

Dorchester Systems Team: October 2026 Update

UPCOMING EVENTS / TRAININGS:

MidShore Going Purple Together

Saturday, September 26th, 11am-2pm

LOCATION CHANGE TO INDOOR VENUE - Anchor Church, 620 Goldsborough Street, Easton, MD 21601

The five MidShore Counties are convening to celebrate National Recovery Month. Live DJ, raffle items, and other free family-friendly fun!

Hurlock Fall Festival

Saturday, October 3rd, 9am-4pm

Area around train station, off Main Street, downtown Hurlock

Arts and crafts show, train rides, food booths, music, parade, and more.

Food is Medicine in Maryland Medicaid: Mid-Shore Listening Session

Monday, October 5th, 12pm-2pm

Talbot County Health Department, 510 Cadmus Lane, Easton, MD 21613

Maryland is exploring new ways to improve health with nutrition support, like medically tailored meals and fresh produce prescriptions, through Medicaid starting in 2028. Join the Maryland Department of Health for a community listening session to share your ideas, experiences, and advice. Open to all, including Medicaid enrollees, providers, food organizations, neighbors, and any other interested people or organizations. Please see the attached flyer or visit <https://health.maryland.gov/AHEAD/Pages/ILOSRFI.aspx> for more information. Questions? Please contact mdh.ilosrfi@maryland.gov

Walk Maryland Day Event

Wednesday, October 7th, 1pm-1:30pm

Three meet-up locations in Cambridge: 530 Race Street (city lot), 432 Race Street (Cannery Way), 112 Commerce Street (off High Street, near County building)

A DCHD team member will meet you at any of the three locations and guide you to Long Wharf for a community group photo and back. To register, please join walking group "Dorchester on the Move" here: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/MDH3/JoinWalkingGroup> Contact Robin Stanley at robin.stanley@maryland.gov or 410-901-8157 with any questions.

Fall Rabies Clinics

Wednesday, October 7th, 5:30pm-6:30pm at Church Creek Volunteer Fire Department

Saturday, October 10th, 9am-10am at East New Market Volunteer Fire Department

Bring your leashed dogs and cats and ferrets in carriers to get vaccinated against rabies for only \$5 each. Call Kimberly Keene at 410-228-1167 with any questions.

Certified Peer Recovery Specialist Program

New cohort begins October 12th

Mid Shore Behavioral Health is currently recruiting individuals with lived recovery experience who are interested in becoming Peers for a third Rural Advancement of Maryland Peers (RAMP) cohort. The program offers approximately 50 hours of virtual training at no cost to participants, along with the required training materials. Following training, participants receive individualized guidance throughout the certification process, including assistance connecting with opportunities to complete the required 500 hours of field experience and 30 hours of supervision. We also provide certification navigation, resume assistance, employment referrals, transportation to and from exam testing sites, and coverage of eligible certification and examination fees. Contact RAMP@midshorebehavioralhealth.org or complete this online application:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffuPs1MCTIPdybjaujqrKbD_OOMTkgS8WeCH8YnL5Tc7661A/viewform?usp=header

Stop the Bleed Training

Wednesday, October 14th, 4pm

Dorchester County Health Department, 627 Race Street, Cambridge

Minutes count! Someone severely bleeding from an injury, such as a car crash, gunshot, or accidental wound, can bleed to death in as little as five minutes. Learn more about this life-saving bleeding control training here: <https://www.umms.org/ummc/health-services/shock-trauma/center-injury-prevention-policy/programs/stop-the-bleed> Sign up here:

<https://www.trumba.com/eareg.aspx?ea=Rsvp&invite=07sev8wdf5rzy4j1cbpnxzuadacx4raw9v46hrabnb3cdshc2dae>

Community Health Worker Virtual Training

October 19-November 23, Monday/Wednesday/Thursday, 9am-12pm

Virtual

Sign up by October 12th for accredited training to become a Community Health Worker. CHWs are frontline public health workers who are trusted members of the communities they serve. Must be an adult with a high school diploma/GED. Here is the interest form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7WFBxmx2nj5tEmtXkTErriunnH9ohcLTkOokMpMkktBMv6g/viewform>

