photograph in this event.

I give my full permission for such first aid as may be deemed necessary to be provided to me on the premises or prior to transport to a hospital for further evaluation or treatment.

Santa's Signature: _____ Date: _____

(parent or guardian, if Santa is a minor)

Please return signed waiver to Santa Swim, PO Box 1256, Cambridge, MD 21613, no later than Tuesday, December 06, 2016, by mail, - or - bring it with you, the day of the event.

For more information, call The Care & Share Fund at 410-901-4131or visit http://CareAndShareFund.org/

Knee-deep for the Needy

Sponsor of the Santa Swim

PLEDGE SHEET

Care & Share Fund Inc. 16th Annual Santa Swim

Saturday December 10, 2016

Registration opens at 9:30 AM; Swim takes place at 10 AM

Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort, Cambridge Maryland

Care & Share raises money to assist less fortunate Dorchester Citizens in their times of need.

Don't care to "Do the Dip" in the cold Choptank River?
Pledge money for a brave person who will. We'll find someone to do it for you.
Be sure to come, participate or watch

Santa or Team Name:_____

Sponsor's Name	Address	Phone Number	Amount Donated	Receipt Yes	No

Receipt will be mailed to sponsor

Pledge Sheets may be returned to The Care & Share Fund, P.O. Box 1256, Cambridge, MD or brought the day of the event.

*** Visit our website: careandsharefund.org or contact Helen 410-228-2728 or Stan 410-901-4131 for more information*

Customized Employment

Job Development Training

A Three-Day Learning Experience of Best Practices

Wednesday– Friday December 14th, 15th, 16th, 2016
8:30am - 4:30pm

Presenter: Paula Collins of Marc Gold & Associates, Nationally Renowned Experts in Customized Employment for People with Developmental Disabilities

Provided by the Discovery Consortium: Spring Dell Center, Compass Inc, Arc Howard County, Arc Central Chesapeake, and SEEC

CMS Settings Rule and Employment First changes are fast approaching!

Learn about job development for customized employment, employer needs and benefits analysis, and how to develop a Concept Portfolio tool.

Open to the first 25 registrants of Maryland providers

$150.00 Registration Fee Includes:

Breakfast and Lunch for 3 days and

A Training Manual with Forms, Samples, and Support Materials; also, Archived Webinars

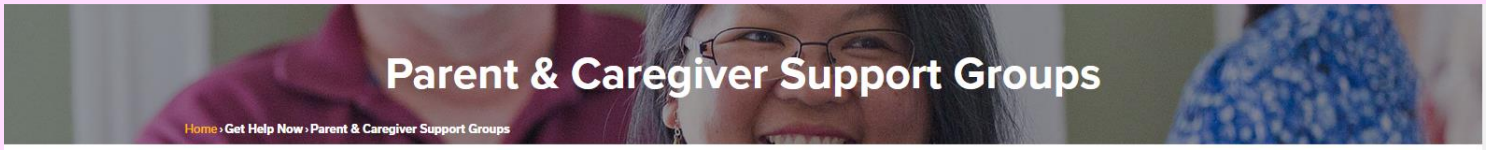
Training location:

New Life Church, 9690 Shephard's Creek Place, La Plata, MD 20646

301-576-9000

Registration and payment (credit card only) at www.seeconline.org

"https://seecmd.ejoinme.org/CallahanTrainingDec2016"



MCF staff members facilitate support groups across the state. Locations and contact information are listed below by county.

CAROLINE COUNTY

Coffee Connection — Denton
Education and learning from other families who have experience with helping their children in being successful and obtaining services for behavioral health issues, such as ADHD, PTSD, depression, anxiety, and substance abuse, to name a few.

Meets **1st Friday** of the month, from 9:30–10:30am.

Dunkin Donuts, 601 Legion Rd, Denton, MD 21629

Contact Trish Todd, Caroline County Family Navigator, at ttodd@mdcoalition.org or 410 479 1146 for more information.

