

Mental Health Awareness Month Events May 2022

The following includes events from the Maryland Department of Health's Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) and events from local jurisdictions and partners:

Wednesdays (May 11, 18 and 25): Mental Health Wednesdays at the Market offers free events at markets throughout Baltimore City, including Northeast Market, Lexington Market, Hollins Market, Avenue Market and Broadway Market.

- May 13: Mid Shore Behavioral Health's 11th annual Across the Lifespan Conference
- May 13: Harford County's Your Mind Matters event at Ripken Stadium
- **May 13:** Montgomery County's <u>Untamed on the Commons</u> event features a performance by local teen band as well as support for youth mental health, information about <u>BTheOne.org</u>, and other local support services.
- May 14: Calvert County Community Baby Shower
- May 19: Montgomery County's <u>Break the Taboo</u> is a forum on youth mental health and substance use
- May 21: <u>Virtual NAMIWalks</u>: Virtual and in-person events throughout May, plus May 21 event, hosted by National Alliance on Mental Illness Maryland.
- May 21: <u>Caroline County Memory Walk</u> honoring loved ones lost to overdose and promoting hope and healing for those who suffer with loss.
- **May 25**: Calvert County <u>Community Conversations</u>, a <u>discussion</u> celebrating an innovative approach to treatment and impacted by substance use.

Other MH Month Activities

BHA's Mind Resilience: "31 Days of Discovering Your Super Power" includes a daily theme, activity, journal prompt and affirmation created by the <u>Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency.</u>

Mental Health Association of Maryland: Maternal Mental Health webinars (May 12 and June 9)

Maryland MACS (Maryland Addiction Consultation Service): May virtual events and trainings

Maryland ROTA (Rural Opioid Technical Assistance) May trainings and info sessions

Harford County:

- Harford County has a social media campaign featuring businesses offering discounts for Mental Health Awareness Month with proceeds supporting their crisis center.
- Six billboards running this month featuring mental health awareness.
- A Harford school recorded a video message to be sent out to families.
- A butterfly campaign fluttered peoples yards with butterflies to spread a message of hope.
 Butterflies are left in the yard for a week and those people then surprise someone new with them.

Behavioral Health Systems Baltimore:

• Social media campaign: What has helped your mental health this past year? Snap a photo of yourself with an object or doing an activity that has supported your mental health care, send us a quote that resonates with you, or send a photo of a pet or another thing that brings you joy, peace, or comfort.

Allegany County:

• Positive mental health messages and resources have been posted on the <u>Mental Health Matters</u> Allegany website and the Mental Health Matters Allegany Facebook page.

Maryland Department of Budget and Management state employee events: <u>virtual Spring Wellness</u> Fairs