

# RESOURCE LIST in Support of THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 TOWN HALL MEETING: ALL HANDS-ON DECK: SAVE OUR YOUTH, SAVE OUR COMMUNITY

This resource list is provided to provide information on the government offices and non-profit organizations that have some role in supporting the residents impacted by issues related the event theme. Most of the statements in blue font and underlined are "live links" that when clicked will take you to the related website. We hope the information in this document answers some of your questions and provides a place where you can get involved in the fight for justice, of any kind, for our communities – your neighbors!

# The Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office

Prince George's County State's Attorney Aisha N. Braveboy and the State's Attorney's Office (SAO) serve the interests of the nearly 1 million residents of Prince George's County. They play a critical role in safeguarding the community through the prosecution of all criminal cases. The mission is to seek justice through firm, fair, and consistent prosecutions with the highest level of integrity and professionalism.

https://www.pgsao.org/media-coverage

What is the Victim's Bill of rights?

https://www.mdcrimevictims.org/know-your-rights/your-rights-as-a-victim-in-circuit-court/#:~:text=Article%2047%20of%20the%20Maryland,of%20the%20criminal%20justice%20system.
Conviction Integrity Unit



Who are Juvenile lifers? Individuals who were given lengthy unfair sentences at a very young age. Honorable Braveboy established a program to review these sentences to have them reconsidered and many of them released. The States Attorney's office was instrumental in establishing the Juvenile Restoration Act.

https://www.stattorney.org/divisions/conviction-integrity-unit

I do not have money for bail:

Prosecutors in Prince George's can no longer recommend cash bail during bond hearings, a policy of the state's attorney's office.

https://www.washingtoninformer.com/braveboy-says-county-to-end-cash-bail/

The Stand Alone Public Integrity Unit – Focused on public corruption of anyone in public safety. The primary work that has been done is police accountability. Released the "Do Not Call List" – An account of Officers that will not be called to testify on behalf of the State.

https://www.pgsao.org/public-integrity

## THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The <u>Prince George's County Police Department</u> has a wealth of information and is extremely user-friendly. Popular Links Include:

Behavioral Health Alliance | Prince George's County, MD (princegeorgescountymd.gov)
Anxiety and Depression
Counseling

Trauma



## Community | Prince George's County, MD (princegeorgescountymd.gov)

Information about the district stations located throughout Prince George's County. **District Stations** National Night Out

## Crime Information | Prince George's County, MD (princegeorgescountymd.gov)

Annual Offences by Division **Daily Crime Report** Interactive Crime Map Offences by the Month

## Health & Human Services Portal | Prince George's County, MD (princegeorgescountymd.gov)

Provide residents access to the quality, reliable and affordable health and human services needed. Call 311 for more information.

**Family Services** 

**Health Services** 

**Social Services** 

**HHS 8 Priority Focus Area** 

## Police Reform | Prince George's County, MD (princegeorgescountymd.gov)

Police Reform Information Tracker Background on the Police Reform Work Group

## Records | Prince George's County, MD (princegeorgescountymd.gov)

**Police Reports Immigration Background Check** 



Services | Prince George's County, MD (princegeorgescountymd.gov)

Red Light Enforcement
False Alarm Reduction Unit
Automated Feed Enforcement Program

## THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

https://pgccouncil.us/

**How Government Works** (To access this information, click the live link.)

## "County Charter

An <u>organization chart (PDF)</u> (for access, click the live link) is provided to show you the various levels of County government.

The <u>Charter of Prince George's County</u> provides for a Council/Executive form of government; therefore, the County is composed of the Executive and Legislative branches. The Judicial Branch consists of the County's Circuit Court, the state District Court, the Court of Special Appeals and Court of Appeals.

#### The Executive Branch

The Executive Branch implements and enforces the laws of Prince George's County and provides executive direction to the government. Its chief executive officer is the <u>County Executive</u>. Over 30 executive branch departments and agencies help to deliver services to County residents. Libraries, Public Works and Transportation, and Police are just a few.



## The Legislative Branch

The Legislative Branch consists of the <u>County Council</u>. All legislative powers of the County are vested in the County Council. In addition, the County Council sits as the District Council on zoning and land use matters, and as the Board of Health on health policy matters.

#### The Judicial Branch

The <u>Judicial Branch</u> is responsible for the resolution of all matters involving civil and criminal law in the County. The Circuit Court for Prince George's County is the trial Court of general jurisdiction that has full common law equity powers in all civil and criminal cases, along with additional powers and jurisdiction conferred by the Constitution. It is the only court in the County having the authority to conduct jury trials. Its jurisdiction is very broad and it handles major civil cases and more serious criminal cases. Additionally, there is the District Court of Maryland, the Court of Special Appeals, and the Court of Appeals.

## **County Schools**

The Chief Executive Officer provides daily administration of the <u>Prince George's County Public Schools</u> and the County Executive and County Council determine the schools' overall operating and capital budgets; however, the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Education set the line-item distribution of the funds within the school system."