DORCHESTER COUNTY

Helping Hands Support Group — Dorchester County

Meetings are held every **3rd Thursday** of each month, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Refreshments are provided.

NDLA/Student Services, 2455 Cambridge Beltway, Cambridge, MD 21613

Contact Bernadette Townsend at 443-480-3495 or email btownsend@mdcoalition.org for more information.

LOWER EASTERN SHORE

Lower Shore Family Empowers Family — Salisbury
All are invited to attend MCF's Lower Shore Family Support. You are not alone.

Meets the **4th Thursday** of each month

Wicomico Partnership, 408 Coles Circle, Salisbury, MD 21804

Contact Sherri Allen at sallen@mdcoalition.org or 443-896-6791 for more information.

MID-SHORE

Mid-Shore Healthy Minds Book Club
A Book Club for parents and caregivers of children with mental health issues, emotional needs, challenging behaviors, or special needs. All you have to do is get your book, read it and show up. Join us for every Book Club night or pick and choose which books you are interested in.

Meets on the **First Wednesday**, 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Procolino Pizzeria, 711 Washington Ave # 9, Chestertown, MD 21620

Please RSVP to Augustine Cook at 443-504-4509 or acook@mdcoalition.org.

MID-SHORE CAREGIVERS' NIGHT OUT

Mid-Shore Caregivers' Night Out
You do so much for others. Let's take time this year to relax.

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm on December 7, 2016.

Location: TBD

Dinner will be served; bring a dish if you have time without stressing over it.

Please RSVP to Augustine Cook at 443-504-4509 or email acook@mdcoalition.org if you plan to attend.

Don't miss this opportunity to relax and network with each other. Space is Limited RSVP.

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

Coffee Connection — Queen Anne's County
Join other parents of children with mental and behavioral health challenges for breakfast and receive peer support and information about community resources for your family in Queen Anne's County.

Meets **1st Friday** of every month, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Community Partnerships for Children and Families, 104 Powell Street, Centreville, MD 21617

Contact Carol Strootman at cstrootman@mdcoalition.org or 443.896.6753 for information.

TALBOT COUNTY

Coffee Connection — Easton
Join us for coffee, bagels and conversation at Panera. Meet parents and caregivers of children who have behavioral issues, learning differences, and mental health needs. Learn about resources in your community and how to best advocate for your child.

Meets **3rd Wednesday** of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 am year-round (except December).

Panera Bread, 8933 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD 21601

Contact Joan McGarry jmcgarry@mdcoalition.org or 443.480.2966 for more information.

There are also other organizations that may offer support groups that are not included on this list. To learn more, head to the Other Organizations page.

Participants Needed for Parent Training Study

The Treatment Research Institute, an independent, nonprofit research and development organization dedicated to science-driven reform of treatment and policy in substance use, is conducting a research study funded by the National Institutes of Health that may be able to help parents of 18-25 year olds using alcohol or other drugs. The purpose of this study is to examine whether online training programs help parents improve their communication skills regarding substance use; facilitate treatment entry of their child; and reduce drug use and other problems of the young adult.

Learn more.

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Good Samaritan Law

FACT SHEET

Maryland's Good Samaritan Law protects people assisting in an emergency overdose situation from arrest, as well as prosecution, for certain crimes.

The purpose of the law is to encourage any person, regardless of age, who experiences or observes a medical emergency caused by the ingestion or use of alcohol or other drugs to seek medical assistance without fear of arrest or prosecution for:

- Possessing or using a controlled dangerous substance
- Possessing or using drug paraphernalia
- Providing alcohol to minors

The Good Samaritan Law applies to any person who seeks, provides, or assists with the provision of medical assistance as the result of a person ingesting or using alcohol or drugs.

It also applies to the victims if the victims receive assistance because someone else sought assistance for them.

The law protects a person from a violation of a condition of pretrial release, probation, or parole, if the evidence of the violation was obtained solely as a result of a person seeking, providing or assisting with medical help to save someone's life.

The law **does not** protect persons witnessing the medical emergency if they're not helping with the medical emergency.

