

Healthy Anne Arundel Coalition

Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2017



The Healthy Anne Arundel Coalition was established in December 2011 with the mission of working together as a community to promote the health and wellness of Anne Arundel County residents. The coalition is led by the Anne Arundel County Health Officer and representatives from University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center and Anne Arundel Medical Center. The coalition's current priority areas are obesity prevention, management of substance use and mental health as co-occurring disorders and access to care. For more information, visit www.HealthyAnneArundel.org.

Summary of Accomplishments, July 2016-June 2017

Obesity Prevention

The subcommittee participated in the Brooklyn Park Farmer's Market for its second year. The market accepts federal nutrition benefits and leverages Maryland Market Monday matching dollars.

The Department of Health awarded four grants to community partners to coordinate listening sessions and survey data collection to assess barriers to healthy food and physical activity in Brooklyn Park.

Access to Care

The subcommittee developed content for a navigation tool focusing on six priority areas: daily needs, dental, medical, insurance, mental/emotional health and substance abuse. The tool will contain contact information for "no-wrong door" organizations with the capacity to refer residents to appropriate services. Appropriate locations for posting this contact information have been identified, including libraries and community centers. The tool will be launched next year.

Mental Health & Substance Use

The subcommittee revised the Pediatric Behavioral Health Toolkit to incorporate new tools for healthcare providers serving both adults and adolescents.

The subcommittee provided edits to the Core Competencies of Integrated Health Treatment. The competencies will be disseminated to providers to build the workforce's capacity to treat individuals with both mental health and substance use disorders.