



**Maryland State Health Improvement Process (SHIP)
Health Action Newsletter**

Friday, May 21, 2021

Please note the SHIP Newsletter will be distributed on a bi-weekly basis.

Resource: *The Maryland Department of Health (MDH): Latest Updates on the COVID-19 Pandemic*

Visit several MDH websites for the most current information about COVID-19 and Maryland's ongoing response to the pandemic.

The MDH coronavirus.maryland.gov site provides daily updates on the rates of infection and hospitalizations by county, testing, vaccine information, nursing home data and schools data, in addition to contact tracing.

MDH [CovidLINK](#) is Maryland's public hub for information about COVID-19. It is another resource which allows us to better understand disease transmission, prevent new infection, and help slow the spread of COVID-19 by working together.



Grant Opportunities: *Rural Maryland*

Seeking funding for a project to improve the health of rural Marylanders? The Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF) and the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF) grant application process for FY2022 is now open!

Important Dates:

Grant Process Opening: Monday, April 26, 2021

Call for Letter of Intent Deadline: Friday, May 21, 2021



Full Application Deadline: Friday, July 16, 2021
Awards announced the week of August 23, 2021

For more information, visit: rural.maryland.gov/Grant%20Opportunities/



Event: 2021 Maryland Action Coalition (MDAC) Virtual Leadership Summit - Meeting Challenges Head On: Maryland Nurses Respond

Monday, May 24 at 9:15 a.m.

Join the 2021 Maryland Action Coalition Virtual Leadership Summit! Registration and Call for Abstracts are now open. This year's summit, *Meeting Challenges Head On: Maryland Nurses Respond*, will be held Monday, May 24, 2021, 9:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

The first 100 registrants will receive a complimentary copy of keynote speaker Brian Castrucci's book, *The Practical Playbook: Public Health and Primary Care Together*. The development of innovative educational and clinical processes during challenging times such as a pandemic is key to the preparation of nurses for practice in an ever-evolving and complex health care environment. This conference is designed to explore models, interventions, practices and policies that are advancing the preparation of the future nursing workforce and innovation in academic and practice partnerships. Continuing education credits for nurses will be available.

For more information and to register, visit: www.nursing.umaryland.edu/academics/pe/events/MDAC/

Workshop: Attachment Based Family Therapy Training (ABFT)



Tuesday, May 25 at 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

ABFT is a manualized, empirically supported family therapy model specifically designed to target family and individual processes associated with adolescent suicide and depression.

ABFT emerges from interpersonal theories that suggest adolescent and young adult internalizing disorders (e.g., depression, suicide, trauma, anxiety) can be precipitated, exacerbated, or buffered against by the quality of interpersonal relationships in families. It has also been used where family conflict is a contributor to the presenting problem. It is a trust-based, emotion-focused psychotherapy model that aims to repair interpersonal ruptures and rebuild an emotionally protective, secure-based parent-child relationship.

In this free workshop, you will learn about the theoretical principles ABFT is based on as well as the clinical strategies that comprise ABFT. Certificates of Attendance or CEUs will be provided.

For more information and to register,

visit: events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ehusag7r4984e2f5&llr=7d7mraabb



Resource: *Public Health Law Academy*

The Public Health Law Academy offers free, online training to provide an understanding of the basics of our legal system and the use of law and policy for improving population health outcomes. These self-paced courses were designed for state, tribal, local, and territorial public health professionals, as well as public health lawyers, nurses, educators, advocates, and faculty and students in graduate and undergraduate programs.

For more information,

visit: www.cdc.gov/php/publications/topic/phlacademy.html?s_cid=CSTLTS_DYK_Email_PHL_Academy



Announcement: *Community Health Worker (CHW) Certification Application*

Applications for CHW certification based on experience will now be accepted through **June 30, 2021**. Visit the CHW Certification homepage for information about certification, full eligibility requirements, and application instructions.

To apply for CHW certification based on experience:

- Log into Maryland OneStop
- Upload the required form of age verification and two letter of validation forms
- Submit the application

Once the experience pathway closes, the only pathway to CHW certification will be based on the completion of an accredited CHW certification training program!

Join the over 750 CHWs who have been certified in Maryland!

Contact the CHW team with any questions at *MDH.CHWApplications@maryland.gov* or 410-767-5971. We would like to help you complete your application!

For more information, visit: pophealth.health.maryland.gov/Community-Health-Workers/Pages/Certification-Program.aspx

Find a list of accredited CHW Training Programs, visit: pophealth.health.maryland.gov/Community-Health-Workers/Pages/Accredited-Community-Health-Worker-Training-Programs

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