



County Health Equity Forum



Anne Arundel County
Department of Health
Office of Assessment and Planning



Office of Health Equity and Racial Justice (HERJ)

Monday, May 20, 2024, 3:00 PM (EST)



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Department of Health

Welcome

Please note: This virtual meeting
is being recorded.

Thank you for joining today's Health Equity Forum!

Purpose: Brings together health equity champions who live, work, play, worship, and learn in Anne Arundel County for information-sharing, idea exchange, and meaningful conversations about social drivers of health and efforts to unlock opportunity for everyone to achieve their best health.

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 - Chat feature
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County Health Equity Forum Agenda

May 20, 2024, 3:00 p.m. (EST)

3:00 p.m.	Welcome & Introductions Corynna Limerick, MPH , Program Manager, Office of Health Equity and Racial Justice
3:05 p.m.	Dr. Tonii Gedin, RN, DNP , Health Officer
3:10 p.m.	Mindi Garrett, MPH, CHES , Health Policy Analyst, Healthy Anne Arundel Coalition (HAAC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May Mental Health Awareness Month
3:15 p.m.	Christopher Yelen, LCSW-C and Mia Riggsby, LMSW , Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Older Adult Mental Health Discussion
3:25 p.m.	Despina Thomas, MPH , Suicide Prevention Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suicide Prevention Awareness
3:30 p.m.	Community Spotlight <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Health Ambassadors Program's Mental Health Promotion• Mental Health Activities and Stories from Center of Help, Community Action Agency, Growth Matters, and My Life Foundation
3:40 p.m.	Shavon Wilson-Thomas , Project Manager Gun Violence Intervention Team (GVIT) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• June Gun Violence Awareness Month
3:45 p.m.	Eona Harrison, PhD , Health Equity Planning and Implementation Consultant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Equity Action Plan Update
4:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks



LET'S TALK **MENTAL HEALTH**





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Mindi Garrett, MPH, CHES



I'd love to continue this conversation.
Please email me at
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and visit
www.healthyannearundel.org

Health Policy Analyst
Healthy Anne Arundel Coalition (HAAC)
Anne Arundel County Department of Health

Mental Health Awareness Month, May 2024

Mental Health Matters event
Saturday, May 11th

- Over 500 in attendance
 - 90 vendors
 - Calming room
 - Caricatures
 - Face painting
 - Games
 - Therapy dogs
- And more...



Mental Health Awareness Month 2024



KINGDOM KARE INC.



CHA Partners wear green to celebrate!
aahealth.org/mental-health-awareness-month
#HealthyMindsHealthyLives

Mental Health Awareness Month 2024



Mental Health Awareness Month 2024



Photos from our
Health Officer



Mental Health Awareness Month 2024

1. **Spreading acceptance and support**

Take a selfie and tell us what makes you feel accepted and/ or supported.

"I feel accepted and/ or supported when..." (ex. "People listen to what I have to say.")

2. **Strategies for managing mental health**

Take a selfie and tell us what self care looks like for you.

"To me, self-care is..." ("spending time in the garden.")

3. **Language matters**

Snap a photo of words or phrases that make you feel safe and accepted?

"Words that make me feel accepted are..." ("Thanks for your help!")



Do you have a photo on your phone that shows your support of mental wellness?

Use the QR Code to submit a photo!



Warmline Posters



What happens when I call the Crisis Response Warmline?

Feeling like you or someone you care about needs help, or just needs to talk to someone.....

Call the Warmline 410-768-5522

Any age can call the warmline.*

A concerned counselor will always answer your call.

They will ask what you are in need of and offer support and resources to help.

You will be asked for your name, but you do not have to give it.

Your call is kept private, unless there is a safety concern. **



If you feel scared and hang up, the counselor will call back to make sure you are ok.



*The age of consent for mental health services is 12. We do not need parent consent; however, our goal would be to get permission from the caller to involve an adult.

**If there is a concern for safety (suicide, homicide, abuse, or neglect), we will break confidentiality, as we are mandated reporters and will have to make a child or adult protective services report.





**Anne Arundel County
Crisis Response Warmline**

Respuesta a Crisis del condado de Anne Arundel

Feeling like you or someone you care about needs help, or just need to talk to someone...

Siente que usted o alguien que le importa necesita ayuda, o simplemente necesita hablar con alguien...

Call the Warmline
Llame a la línea cálida
410-768-5522

Any age can call.*
*Cualquier edad puede llamar.**

Your call is private
(unless there is a safety concern. **)

*Su llamada se en privado
(a menos que haya un problema de seguridad. **)*

A person who cares will always answer.
Una persona que se preocupa siempre responderá.

A counselor can come to you if needed.
Si es necesario, un consejero puede ir a verte.



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Mental Health Awareness for Older Adults

Christopher Yelen, LCSW-C Mia Riggsby, LMSW



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conversation.