Maryland Human Trafficking Professionals Seminar

October 20-21, 8:30am-5pm

Aloft Ocean City, 4501 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842

Free two-day seminar will feature specialized instruction, practical strategies, and opportunities for multidisciplinary collaboration. Intended for victim service providers, NGOs, medical professionals, social workers, and allied professionals. Register here:

<https://health.maryland.gov/bha/pages/maryland-brain-injury-trust-fund.aspx>

Also, Susan Ahlstrom, For All Seasons, is offering community partners and those they serve free training on the important topic of Internet Safety, Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking. Online risks are real. Presentation topics include online sextortion, youth vulnerabilities, privacy risks, grooming and enticement, photo & video sharing, and how to identify and report suspicious activity. To request an in-person or virtual presentation for your organization or community group, please fill out the attached form or contact sahlstrom@forallseasonsinc.org.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training

Wednesday, October 21st, 8am-9:15am (for community resources)

Cambridge Police Department

Contact Mariah Shupe at mariah.shupe@santegroup.org or 202-815-9800 if interested in speaking for 5-10 minutes about your program. She is also seeking peers to share their testimony and recovery story, as well as role players for the 3-day training.

CNA Classes

The Packing House, 411 Dorchester St., Ste. A, Cambridge, MD

The Soul of Medicine Training Center is offering Certified Nursing Assistant training. See [flyer with QR code](#) to apply. Contact Caprice Warren at cwarren@thesoulofmedicines.org for more information.

Also, those interested in becoming a CNA are encouraged to contact Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center about scholarships available from the EARN Maryland program.

The Trevor Project Ally Training

November 24th, 3pm-4pm

Virtual

The Mental Health Association of MD is hosting a FREE virtual training to provide practical tools to better understand the experiences and challenges of LGBTQ+ youth, strengthen allyship, and create safer, more supportive environments. Visit mhamd.org/events to register or see the attached flyer.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

Elementary School Reading & Math Tutors

Dorchester County Public Schools is hiring young adults ages 18-24 for a 9-month paid service year through the Maryland Corps / Service Year Option program. See attached flyer with application details.

Tooth Fairy Helper

Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center has a part-time opportunity for an Oral Health Outreach Coordinator. They are looking for a special person to provide oral health education to school-aged children throughout the Eastern Shore. The job description is attached.

Housing Program Specialist

City of Cambridge is hiring a professional-level position responsible for advancing housing initiatives, community outreach and engagement, poverty reduction efforts, economic development, and process improvement. Salary ranges from \$65,449 to \$96,391. Click here for more

information: <https://www.choosecambridge.com/Jobs.aspx?UniqueId=108&From=All&CommunityJobs=False&JobID=Housing-Program-Specialist-67>

RESOURCES:

Maryland's Youth Digital Wellness Playbook

To support children and young people's mental health in a digital age, the Governor's Office for Children and the Child Mind Institute developed this resource for students, families, and educators. Help elementary school age children and teens build a healthier relationship with technology. Click here to access both playbooks: <https://goc.maryland.gov/Pages/YouthDigitalWellness.aspx>

KIND Roadmap for Child Development

The Kennedy Krieger Early Childhood Project ECHO is offering a free, comprehensive curriculum for families and caregivers. Experts developed courses on child development topics, including typical development and developmental disabilities. Learn more here: <https://www.kennedykrieger.org/training/kind-curriculum/kind-courses-families>

Maryland Youth Mental Health Corps

The Maryland Youth Mental Health Corps aims to expand access to mental health services across the state while creating meaningful, supported pathways into behavioral health careers. Members will serve in schools and community-based organizations, focusing on promoting student well-being, peer support, and mental health education. Learn more here: <https://www.youthmentalhealthcorps.org/state/maryland>