The law protects persons from criminal arrest, charge or prosecution for the six misdemeanors listed below where the evidence was obtained solely because of the act of seeking medical assistance:

- § 5-601: Possessing or Administering CDS
- § 5-619: Drug Paraphernalia
- § 5-620: Controlled Paraphernalia
- § 10-114: Underage Possession of Alcohol
- § 10-116: Obtaining Alcohol for Underage Consumption
- § 10-117: Furnishing for or allowing underage consumption of alcohol

The Good Samaritan Law **does not apply to drug felonies or other crimes not listed above**. Additionally, it does not prevent law enforcement from conducting an investigation and gathering evidence.

For more information about prevention and treatment, visit: MDDestinationRecovery.org

Toll Free 1-877-4MD-DHMH • TTY for Disabled - Maryland Relay Service 1-800-735-2258
Web Site: www.dhmh.maryland.gov

NAMI Maryland
National Alliance on Mental Illness

Having health insurance increases the chances of getting needed care, living a healthier life and being financially secure

Health Insurance 2017 Open Enrollment

November 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017

maryland health connection℠

There are various types of health and dental plans designed to meet the different needs of Marylanders.

Enroll at Maryland Health Connection
www.marylandhealthconnection.gov

Maryland Health Connection,
Maryland's Insurance Marketplace, provides in-person and phone enrollment assistance to help individuals learn about, apply for and enroll in appropriate health and dental insurance products, including Medicaid eligibility, the Maryland Children's Health Program, and subsidized and non-subsidized qualified health plans.
(HELPFUL:Enroll with the Mobile APP or get answers to Frequently Asked Questions)

Maryland Health Connection also has enrollment events across the state

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***According to *Maryland Health Connection*, 9 in 10 Marylanders who enrolled last year qualified for financial help to lower their health insurance costs.**

Visit Maryland Health Connection November 1, 2016 to January 31, 2017 (Medicaid Enrollment is year-round) to:

- Enroll in a health or dental plan
- Change your current plan

- Enroll in Medicaid or Maryland's Children's Health Program
- Redetermine your eligibility for financial help

REMEMBER!

You cannot be denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition and Qualified Health Plans sold in the Maryland Health Connection must cover certain Essential Health Benefits, such as:

- Doctor Visits
- Emergency & Hospital Care
- Mental Health Care & Substance Use Treatment
- Prescription Medication
- Maternity & Newborn Care
- Pediatric care, including dental and vision benefits
- Laboratory Tests
- Immunizations
- Preventative Screening

DO NOT FORGET!!

You may enroll in or change your health insurance plan outside the open enrollment period if you have a qualifying life event, like:

- Getting married
- Having or adopting a child
- Certain income changes
- Moving to or from Maryland
- Loss of health coverage due to job loss or divorce
- A loss of Medicaid eligibility or a change in disability status

You can visit the *Maryland Health Connection* to learn more about qualifying life events, or call 1-855-642-8572 (TTY 855.642.8573)

MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION

Questions about filing an insurance complaint?

Contact: **Maryland Insurance Administration** or call 410.468.2000 or 800.492.6116

Upcoming Webinar: Transforming Public Health through Collaboration with Health Care

Monday, Nov. 14, 2016

The Public Health National Center for Innovations will host a webinar titled "Transforming Public Health through Collaboration with Health Care." The webinar will highlight the importance of cross-sector collaborations to improve public health. The webinar will also share about two national initiatives: (1) the State Health Values and Strategies Program and (2) Digital Bridge Project. The initiatives aim to improve population health by reforming the delivery of health care services and exchanging information between sectors.

For more information, click here.

Upcoming Webinar: Public Health Genomics

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will host a webinar titled "Implementing Public Health Genomics in Your State: Resources from the CDC Office of Public Health Genomics." Public health genomics offers a personalized method of preventive medicine based on family genetic history. The webinar will introduce resources from the CDC's Office of Public Health Genomics. This office assists state and local health departments in implementing genomics and family health history activities.

For more information, click here.