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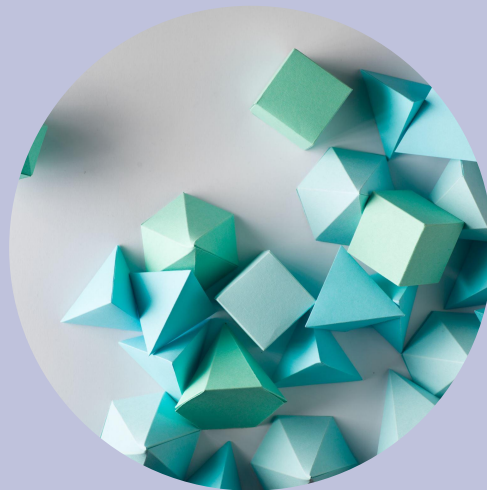
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Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency

Stigma of Mental Health and the Older Adult

Christopher Yelen LCSW-C

Mia Riggsby, LMSW



You are NOT ALONE



1 in 5 U.S. adults
experience
mental illness

Millions of people are affected by mental illness each year. Across the country, many people just like you work, perform, create, compete, laugh, love and inspire every day.

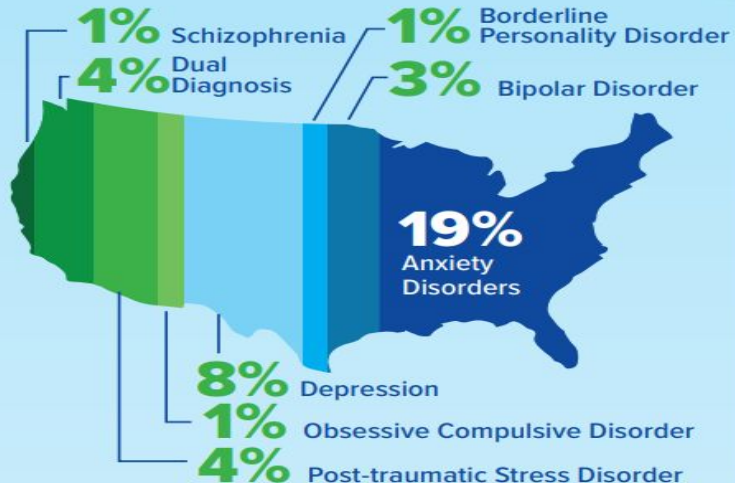
1 in 20

1 in 20 U.S. adults
experience serious
mental illness

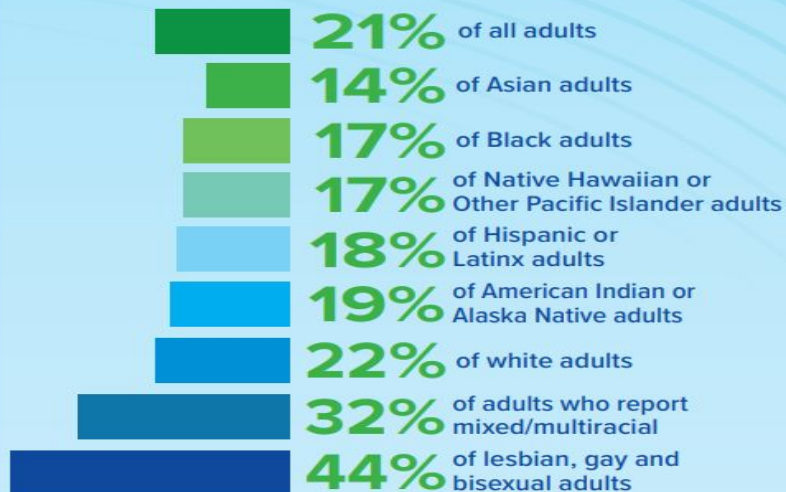
17%

of youth (6-17 years)
experience a mental
health disorder

12 MONTH PREVALENCE OF COMMON MENTAL ILLNESSES (ALL U.S. ADULTS)



12 MONTH PREVALENCE OF ANY MENTAL ILLNESS (ALL U.S. ADULTS)



Statistics

- Globally, the population is ageing rapidly. Between 2015 and 2050, the proportion of the world's population over 60 years will nearly double, from 12% to 22%.
- Mental health and well-being are as important in older age as at any other time of life.
- Mental and neurological disorders among older adults account for 6.6% of the total disability (DALYs) for this age group.
- Approximately 15% of adults aged 60 and over suffer from a mental disorder.



Common Stigmas

- **Mental health problems are uncommon**
- **All people with a mental illness are violent**
- **People with schizophrenia have a split personality**
- **Addiction is a lack of willpower**
- **Mental health problems are permanent**



What Can we do

- Education
- Be Conscious Of Language
- Talk Openly About Mental Health.
- Encourage Equality Between Physical and Mental Illness.
- Show Compassion for Those with Mental Illness.



