

## Judy Center Steering Committee Notes

June 8, 2021

### From Tasha Cramer at The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll:

1. We are currently accepting applications for the Community Health Specialist Position. Anyone interested may apply at <https://lifebridgehealth.hctsportals.com/jobs/891709-specialist-community-health-improvement-areas>
2. Walk Carroll Events
  - a. We are partnering with Elmer Wolfe to offer Walk and Talks in partnership with the library
  - b. A Walk Carroll Club has started at Hill Y of Westminster (8am Thursday morning)
  - c. If you'd like to start a local walking club, contact LuAnn Beck-Day at [lbeck-day@lifebridgehealth.org](mailto:lbeck-day@lifebridgehealth.org)
3. Everyone is invited to join and participate in our Trails Passport. This partnership with Carroll County Recreation and Parks created a passport to see local parks and walking trails, and passport can be submitted to win a prize.
4. TryVent will be held September 12<sup>th</sup> at Westminster City Park. It is for all ages to come out and try new exercises, yard games and activities, and learn about community wellness resources. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Tasha Cramer at [tcramer@lifebridgehealth.org](mailto:tcramer@lifebridgehealth.org)

### From Ruth Sutton at the Carroll County Health Department:

1. Tomorrow there will be a Tdap, MCV, HPV clinic for CCPS students (mainly those that will be 7th graders in the Fall) at Winters Mill from 10-2pm.  
Here is the link: <https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/1956907129>
2. There is also a COVID clinic for 12-17-year-olds tomorrow (2nd dose Pfizer) tomorrow at the Town Mall Sears 2-7:30 PM. Walk-ins accepted. Link is on the CCHD website.
3. We will hold regional Back to School Clinics for immunizations tentatively Sept 2nd, 9th, 15th.... more info to come.

**Miya Gaskins** shared that she will be leaving her current position with Potomac Case Management. Andrea Dyson is the Program Manager for Carroll County. Best wishes, Miya! You will be missed!

### From Amy Hammond at Head Start:

We are excited to transition a Head Start classroom from our Clifton site to Francis Scott Key High School. We will partner with the FSK Child Development Teacher, Deb Cherneski, to offer a licensed classroom for high school students to receive hands-on experience working with young children. The classroom will serve 15 three-year-olds and operate from 9:15-1:15.

### From Jen Wood at Uniontown Bible Church:

We are excited to be offering all of our summer camps this year. We have a new daytime option just for older preschoolers and other opportunities for kids entering Kindergarten-6th grade like Volleyball Camp, Art Camp & Theater, Field Hockey Camp, and Vacation Bible School (free!). Register at [utown.org/summercamps](http://utown.org/summercamps). For questions or scholarships information, contact Jen Wood at [jwood@utown.org](mailto:jwood@utown.org).

### From Nancy Barry at Child Care Choices:

Child Care Choices will continue to offer most Core of Knowledge classes to providers for \$5.00 through August. We will also be offering our Support Groups to anyone who might benefit by attending. If anyone has any questions just call us at 410-751-2917 or email me at [nbarry@fcmha.org](mailto:nbarry@fcmha.org).

## From Katie Mack with ESMART at CCHD:

Thank you for everyone who registered or participated in [Children's Mental Health Matters! 2021!](#) If interested, E-SMART recruited VIPs from Carroll County to record Virtual Storytimes which are all accessible on our Facebook [@CarrollESMART](#).

E-SMART continues to accept referrals most easily submitted through our website: [esmartcarroll.net](http://esmartcarroll.net)

CCHD and CCC continue to offer Mental Health First Aid and Youth MHFA free of charge once a month at Carroll Community College. We make every effort to rotate the days of the week and the time of the day. The schedule of courses June - December is attached to this email. This can be posted in lobbies, shared with staff, families, and friends!



## [Children's Mental Health Matters! 2021](#)

## From Terry Serio at U of MD Carroll County Extension:

1. Great response to the almost 900 Grow kits I provided to Judy Center, pre-k and kindergarten classes. Elmer Wolf has posted something about the project many times with the media prompts I provided and other sites have sent some praise of the program.
2. I will be available to provide programming, resources and/or training to any of the pre-k groups who would like nutrition ed/gardening programs. I have puppet shows and gardening activities, kid friendly recipes and other resources for youth, families and parents. Please reach out if you have any questions or needs.
3. I will be available for Back to School events with nutrition displays and resources.

## From Denise Laird at CCPL:

CCPL Summer Reading has started as of June 1 and will go through to August 31. Theme is Tails and Tales. Visit <https://carr.beanstack.org/reader365> to sign up or log in to get points. We also have paper gameboards/logs in English and Spanish. You can Create, Explore, Read, and have an Adventure. It is for all ages....not just children. Prizes include gift cards to local businesses, Visa, National Aquarium, Carroll Farm Museum, and more!! It is easy and fun...check it out!!!

Also, all branches of CCPL are now open and will have some on site programs as well as continuing virtual programs. Check the website for more info <https://library.carr.org>

## From Joyce Tierney at The Family Center:

After more than a year of providing all of our services remotely, the Carroll County Family Support Center is looking forward to a summer of activities and a return to programs in the center this fall. Despite the pandemic, we saw an increase in both enrollment and participation in the program, including GED and ESOL classes, parenting classes, daily PACT, health presentations, and Parent Leadership meetings. We hosted many virtual events, including BINGOs, a carnival, book fair, and scavenger hunts. This summer we've planned weekly gatherings in county parks (both in Westminster and the surrounding towns). We are hosting a "Safari Day" at the end of June, a virtual trip to the Zoo, and several themed events in July and August. Our families will have the opportunity to participate in Wild West Day, Under the Sea Day, Outer Space Day, and Beach 'n Boardwalk Day. Partners can help us gear up for the fall by spreading the word that we have openings for parents with children under four, and that there is room in our GED and ESOL classes, scheduled to resume on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Interested parents should call us at: 410-857-0629.

**From Heidi White at the Literacy Council:**

The Literacy Council office has reopened and we are able to offer one-to-one tutoring and testing. Some of our tutors have chosen to meet face to face with their students, others are still meeting via ZOOM or FaceTime, and some are using a hybrid model. We will continue to offer these options to our students throughout the summer.

Over the summer we are hoping to meet with our community partners to develop strategies to present our various programs to their clients. We are eager to contact and engage with the individuals who would benefit from the programs we offer. These programs involve ESL learners, specialized training for veterans, basic education in reading, writing, and math, preparation for the citizenship test, and pre-GED.

If you have an individual who would benefit from our services, please contact our office at 410-857-0766 or via email, [lcouncilcc@gmail.com](mailto:lcouncilcc@gmail.com). We work year-round to match students and tutors and to provide tutoring to meet their time constraints.