

March 2022 Newsletter

Project Connect Harford County

The United Way of Central Maryland and Harford County Government are partnering to provide a community resource fair for Harford County residents who are experiencing or are at-risk for homelessness. Resources will include housing and utility assistance, expungement services, health and vision screenings, COVID-19 vaccinations, employment and training resources, treatment and recovery support for substance use disorder, and many more.

The event will be on Thursday, April 28 from 9am-3pm at the Epicenter in Edgewood. Vendors should register by April 1st. Click on the flyer to learn more.

Tobacco Cessation Classes

University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health will be offering a new 4-week smoking cessation class on Tuesday evenings beginning March 29, 2022. Call 800-515-0044 to register!



Image: Project Connect Flyer



Image: Smoking Cessation Flyer

COVID-19 Support for Immigrants

LASOS, Inc (Linking All So Others Succeed) is currently offering a program to support immigrant families who test positive for COVID-19 or who have to quarantine for close contact. The program offers supplies, resources, and additional assistance if needed.

Residents that meet this criteria should send a text or WhatsApp message to 443-756-1614.



Image: LASOS Logo

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Colorectal cancer is one of the most common types of cancer in the United States. In Harford County, from 2014-2018, the incidence rate for new colon and rectum cancer cases was 40.3 per 100,000, slightly higher than the state of Maryland rate at 36 per 100,000 new cases. New cases of colon and rectum cancer are significantly higher in Black residents compared to White in Harford County, with a rate of 56.6 per 100,000 compared to 39.6 per 100,000, respectively (2014-2018). The incidence rate was also higher in males compared to females, with a rate of 45.9 per 100,000 in males compared to 35.9 per 100,000 in females (2014-2018).

Harford County Health Department, in partnership with University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health, offers no-cost screenings for colorectal cancer, for eligible individuals. <u>Click here to learn more!</u>

*Statistics provided by U.S Cancer Statistics Working Group

DO YOU NEED HELP PAYING FOR YOUR: COLONOSCOPY? LOW DOSE CT? MAMMOGRAM? PAP SMEAR? \widehat{k} \widehat{k} \widehat{k} The Harford County Health Department may be able to help you! We offer NO COST breast, cervical, lung, and colorectal cancer screenings. CALL TODAY TO FIND OUT IF YOU QUALIFY 410–942–7930

Image: Cancer Flyer

Upcoming Events and Meetings

MHAAC | LHIC | OIT virtual meeting - March 29, 2022 from 8:00 to 10:00 am via WebEx.

Chronic Disease Prevention and Wellness - April 5, 2022 from 8:00 to 9:00 am via Google Meets.

Family Health virtual meeting - May 12, 2022 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm via Google Meets.

If you would like to attend these meetings or need the virtual call-in information please email Christina Claypool (Christina.Claypool@maryland.gov) and Ronya Nassar (ronya.nassar@maryland.gov).

Publications of Interest

Diagnoses and Treatment After Depression Screening in Primary Care Among Youth Source: American Journal of Preventive Medicine

Why Is Colorectal Cancer Rising Rapidly among Young Adults? Source: National Cancer Institute

Pediatric Emergency Department Visits Associated with Mental Health Conditions Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, January 2019–January 2022 Source: Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

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