When is it time to ask for help



- Memory Issues
- Change in mood
- Change in personal Care
- Social Withdrawal
- difference in work performance
- weight changes
- sadness, hopelessness, or anhedonia (a loss of pleasure and pulling away from things that used to provide enjoyment)
- physical symptoms, such as headaches and stomach issues

Who to turn to for help

- Primary Care Doctor
- 988
- Maryland 211
- Call the National Alliance on Mental Illness Helpline at 800-950-NAMI Or in a crisis, text "NAMI" to 741741

Mobile Crisis

- Anne Arundel County Crisis 410.768.5522
- Baltimore Crisis Response, Inc. (Baltimore City) 410.433.5175
- Baltimore Child and Adolescents Response System (Baltimore Co.)
410.433.5175
- Baltimore County Crisis Team 410.931.2214
- Carroll County (Maryland Crisis Hotline) 410-952-9552
- Eastern Shore Mobile Crisis (Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot and Wicomico Counties)
888.407.8018
- Frederick County 301.662.2255
- Harford County Crisis Team 410.874.0711
- Howard County Crisis Team 410.531.6677
- Montgomery County Crisis System 240.777.4000
- Prince George's County Crisis Response Team 301.429.2185
- St. Mary's County 301.863.6661
- Worcester County Call 911



***Don't be
ashamed
of YOUR
STORY.
It WILL
inspire
others.***

**Caring for the mind
is as important and
crucial as caring for
the body. In fact,
one cannot be
healthy without
the other.**

From the book "Approaching the Natural: a Health Manifesto"
by Sid Garza-Hillman

**JILL
WILL
RUN**

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Thank You





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Suicide Prevention

Despina Thomas, MPH



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conversation.
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Behavioral Health Bureau

Suicide Prevention

Despina Thomas, MPH
Suicide Prevention Coordinator





Content Warning

The content being addressed during today's presentation is sensitive in nature.

Please take any self-care or wellness break you may need.

This may include:

- Leaving the room at any point during the presentation
- Calling a crisis resource
 - 988 (Suicide and Crisis Lifeline)
 - 410-768-5522 (Anne Arundel County Warmline)
- Having a private discussion with the presenter after the presentation

When talking about suicide

Words to use

died by suicide

suicide attempt

attempt survivor

suicide loss survivor



Words NOT to use

committed suicide

successful attempt

unsuccessful attempt

failed attempt



Suicide in Maryland (2021)



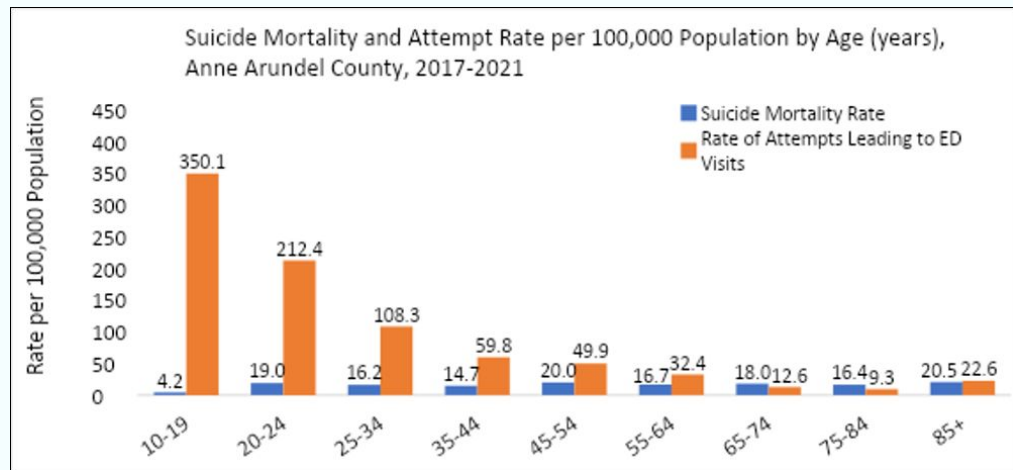
- Fourth lowest suicide rate in the U.S.
- 620 yearly suicide deaths - An increase from 585 in 2020

