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Quarterly Newsletter

Calvert County Local Behavioral Health Authority

Mission: To cultivate a comprehensive behavioral health system in Calvert County that supports wellness, empowerment, and recovery for all residents.

Vision: To ensure access to a range of high quality behavioral health services within Calvert County.

Values: Individualized Services, Collaboration, Transparency, Responsiveness, Results



Announcements

The Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA) is pleased to announce the availability of gun locks for providers to distribute to clients. This initiative aims to enhance safety and support individuals during times of suicidal crisis.

Suicidal crises are often intense but temporary. Creating a physical and time-consuming barrier to accessing a highly lethal method like a firearm can allow the acute suicidal impulse to pass or provide an opportunity for intervention.

Providers can obtain gun locks by contacting andrea.mcdonald-fingland@maryland.gov or calling 443-295-8577.

If you are interested, there is a free link to order items from 988 for outreach and to provide to your clients. [Order HERE](#)

LBHA Key Dates

Crisis Subcommittee

Thursday, January 8, February 5, & March 5
11:00am – 12:00pm
<https://meet.google.com/dbt-fqgn-ruy>
(US) +1 262-394-3260 PIN: 719 257 502#

C&A Subcommittee

Thursday, January 8, February 12, & March 12
1:00 – 2:00pm
<https://meet.google.com/dbn-jceg-tck>
(US) +1 609-726-6918 PIN: 720 019 614#

Criminal Justice Data Collaborative

Monday, January 12, 2026
2:00 – 3:00pm
<https://meet.google.com/qjj-qjka-qaq>
(US) +1 352-453-0834 PIN: 866 735 335#

Governance Subcommittee

Monday, January 12, 2026
3:00 – 4:00pm
<https://meet.google.com/tuj-yzji-eou>
(US) +1 219-281-4669 PIN: 239 426 216#

BHAT

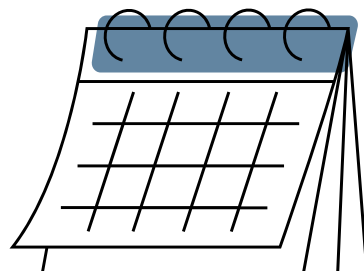
Thursday, January 15, February 19, & March 19
2:00 – 3:00pm
<https://meet.google.com/bvm-wqkm-ncs>
(US) +1 505-738-2900 PIN: 952 019 382#

Calvert County Behavioral Health Provider Meeting

Thursday, January 15 & March 19
10:00 – 11:00am
<https://meet.google.com/vwd-bjak-mye>
(US) +1 601-803-2377 PIN: 781 074 939#

Calvert County Local Behavioral Health Advisory Council Meeting

February 11
12:00 – 2:00pm
<https://meet.google.com/zzz-kbnd-zof>
Or dial: (US) +1 352-571-2101 PIN: 649 258 419#



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Highlight Story

Opportunities and Recent Developments

CONSORTIUM NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The LBHA has been working on the Consortium Needs Assessment with the assistance of staff from Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS).

A portion of the needs assessment involved examining publicly available data sources such as MSDE, YRBSS, Student Discipline Data, and MDH data.

Preliminary results show that Males and Black students are disproportionately suspended or arrested as compared to white students. However, there is a small percentage of black students (13.75%) as compared to white students (65.06%).

Additionally, middle school students appear to need the most support, as the percentage of students experiencing bullying, sadness, and suicide warning signs is higher than high school students.

We plan to post the full report once finished.

988- Crisis Hotline

The 988 Lifeline is for everyone. Through the 988 Lifeline, you have access to free, quality, one-on-one assistance. Our skilled, judgment-free counselors are here to provide compassionate support. You deserve to feel heard and cared about anytime, anywhere, 24/7/365. When you call, text, or chat the 988 Lifeline, your conversation is confidential. Whether you're facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to, our caring counselors are here for you. You are not alone.



Statues on loan- link to apply

The Calvert County LBHA has four art sculptures designed and made by local artists available to be loaned and displayed at your behavioral health organization. All art pieces were made with the purpose of spreading awareness on the impact opioid-related deaths have had on our community. Our goal is to continue spreading these messages with the help of local providers and organizations within the community who interact with community members on a daily basis.

Those interested in any sculptures are encouraged to complete the loan request form to reserve 1 of the 4 sculptures for your organization. Once submitted, Jayla Jones will be in contact to finalize additional details! [Register Here!](#)



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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 & application.



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).

Hub & Spoke
Referral Form

Let Everyone Advance with Dignity

The LBHA partners with local law enforcement and community organizations through the LEAD (Let Everyone Advance with Dignity) Program. This initiative supports individuals involved in low-level offenses who could benefit from behavioral health services and intensive case management. To refer someone to the program, please contact [alicia.coates @ maryland.gov](mailto:alicia.coates@maryland.gov).

LEAD
Referral Form