Call for Proposals: Maryland Community Health Resources Commission

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016

The Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) has issued the FY 2017 Call for Proposals for programs that will build capacity and expand access, promote health equity, and improve population health. The CHRC anticipates awarding approximately $3.6 million in new grant funding. The five categories of programs the CHRC seeks to support this fiscal year include:

1. Expanding access to primary and preventative care services and chronic disease management;
2. Integrating behavioral health service delivery and addressing the heroin and opioid epidemic;
3. Addressing childhood and family obesity and promoting food security;
4. Expanding access to dental care; and
5. Promoting comprehensive women's health services and reducing infant mortality rates.

Letters of Intent are due November 16, 2016 at noon.

For more information on timeline for submission, public information call, and more, click here.

Observance: National Rural Health Day

Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016

The National Organizations of State Office of Rural Health (NOSORH) will observe National Rural Health Day in November. NOSORH created this observance as a way to showcase the work of America's 62 million rural citizens. The observance also promotes the efforts of NOSORH, State Offices of Rural Health, and other partners in addressing those concerns. National Rural Health Day raises awareness of the unique healthcare issues faced by rural citizens, particularly issues of healthcare access and affordability. While more work needs to be done to improve access to care in rural communities, the Maryland SORH would like to take this opportunity to share with partners how SORH addresses these issues in Maryland. SORH will host a webinar to celebrate this event on November 17, 2016.

For webinar registration, click here. For more information, click here.

Upcoming Event: Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) 2016 Annual Conference

NAVIGATING CHANGE
Building Our Future Together
DECEMBER 4-7, 2016 • WASHINGTON, DC

Friday, Nov. 18, 2016

The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) will host its 2016 Conference titled "Navigating Change: Building Our Future Together." The event highlights the need to work together so that individuals with disabilities are able to participate fully in all aspects of life as valued members of their communities. It will also examine the changes that come at the end of a United States' presidential term. The deadline for registration is Friday, November 18, 2016. The event will be held Sunday, December 4 through Wednesday, December 7, 2016.

For more information, click here.

Call For Papers: Mental Health America 2017 Annual Conference

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016

The Mental Health America (MHA) will host the "2017 Annual Conference: Sex, Drugs and Rock & Roll." Call for proposals and registration are now open. Below are examples of workshop panel topics:

MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA
2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SEX, DRUGS, AND ROCK & ROLL
WASHINGTON, DC · JUNE 14–16, 2017

- Sex: sexual trauma and its aftermath; sexual addiction; sex and gender; intimacy issues; and sexual and other side effects of medication;
- Drugs: the opioid epidemic; self-medicating; alternatives to traditional medicine; substance use addiction and recovery;
- Rock & Roll: stories of musicians, entertainers, and artists who battle mental illnesses and substance use disorders; music as therapy; and how musicians and artists are using their platform and their music to reach those struggling with mental illness and addiction

Encouraged to attend are: affiliates, advocates, policy makers, healthcare providers, executives, members of the media, artists, and other professionals in mental health. Proposal applications must be submitted or postmarked by November 30, 2016. The event will be held in June 2017 in Washington, D.C.

For more information, click here.

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National Survey on Drug Use and Health
NSDUH DATA REVIEW

October 2016

Sexual Orientation and Estimates of Adult Substance Use and Mental Health: Results from the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

Abstract

Background. Research suggests that sexual minorities (e.g., people who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual) are at greater risk for substance use and mental health issues compared with the sexual majority population that identifies as being heterosexual. Although sexual orientation is not a new construct, many federally funded surveys have only recently begun to identify sexual minorities in their data collections. In 2015, the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) added two questions on sexual orientation, one for sexual identity and one for sexual attraction, making it the first nationally representative, comprehensive source of federally collected information on substance use and mental health issues among sexual minority adults.