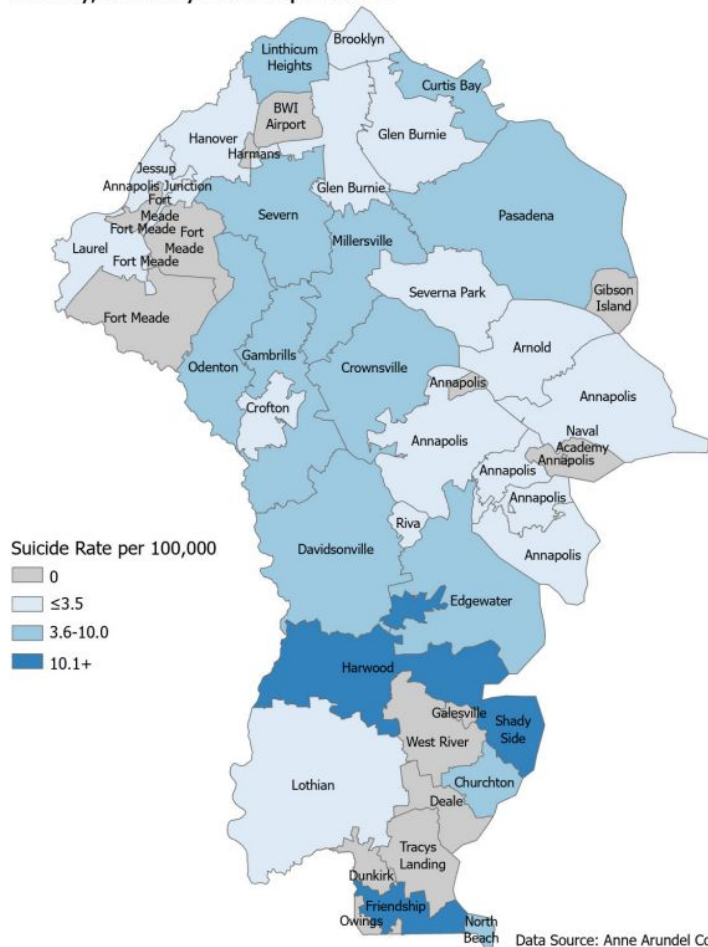


Anne Arundel County by the Numbers

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of Deaths	95	79	75	70	74
Suicide Attempts Leading to Emergency Department (ED) Visits	533	541	544	467	589
Suicide Attempts Leading to Inpatient Hospitalizations	368	364	290	178	151

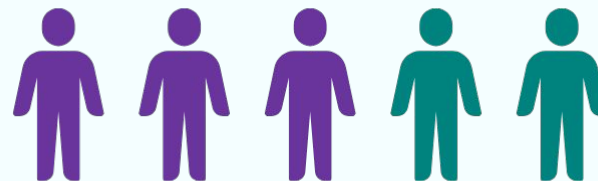
Sex/Race Category	Suicides (%)	Rate per 100,000 population
White Male	258 (66%)	30.0
White Female	76 (19%)	8.7
Black Male	28 (7%)	13.0
Black Female	8 (2%)	3.5
Hispanic Male	12 (3%)	12.1
Other*	11 (3%)	4.1
Total Suicide Deaths (2017-2021)	393	15.4





Data Source: Anne Arundel County and Annapolis Police Departments

Suicide and Gun Violence



Between 2017 and 2021,
61% of gun deaths
were suicides

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not make someone have
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Suicide prevention is possible and anyone can help prevent suicide

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Risk and Protective Factors

Risk Factor

A characteristic that increases the likelihood of a negative outcome

Protective Factor

A characteristic that reduces the likelihood of and protects against a negative outcome

Individual-level

Risk factors

- Health challenges
- Life changes
- Suicide attempt survivor
- Substance use
- Adverse childhood experiences

Protective Factors

- Effective coping and problem solving skills
- Reasons for living
- Strong sense of identity

Relationships

Risk factors

- Loss of relationships
- Suicide loss survivor
- Social isolation

Protective Factors

- Support from family and friends
- Feeling connected



Community

Risk factors

- Lack of access to health care
- Suicide in the community
- Community violence
- Discrimination



Protective Factors

- Access to behavioral health care
- Feeling connected to community and



Society

Risk factors

- Stigma seeking help
- Access to lethal means
- Unsafe media portrayal of suicide



Protective Factors

- Reduced access to lethal means
- Cultural, religious or moral objections to suicide



Groups at a higher risk

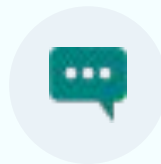


- LGBTQIA+ Individuals
- Veterans and Service Members



- Individuals with Disabilities
- Individuals living in rural areas

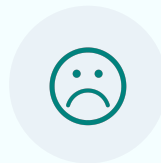
Suicide Warning Signs



Talk



Actions



Mood

Suicide Warning Signs

Talking about:

- Killing one's self
- Feeling hopeless
- Having no reason to live
- Being a burden to others
- Feeling trapped
- Unbearable pain



Suicide Warning Signs

Behaviors that may signal risk include:

- Increased use of alcohol or drugs
- Looking for a way to end their lives
- Withdrawing from activities or isolating from family and friends
- Sleeping too much or too little
- Visiting or calling people to say goodbye
- Giving away prized possessions



Suicide Warning Signs

Showing one or more of the following moods:

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Loss of interest
- Humiliation or shame
- Irritability, agitation or anger
- Relief or sudden improvement
- Extreme mood swings



5 Action Steps for Helping Someone in Emotional Pain



ASK

“Are you thinking about killing yourself?”



KEEP THEM SAFE

Reduce access to lethal items or places.



BE THERE

Listen carefully and acknowledge their feelings.



HELP THEM CONNECT

Call or text the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline number (988).



STAY CONNECTED

Follow up and stay in touch after a crisis.



