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Quarterly Newsletter

Calvert County Local Behavioral Health Authority

Mission: To ensure all Calvert County residents have access to quality behavioral health services.

Vision: To cultivate a comprehensive system of behavioral health care in Calvert County, that provides individualized services to promote wellness, empowerment, and recovery across the lifespan of our residents.

Values: Customer Service Oriented, Synergistic, Inclusivity, Transparency, Results Based



Announcements

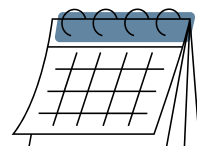
The LBHA is happy to announce a new member to our team! Meet Alicia Coates, the new LEAD Coordinator. To find out more about the LEAD program, read the highlight story of this edition!

National Night Out is August 5, 2025 this year at multiple locations around the county. It is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. For more information about locations and times, contact [katie.dorsey @ maryland.gov](mailto:katie.dorsey@maryland.gov).

LBHA Key Dates

August 30, 2025- Overdose Awareness Vigil from 6pm-8pm at Kellam's Field in Chesapeake Beach, MD.

September 6, 2025- Recovery Fest from 10am-2pm at Annmarie Garden in Solomons, MD. Vendor registration is open until July 31, 2025. There will be **NO LATE** registrations.



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Highlight Story

Anti-Stigma Initiatives and LEAD Program

Community Conversations Panel Event

The Community Conversations Panelist Event took place on May 14, 2025. The event featured a presentation on Modernizing Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder and a Q&A panel. The presentation was focused on an overview of Opioid Use Disorder and its presence in Calvert County. It also reviewed the different treatment modalities used when providing behavioral health care for individuals diagnosed with OUD. The panel consisted of professionals with direct and client experience with individuals with an Opioid Use Disorder. There were 17 attendees in total who consisted of case managers, licensed social workers, and licensed counselors and therapists. We are in the initial stages of planning next year's Community Conversations Panelist Event which will take place in May 2026 and be virtual. More information regarding an official date and time, along with registration information will be made available in the coming months!

“Stronger Together” Youth Suicide Prevention Art Contest

With funding from the Behavioral Health Administration, the LBHA was able to implement the “Stronger Together” Youth Suicide Prevention art contest in collaboration with Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS). The aim of the art contest is to destigmatize behavioral health disorders and treatment. 4 schools participated, with 9 total submissions from 10 students. A poster winner and logo winner were chosen from the submissions, and posters will be available for organizations to request soon!



LEAD Program

The Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program is a community based initiative that offers vulnerable individuals an alternative to arrest, connecting them with treatment and support instead of incarceration. By addressing the root causes like mental health challenges, substance use, housing instability, and poverty, LEAD not only fosters individual recovery but also reduces recidivism and enhances public safety. Our goal is to prevent crime through collaboration, empowerment and engagement. Together, we can Let Everyone Advance with Dignity. Click below to make a referral or contact Alicia with any questions you might have.



Contact Alicia



Referral Form

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LBHA Opportunities & Highlights

Local Behavioral Health Advisory Council Vacancies

- At least one practicing physician
- A provider of behavioral health services that is not a physician
- At least one provider of behavioral health prevention services

If you are interested in applying, please contact [andrea.mcdonald-fingland @ maryland.gov](mailto:andrea.mcdonald-fingland@maryland.gov).

Funding

Buprenorphine Initiative: Funding for Buprenorphine medication.
[CLICK HERE](#) for eligibility & application.

Client Support Funds: Last resort funding.
[CLICK HERE](#) for eligibility and application.



Event & Resource Highlights

Hub and Spoke MOUD Coordination

The LBHA offers care coordination for anyone with an Opioid Use Diagnosis who is interested in Medications for Opioid Use Disorder. If you know of anyone that could benefit, please reach out to [jaylam.jones @ maryland.gov](mailto:jaylam.jones@maryland.gov).

Event & Resource Highlights

LBHA Presentations

The LBHA can present on numerous topics such as How to Start a Support Group, Critical Incident Reports, etc. To sign up, please [CLICK HERE](#) and fill out the registration form. The staff will reach out to you to coordinate and schedule the presentation(s).