



The LBHA Connector

Your Gateway to Behavioral Health

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The Anne Arundel County Local Behavioral Health Authority or LBHA is a partnership between the Anne Arundel County Department of Health and the Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency, Inc.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A BOOSTER?

What did you get?	When can you get a booster?	Who is eligible for a booster?
Pfizer	6 months after 2nd dose	18 years and older
Moderna		
Johnson & Johnson	2 months after single dose	

Call 855-MDGOVAX or visit covidvax.maryland.gov to schedule your booster appointment.





Need a Vaccine?

Anyone 18 or older is now eligible to receive a booster dose of COVID vaccine.

Vaccine Sign Up

Network of Care's Provider Directory

Search for providers in your area by name, keyword or location.

SEARCH NOW



Above is a visual on health equity compared to health equality provided by: [Achieving Health Equity: An RWJF Collection](#) which depicts what is needed to balance the scales in bringing us improved outcomes for all.

A Message From Our Directors

February is National African American (Black) History Month. During the month, we recognize and celebrate the hard work, sacrifices, and many contributions made by African Americans in fields of science, entertainment, and health among many other areas in life and society.

During a Black History Month speech in 2016 President Barack Obama stated, "It's about the lived, shared experience of all African Americans, high and low, famous and obscure, and how those experiences have shaped and challenged and ultimately strengthened America. It's about taking an unvarnished look at the past so we can create a better future. It's a reminder of where we as a country have been so that we know where we need to go."

In the spirit of strengthening our nation and knowing where we need to go, we can honor African Americans' sacrifices and contributions by remaining focused on bringing us closer to health equity.

February offers a great opportunity to bring heightened awareness to health disparities that continue to be barriers to improved outcomes. It presents an opportunity for us to enhance work being done to help diminish inequities and improve cultural competencies in our community.

Bringing us closer to equity, we will enhance the quality of care and our responsiveness to African Americans and other minority groups needing behavioral health services and supports.

We welcome your input and participation in our building a more accessible and equitable system of care in our community.

Please feel to share your thoughts and/or personal story that helps strengthen our call to action for building equity, particularly in honor of African American History Month.

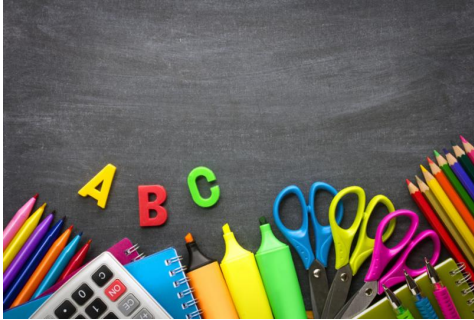
Call us at **410-222-2421/410-AAC-BHA1** or email aac-lbha-connect@aacounty.org

MEADE VILLAGE HEALING YOUTH ALLIANCE BEGINS!

The Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County announces the kickoff of the Healing Youth Alliance in early February 2022. The Healing Youth Alliance (HYA) is a youth empowerment and engagement program focused on increasing knowledge and decreasing stigma related to mental health, trauma, and healing among youth and youth engaged adults.

The first cohort of 15 youth are expected to begin their program in March. Anyone wishing to make a referral of a Meade Village youth to the program should contact Brandie Thomas-Cunningham at bthomas-cunningham@ssw.umaryland.edu

Youth and Families



Adrienne Mickler and Catherine Gray from the Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency recently held a virtual presentation with Ryan Voegtlin (Director of Student Services, Anne Arundel County Public Schools). The topic for this discussion was **School and Community Behavioral and Mental Health Resources**

[View The Recording](#)

February Events

For Providers

2/9 [Anne Arundel County Department of Health and Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency-Anti-Stigma and Anti-Racism: Practices in Opioid Prescribing](#)

2/23 [Public Health History and Harm Reduction in Substance Use Disorder](#)

For the Community

2/23 [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention-Talk Saves Lives : An Introduction to Suicide Prevention](#)

2/24 [Eastport Library- Get Up! Music and Black Wellness Concert](#)

2/26 [Breaking Free: Men of Color Healing Circle](#)

[LBHA Event Calendar](#)

If you need help with substance use, the Treatment Referral Line can be reached Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM at 410-222-0117

If you are in crisis and in need of immediate help, our Crisis Warmline is open 24/7 and can be reached at 410-768-5522.

The upcoming events are being shared with you for your interest only, it is not an endorsement of any kind by the LBHA.

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