National Institute
of Mental Health

nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention



Crisis Resources - Available 24/7

Anne Arundel County Warmline

aamentalhealth.org/

[programs-services/crisis-services](https://aamentalhealth.org/programs-services/crisis-services)

Call 410-768-5522

988 Suicide and Crisis

Lifeline

988lifeline.org

Call or text 988

These resources are available for people:

- in crisis
- having a mental health or substance use disorder emergency
- worried someone they know is in crisis or thinking of suicide
- looking for community mental health and substance use resources



Additional Community Resources

[Anne Arundel County Network of Care](https://annearundel.md.networkofcare.org/mh)

annearundel.md.networkofcare.org/mh

[National Alliance on Mental Illness \(NAMI\) - Anne Arundel County](https://namiaac.org)

namiaac.org

[Maryland Suicide Prevention Program](https://health.maryland.gov/bha/suicideprevention)

health.maryland.gov/bha/suicideprevention

[Mental Health Association of Maryland](https://mhamd.org)

mhamd.org



Additional National Resources

[American Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#)

afsp.org

[Suicide Prevention Resource Center](#)

sprc.org

[Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)

samhsa.gov/mental-health/suicidal-behavior

[National Institute of Mental Health](#)

nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/suicide-prevention

Questions ?

Thank you for your participation in today's presentation and we value your feedback!

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When completing the survey, please select "Suicide Prevention Program Presentation".



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CHA Program's Mental Health Community Engagement



I'd love to continue this conversation.
Please email me at
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Health Equity and Racial Justice Office

Community Health Ambassadors Program

FY24 Goal: Authentic engagement with Anne Arundel County community members burdened by unfair and unjust conditions that impact health.

- Engage, educate, inform, and share resources on access to care, behavioral health, community safety, COVID-19, and weather preparedness.
- Hire, retain, and train culturally and linguistically diverse Community Health Ambassadors who are from and trusted in local neighborhoods.
- Support community capacity building through grant awards to 10 community partners.



Community Health Ambassadors Program Spotlight



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



COMMUNITY EDUCATION



CAPACITY BUILDING



COMMUNITY RESOURCES



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS



NARCAN TRAINING



MHFA CERTIFICATE TRAINING



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Health Ambassador Outreach

Authentic community engagement built on trust



12 Mental Health
Awareness Sessions

315 Community
members



COVID-19 Test Kits
Distributed

~3,000 provided



Masks Disseminated
~5,000 provided
Hand Sanitizer
~3,000 provided



36 CHAs trained as
Naloxone Instructors
Over 100 Community
members trained



Resource Materials
Shared

~5,000 provided



126 Community
members
completed Mental Health
First Aid Training

Total Impact



Community
Members Engaged
~18,000



Community Event
Participation
59 Events

Community Health Ambassadors Program Training Spotlight

Mental Health First AID (MHFA) is a national program that teaches how to recognize and help those experiencing a mental health problem or substance use disorder.

- **During FY24, 12 Community Health Ambassadors, including those who speak Korean and Spanish, were certified as Maryland MHFA Instructors (December 2023 | 7 Partner Organizations).**
- **During FY24, 126 community members completed the 8-hr Mental Health First AID Training conducted by CHAs.**



Stories and Insights from some of our Community Health Ambassador Program Partners

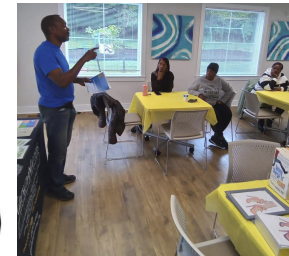
"We find that the Mental Health Awareness Sessions and the Narcan Training Sessions have become places for the Korean community to share areas of struggle and seek help. During a March session, after class, a 45 year old male approached a community health ambassador seeking support for substance misuse, our community health ambassadors took time with him even after the session to make him feel comfortable and safe to hear what his needs were and to listen to [how] he had tried to overcome his addiction on his own in the past. After listening to him and hearing his concerns, we provided him with resources to receive treatment. We continued to follow up with him as well and he now says he is undergoing treatment."

- My Life Foundation



"While conducting community [outreach] we encountered a resident that was disconnected from her medical assistance during COVID 19. She had a procedure prior to the discontinuance of coverage that left her with a pile of medical bills. We referred her to <https://www.health/family-healthcare-and-insurance> access, but we also followed up with [her] regularly [to check] on her status, assisting and encouraging her through the long and tedious process. We are excited to share that her medical bills had been paid, as of December 21st AND her insurance was reinstated until January 31st 2024. During this time, we also assisted her [with] food support and other organizations that provided donations for her household."

- Growth Matters



Stories and Insights from some of our Community Health Ambassador Program Partners

During our Narcan Training, we were informed by one of the residents that his wife who is a cancer patient suffered from accidental overdose multiple times. He was elated that we provided him with the tools and training to help his wife properly, if it should happen again. He said, "I'm so grateful for this training because other times I don't know what to do and now I know". Another senior stated that he had also suffered an accidental overdose before and wanted to help us "get the word out" that you don't have to be an addict for it to happen to you.

"During a mental health awareness session, one of the attendees...shared how one day her student had a breakdown and she gave her the safe space to express why she was having trouble during her presentation. She expressed how important it is to be self aware and how it's not a weakness to take care of your mental health but a strength that can prevent other chronic health issues, and [that's] why mental health awareness events and sessions are so important in African American communities."

- Kingdom Kare, Inc.