## **The County Council**

The People's Agenda: Putting People First (Click the live link to access the document)

The People's Agenda is the Council's agenda for serving and engaging the residents of Prince George's County. The agenda is focused on the following areas:

- Ensure Transparency in Our Government
- Increasing Services for Residents
- Preserve our Green Space and Protect Our Environment



- Supporting Smart and Quality Development for Our Community
- Supporting Working Families
- Increasing Opportunities for Local Minority Businesses and Nonprofits
- Bringing Access to Quality Healthcare to Our Communities

Resources on the Council Website (All are live links. Click to access.):

- Elected Official Lookup
- Councilmanic Districts
- Legislative Priorities
- <u>Legislative Process</u>
- Standing Committees

## HOPE IN ACTION PROJECT VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

## **Hope in Action**

For upcoming events, visit the Hope in Action website at: <a href="https://pghopeinaction.com/">https://pghopeinaction.com/</a>

**For community resources** (e.g., info on Extreme Risk Protective Orders, Removing Criminal Records from Public Access in MD, The Bridge Center at Adam's House), visit: <a href="https://pghopeinaction.com/resources/">https://pghopeinaction.com/resources/</a>

"The Violence Prevention Task Force, a key component of the County's Hope in Action Anti-Violence Project, will work to develop short and long-term strategies to prevent violence in our communities.

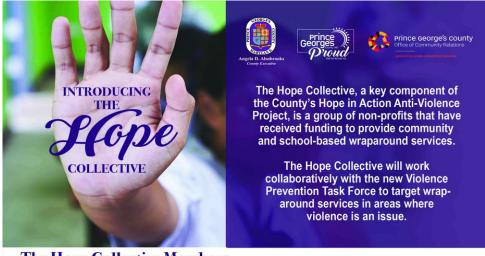
The Task Force's work includes:



- 1) Identifying ways to break the cycle of violence for young people and planning community anti-violence events.
- 2) Identifying critical community needs and developing a comprehensive plan to aid in resource sharing between non-profits and stakeholders.
- 3) Creating strategies for long-term violence reduction, identified via a Task Force report."

For more information on the Hope In Action Task Force, please email <u>HIATASKFORCE@CO.PG.MD.US</u>.





# The Hope Collective Members

Centro de Apoyo Familiar (CAF): Community Transformation Program will provide essential services and resources related to food, housing, healthcare and jobs to minority and low-income communities

Community Advocates for Family & Youth (CAFY): Mental Health for Violence Reduction campaign will combine community outreach, training, and public education with pro bono mental health services for uninsured and low-income victims.

Community Ministry of Prince George's County: Will help meet human service needs, reduce achievement gaps in education, and reduce health inequities in selected communities, targeting young people ages 10-24.

DanceMakers, Inc.: Will provide STEAM-based instructional activities for youth, to include tutoring, homework support, and project-based enrichment and recreation that develop teamwork, leadership and academic skills.

District Heights Youth Development Foundation: Will provide a continuum of services that include mental/behavioral health counseling and activities that support flourishing families from the expressive arts to college and career exploration.

End Time Harvest Ministries: Will support ongoing workforce development program for middle and high school students, including summer internships.

**EVOLVE, Inc.:** Will create PSAs targeting youth and focusing on anti-violence, mental health, stress management and self-care.

Jacob's Ladder, Inc.: Ongoing programs for youth include Juvenile Reentry, Diversion, Academic Enrichment, Junior Workforce Academy, and TeenPreneur Workshops and Challenges.

Latin American Youth Center: Ongoing programming to support youth with a successful transition into adulthood, with a focus on increasing academic achievement, youth protective factors and healthy behaviors.

Lead4Life, Inc.: Will support re-entry services for youth involved with the criminal justice system to decease recidivism and youth transitioning into the adult criminal justice system.

Maple Springs Community Services Corporation (MSCSC): Will launch a Community Resource Center in Capitol Heights to help eligible community members find, train for, and obtain employment.

Mission of Love Charities, Inc.: Will support the Workforce Development, Education and Job Training Program, which provides training in employable skills, computer skills, language skills, meeting planning, and courses leading to certifications.

One Love Life Center (OLLC): Will provide mentoring, case management, therapeutic/counseling services, recovery supports, and workforce development training to distressed, transitional-aged youth who experience substance use and trauma-induced mental health challenges.

People for Change Coalition: Will implement a summer career enrichment program (SCEP) for middle and high school students from at-risk communities in the County.

The Training Source, Inc.: Will provide programming to youth ages 14-24 with barriers to success, including community supportive services, job training, job placement assistance and college and career readiness.

World Arts Focus dba Joe's Movement Emporium: CreateTEENS program aims to address the mental health of teens by offering them a safe space to refine social skills, develop a creative mindset and gain the confidence that develops a better sense of self.



#### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCE LIST

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR YOUTH, TEENS and FAMILIES

https://www.nami.org/Your-Journey/Kids-Teens-and-Young-Adultshttps://www.nami.org/Your-Journey/Kids-Teens-and-Young-Adults

- Back to school resources
- Crisis intervention information
- Signs, symptoms and treatment for mental illness
- Advocacy and education
- Video resource library

## SCHOOL VIOLENCE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT (Education-Related Associations)

https://www.pgcps.org/offices/student-services/mental-health/school-violence-resources-and-support

- How to talk to children about school and community shootings
- Suggestions on helping students after a school shooting
- Webinar on supporting students after crisis and loss
- Resources for parents and PTAs to support families as effective stakeholders

#### **GET HELP NOW**

- Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741
- Prince George's County Crisis Services (includes Mobile Crisis Team): 301-429-2185
- Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: Call 988



- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline or Call 1-800-273-8255
- Maryland: Call 2-1-1 or Text your zip code to 898-211
- <u>Safe Schools Maryland Tip Line:</u> Call 1-833-MD-B-Safe or <u>Download the app</u>

## **ONLINE RESOURCES**

- Mental Health America (MHA)
- <u>Suicide Awareness Voices of Education</u> (SAVE)
- Now Matters Now