Methods. To assess the validity of the data, NSDUH estimates of sexual attraction and sexual identity were compared with estimates from three other national surveys: the National Survey of Family Growth, the National Health Interview Survey, and the General Social Survey. Adults who self-identified in a question on sexual identity as being heterosexual or straight were defined as being in the sexual majority group. Adults who self-identified as being gay, lesbian, or bisexual in the same question were defined as being in the sexual minority group. This report presents estimates for substance use and mental health issues from the 2015 NSDUH for adults aged 18 or older by sexual identity. Additionally, NSDUH estimates for substance use and mental health issues were compared for sexual minorities and sexual majority members among all adults and within subgroups defined by sex and by age group. For comparisons of substance use and mental health estimates, statistically significant differences are noted between the sexual majority and sexual minority groups.

Results. Estimates from NSDUH for sexual attraction and sexual identity were comparable with estimates from other national surveys. Based on the 2015 NSDUH, 4.3 percent of adults aged 18 or older identified as a sexual minority, including 1.8 percent who identified as being lesbian or gay and 2.5 percent who identified as being bisexual.

Sexual minorities were more likely than their sexual majority counterparts to have substance use and mental health issues. The greater likelihood of sexual minority adults to have substance use and mental health issues compared with their sexual majority counterparts was observed across subgroups of adults defined by sex and by age group. In particular, sexual minorities were more likely to use illicit drugs in the past year, to be current cigarette smokers, and to be current alcohol drinkers compared with their sexual majority counterparts. Sexual minority adults were also more likely than sexual majority adults to have substance use disorders in the past year, including disorders related to their use of alcohol, illicit drugs, marijuana, or misuse of pain relievers. Sexual minority adults were more likely than their sexual majority counterparts to need substance use treatment. Among adults who needed substance use treatment, sexual minority adults were more likely than their sexual majority counterparts to receive substance use treatment at a specialty facility.

Sexual minority adults were also more likely than sexual majority adults to have any mental illness (AMI), serious mental illness (SMI), and AMI excluding SMI in the past year. Sexual minority adults were also more likely than their sexual majority counterparts to have a major depressive episode (MDE) or to have had an MDE with severe impairment in the past year. Sexual minority adults with AMI were more likely than sexual majority adults with AMI to receive mental health services during the past 12 months.

Conclusions. This first set of findings from NSDUH on substance use and mental health issues for adults by sexual identity is important to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for understanding the health issues faced by sexual minorities in the United States. Additional years of data will allow changes to be tracked over time for substance use, substance use treatment, mental health issues, and the use of mental health services among sexual minority adults and will enable researchers to examine issues in greater depth for specific sexual minority subgroups. Future research involving NSDUH and other data sources also will be useful for understanding factors associated with substance use or mental health issues among sexual minorities.

View full report: http://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/NSDUH-SexualOrientation-2015/NSDUH-SexualOrientation-2015/NSDUH-SexualOrientation-2015.htm

PROVIDER ALERT

PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION PROGRAM (PRP) AUTHORIZATION REQUEST SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 2, 2016

Beacon Health Options (Beacon) is *reissuing* this Provider Alert for PRP services. In order to ensure concurrent authorizations are processed in a timely manner, providers are asked to adhere to the schedule below:

The Continued (Concurrent) PRP Auth Requests for Providers who's Provider Name Starts:	Are Due Each Month On:
A through E	The First Week (the 1st to 7th)
F through M	The Second Week (the 8th to 14th)
N through T	The Third Week (the 15th to 21st)
U through Z	The Fourth Week (the 22nd to 28th)

This change went into effect March 1, 2016. As noted above, the review volume has been spread out across the month to ensure timely authorization determinations from Beacon.

Questions and Comments:

Please contact Beacon Health Options at: marylandclinicaldept@beaconhealthoptions.com with questions about this Provider Alert.

PROVIDER ALERT

INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT SERVICES (IOP) AUTHORIZATION CHANGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) SERVICES

NOVEMBER 2, 2016

Beacon will accept concurrent authorization requests for ongoing IOP treatment within five days prior to the end of the current existing authorization.