"We attended Resource Fair/Coat Drive at Stanton Center. We engaged with over 15 people connecting them to various resources and needs. We happened to engage one resident [an] older gentlemen who seemed distrust[ful], after further discuss[ion] with him we found out he had a doctor's appointment, [and] his ride could no longer take him...one of our community health ambassadors drove him to his doctor's appointment. The older gentleman was extremely grateful that we were able to give him a ride and wait for him because he did not know how he was going to get to his appointment and back home. We also made sure to connect him to transportation services and we stay in contact with him often."

- Community Action Agency



CHA Program's Mental Health Activities and Stories



**Apostle Craig N. Coates, Ph.D,
Founder & Director of Growth Matters LLC**

Apostle Coates is the Senior Pastor at Fresh Start Church, located in Glen Burnie, MD.

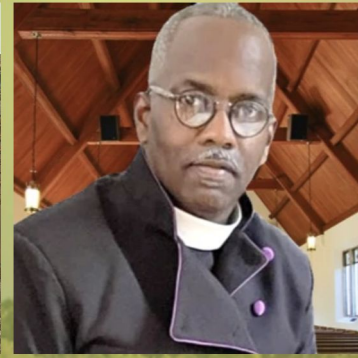
Celebrate Annapolis Juneteenth 2024

Let Freedom Resound



Juneteenth Weekend Festivities

- Juneteenth Gala 2024
- Honorees
 - Denise Hector
 - Bishop Charles Carroll
 - Cpl. Dannette Smikle
 - William Estep Pratt II
 - Pastors Noland and Terry Henson
 - Rita Dorsey
 - Brandon Reid
 - Ron-Shaye Clark
 - Paul Coates



Juneteenth Weekend Festivities

- Juneteenth Parade 2024
 - St. John's College to Bates Sports Complex
 - Performers at Asbury Church frontage
 - Band Competition
 - Texas Emancipation Float
 - Kickoff at 12 noon



Juneteenth Weekend Festivities

- Juneteenth Festival 2024
 - Bates Complex
 - Free Entry
 - Vendors (185)
 - Performances on the Big Stage (Gospel, R&B, Hair Show)
 - Watoto Village (Children)
 - Fireworks
 - And more





2120 Towne Center Blvd
Annapolis



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Gun Violence Awareness Month

Shavon Wilson-Thomas



I'd love to continue this conversation.
Please email me at
gun-violence-intervention@aacounty.org
And visit aahealth.org/gvit for more
information

Project Manager Gun Violence Intervention Team (GVIT)

Gun Violence Intervention Team

Vision

Envisions a community where all residents are safe from gun violence.

Mission

To prevent and reduce gun-related injuries and deaths in Anne Arundel County.

