

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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EASTERN DISTRICT CRC MEETING COMMANDERS MEETING

REMINDER

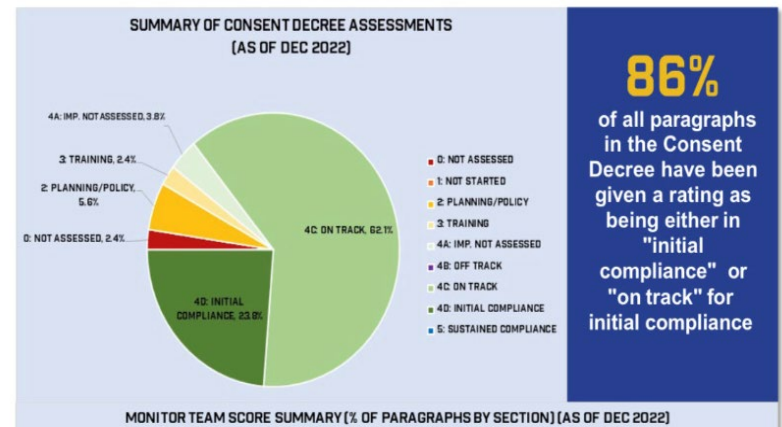
THE CRC MEETING AND COMMANDERS MEETING ARE RUN CONSECUTIVELY ON EVERY 4TH TUESDAY EACH MONTH. THE START TIME IS 6:30PM.

MEETING TUESDAY February 27, 2024

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE BOTH IN PERSON AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT, AS WELL AS VIRTUALLY. PLEASE JOIN US...IT IS A GREAT WAY TO HEAR ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT IS HAPPENING IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

CHARTING PROGRESS WITH CONSENT DECREE COMPLIANCE

BPD IS NOW MOVING INTO THE ASSESSMENT PHASE, WHERE THE MONITORING TEAM IS PROVIDING ASSESSMENT SCORES FOR EACH PROVISION OF THE FEDERAL CONSENT DECREE:



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And Baltimore Police –Eastern District ([facebook.com/BPDeastern](https://www.facebook.com/BPDeastern))



Meet the Eastern District's Yearly Award Recipients



Sgt. Jennifer Bell was awarded the 2023 Supervisor-of-the-Year award. Sgt. Bell is the District's Administrative Sergeant and is tasked with ensuring the Eastern District complies with Consent Decree reporting, citywide deployments, and annual In-Service and firearms training. Sgt. Bell also mentors female Officers assigned to the Eastern District.

Det. Hunter Jewitt was awarded the 2023 Detective-of-the-Year award for his dedication and relentless commitment to the Eastern District. Detective Jewitt was the Detective of the Month in July 2023 and August 2022.





Meet the Eastern District's Yearly Award Recipients



Officer Idrees Razick was awarded the 2023 Officer-of-the-Year award for his dedication, professionalism, and relentless commitment to the Eastern District. Officer Razick was the Officer-of-the-Month award recipient in March and November 2023.

Officer Midas Birkett-Johnson was honored by CRC President Charlene Bourne for her outstanding community policing in the Barclay neighborhood. Officer Birkett-Johnson was previously awarded Officer-of-the-Month in June 2023.





Commanders Award of Excellence
January 2024
Lieutenant Steven Mays



DID YOU KNOW?...

You can file certain police reports in the following ways:

ONLINE BY VISITING:
BALTIMOREPOLICE.ORG/FILE-POLICE-REPORT

PHONE BY CALLING:
1-844-354-2059



#BPDWorkingForYou

ATM BURGLARIES

The Baltimore Police Department has seen an increase in ATM thefts throughout the city. Many of these burglaries have occur during the overnight hours. The suspects are using vehicles to forcefully enter businesses and then remove ATM machines.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