It is important to include **current clinical information**, including progress made thus far in treatment with focus on why the individual continues to meet ASAM criteria or medical necessity criteria. It is not sufficient or necessary to repeat why the individual first started treatment at this level of care.

SAMHSA-HRSA CENTER FOR INTEGRATED HEALTH SOLUTIONS

The number of adults in the United States age 65 and older is expected to exceed 82 million by 2040. Approximately 16 million of these older adults will have a mental health or substance use condition, and they'll be turning to their primary care providers for care.

Growing Older: Providing Integrated Care for an Aging Population is a new publication from the SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions that offers guidance for primary and behavioral health care providers to be prepared to meet the unique health needs of older adults.

Tips and information highlighted include:

- An outline of behavioral health symptoms for a variety of conditions common among older adults
- How you can tailor care for older adults alongside each of the Core Competencies for Integrated Behavioral Health and Primary Care
- Other community supports for older adults and how safety-net providers can work with them

Check it out.

Was this resource helpful to you? We'd love to hear your feedback.

Interested in learning more about how to serve older adults? We've outlined other key resources on serving older adults on our website.

SAMHSA HRSA Health Resources & Services Administration

integration.samhsa.gov
integration@thenationalcouncil.org
202.684.7457

The SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS) provides tailored training and technical assistance to SAMHSA's PBHCI grantees, HRSA Behavioral Health Integration grantees, and SAMHSA's MAI-CoC grantees. Let us know how we can help you. No request is too big or too small. Contact us at Integration@TheNationalCouncil.org or 202-684-7457

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Upcoming Webinars

MACRA's Final Rule: Updates to CMS's Quality Payment Program and It's Impact on Medicare Part B Reimbursement

Date: Tues., November 8, 2016, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
Register: https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1122616
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) released the final **Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA)** rule, which makes sweeping reforms to payments under Medicare Part B and goes into effect on January 1, 2017. To learn about the MACRA final rule and how you and your organization can prepare for CMS's **Merit-based Incentive Payment System** (MIPS), we invite you to attend our webinar. This one-hour webinar will help you and your team:

- Understand key changes to the final MACRA rule's Quality Payment Program and how it will impact behavioral health care providers
- Strategize to enhance your performance in 2017 and avoid financial penalties

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Engaging Patients in Informed Decision-making about Long Acting Injectable Medications (LAI Series)

Date: Wed., November 9, 2016, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/139889032870725120

Research shows that patients who are actively involved in clinical decision-making are more likely to adhere to treatment plans and have improved health outcomes and lower costs. In Part 4 of this webinar series on LAIs, learn about messaging and how to engage clients and family members in shared decision-making around this evidence-based treatment.

For a complete listing of upcoming webinars, visit http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/events-and-training/webinars/. The National Council does not offer continuing education credits or certificates of attendance for webinars. A recording and the PowerPoint will be posted in our archives within 48 hours following the event.

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Master of Social Work degree can help your staff members make big leaps in their careers, and many of your staff members may pursue while working for you. Help them maximize their potential by pointing them toward the online Master of Social Work program from the University of Southern California.

As part of a long-standing partnership with the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, staff at National Council member organizations accepted to the online MSW@USC program in 2017 will receive a $5,000 scholarship, and those accepted to the one-year online advanced standing program will receive a $2,500 scholarship.

The deadline for applications to the January cohort is November 14. Classes start January 9, 2017. Learn more.

Please share this with your staff and colleagues.

The heroes in our community don't wear a gold medal. You won't find them on TV or on a billboard. Instead of chasing notoriety, they're often the ones making things run smoothly behind the scenes.

Isn't it time to recognize their work? Submit a nomination for the 2017 Awards of Excellence to honor those individuals and organizations that are truly changing the game of behavioral health.

Honorees will be celebrated during NatCon17 and receive a $10,000 grant to donate to a nonprofit of their choice. Submit your nomination today to give the gold to a true heart of gold.

Don't wait. The deadline to submit is Friday, November 11.

Questions? Review the Frequently Asked Questions or email Awards@TheNationalCouncil.org.

Weekly Quote