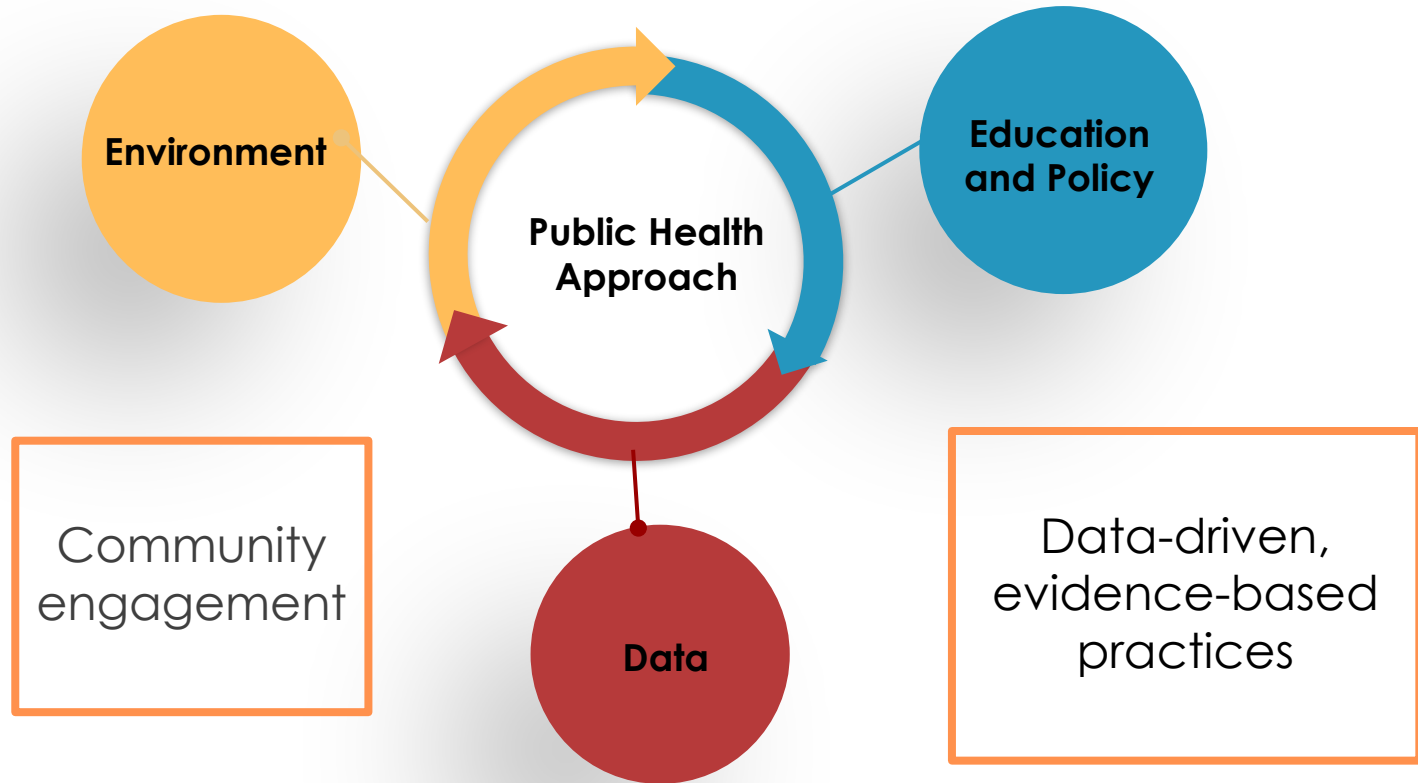
Goals of the GVIT

- Address gun violence as a public health issue through community engagement, data and evidence-based practices.
- Multi-agency effort focused on reducing death and harms from gun injuries.
- Utilizes a Policy-Systems-Environment (PSE) public health framework.
- Released the Strategic Plan on June 28, 2022

Scan QR to read our
strategic plan.



Gun Violence Intervention Team (GVIT) Approach



Gun Related Incidents Occurring in the County

2024 Gun Suicides

6 Suicides

2 less than 2022 YTD

2024 Gun Homicides

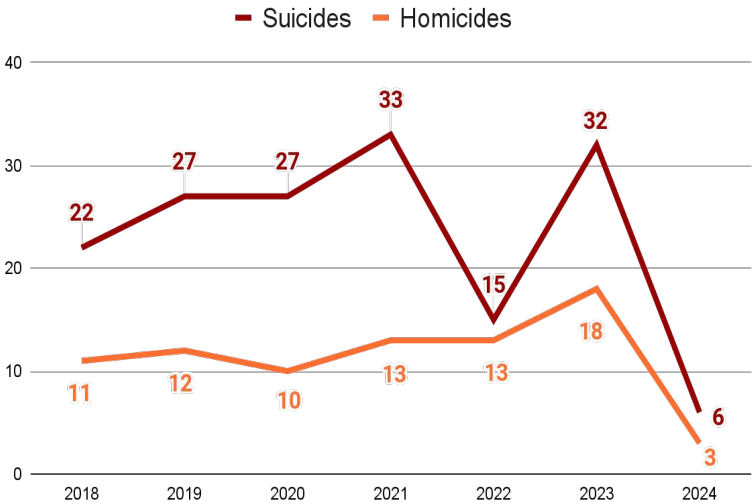
3 Homicides

7 less than 2022 YTD

Shootings

11 contact Shootings in 2024

Gun Homicides and Suicides Occurring in Anne Arundel County, 2018-2024



Data provided by the Anne Arundel County Police and Annapolis Police Department



Visit aahealth.org/gvit for more information.

Reported as of 5/16/24

Gun Violence Awareness Month

The 10th National Gun Violence Awareness Day falls on June 7, the first Friday of the month. Wear Orange also launches this day. Wear Orange is a representation of gun violence victims, survivors and those working together to end gun violence.

Therefore we will kickoff this weekend with the following activities:

Quarterly Community Meeting

June 6, 5:30-7pm

Severn Intergenerational Center

1160 Reece Rd

Severn, MD 21144

Youth Gun Violence Awareness Project!

Spraying Affirmations

June 7

Brooklyn Park Middle School

Activities: Artwork Project; Slogan Contest



The poster is for a Gun Violence Community Meeting. It features the GVIT logo (Gun Violence Intervention Team) and the Anne Arundel County Maryland Department of Health logo. The text invites people to join the meeting on June 6, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Severn Intergenerational Center, 1160 Reece Road, Severn, MD 21144. The meeting is hosted by The Gun Violence Intervention Team. Refreshments will be served. Registration is available at AAHealth.org/gvit-meeting or by scanning a QR code. A QR code is provided with a 'SCAN ME' label. An orange octagon in the bottom left corner states 'Free Gun locks will be available'. The poster also includes illustrations of a calendar, a stack of papers labeled 'DATA', and a group of people talking.

GVIT
GUN VIOLENCE
INTERVENTION TEAM
PEACE, RESILIENCE, RECOVERY

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Come and Join Us for the
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Community Meeting**

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Hosted by:
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Learn more: AAHealth.org/gvit

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SCAN ME



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Office of Health Equity and Racial Justice (HERJ)
Office of Assessment and Planning (OAP)



HEALTH EQUITY

Work incorporates an equity and structural lens to investigate pathways that lead to health disparities



DATA-DRIVEN

Strategic decisions based on data analysis and interpretation; visualizations to help communicate info more effectively.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

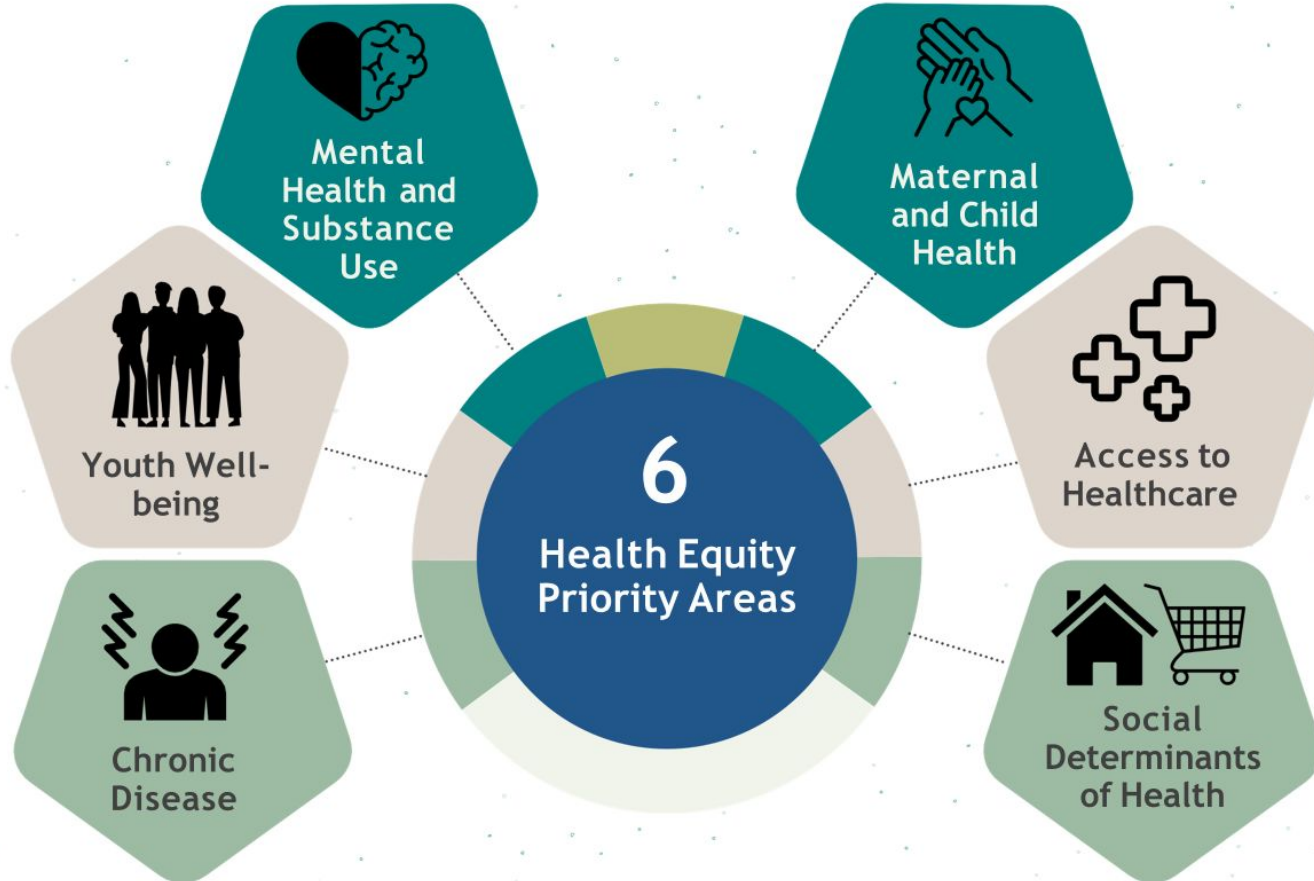
Emphasis on the lived experience of community members; power-sharing and decision making



LET'S CONNECT!

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Health Equity Action Plan





Anne Arundel County
Department of Health

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Saturday, June 1



<https://annapolispride.org/>



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Call to Action

- **CHECK OUT** Anne Arundel County's Civil Rights Legislation, [Bill 21-24](#). Signed into law on 4/24/2024, Bill 21-24 expands anti-discrimination protections to include private and public employment and public accommodations, and grants the Human Relations Commission the ability to address complaints of discrimination in these new areas.
- **SHARE** your health equity forum feedback with HERJ Office staff via a brief survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HERJ2023>



Just Health Voices

Achieving health for all

Want to share your thoughts on health equity in a video too?

Contact us at healthequity@aacounty.org!

- **RAISE YOUR VOICE!** Make a Video for the *Just Health Voices* Series. Launched in August 2023, the *Just Health Voices* Video Series features health equity champions who share personal reflections about what it means to unlock opportunities for all who are born, live, work, play, lead, learn, heal, and worship in Anne Arundel County to achieve their best health. Want to share your thoughts on health equity in a video too? Contact us at healthequity@aacounty.org!



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