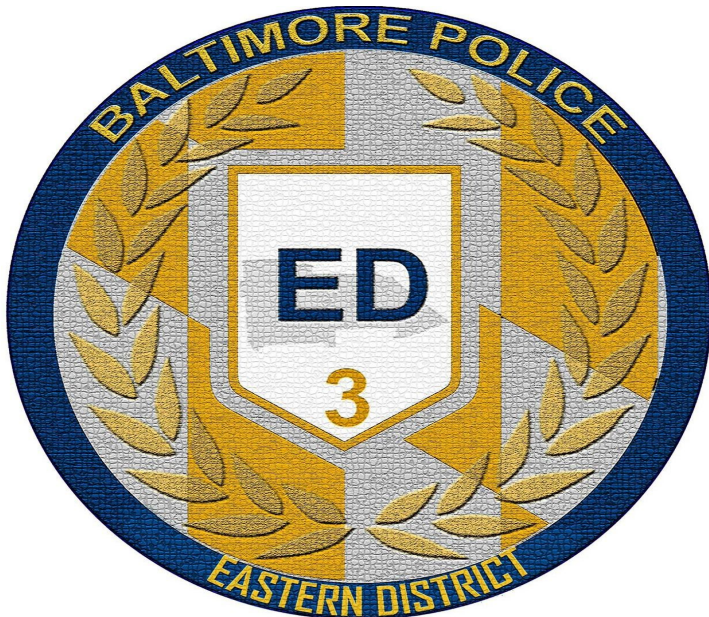
- Keep an eye on suspicious people surveilling the store, checking out the ATM
- Invest in an alarm system
- Ensure business is equipped with internal/external cameras, facing ATM if possible
- Ensure ATM company secures the device to the buildings structure
- Anti-Pry exterior doors, Bollards placed in front of store to deter smash & grabs
- Have gps devices mounted in devices for tracking
- Place dye pack inside the device that will activate immediately or when opened

Remember to report illegal or suspicious activity by calling 911. Callers can always remain anonymous.

 **BALTIMORE POLICE**



**Officer of the Month
January 2024
Officer Dane Hicks**



Internet Sales Safety Tips



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Bring a Buddy

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Only Carry what you Need

If a seller demands an online transfer or payment before you meet to get the product, don't do it. Also, never carry large amounts of cash with you.



Don't give out Personal Information

Since you will be meeting someone at a public place, there is no need for a buyer or seller to know your home address. You can provide an email address if you are comfortable.

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District News

Detective Tim Romeo was presented with a Bronze Star for his hard work on a gun distribution investigation. Det. Romeo spearheaded the multi-agency investigation, which led to the recovery of dozens of illegal firearms and full-auto sear switches.

Excellent work, and Congratulations!



The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, Baltimore Police Department, and the Office of the Baltimore City State's Attorney announce coordinated

GROUP VIOLENCE REDUCTION STRATEGY

The Group Violence Reduction Strategy is a direct response to public demand for a different kind of policing and a different way of producing public safety.

The strategy requires strong collaboration between law enforcement, support and outreach providers and community members, who engage directly with those most intimately involved in and affected by violence to keep them safe, alive, and free.

Baltimore City is ready to award up to \$1.2M to address a critical gap in its service ecosystem, serving adults (25 & up) at the highest risk of involvement in gun violence.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT <https://bit.ly/3qaQDPs>



LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

In just seconds, a thief can enter your unlocked car and steal your belongings. Take one second to lock your car after exiting it.



LOCK YOUR VEHICLE

- Do not leave valuables visible
- Place packages and shopping bags in the trunk
- Do not leave your vehicle running and unattended
- Do not leave spare keys inside your vehicle



Did you know? Thieves do!
 Many luxury vehicles come equipped with side view mirrors that retract when the vehicle is locked. It's an easy way for a thief to know if they should target your vehicle.



Eastern District Success Stories

Eastern District Attempted Murder Arrest

In reference to the shooting that occurred in the Eastern District on February 3, 2024, investigators have arrested 43-year-old Marrico Bell of Baltimore.

Investigators learned that Bell shot the 32-year-old male victim while in the 1500 block of Carswell Street, following a dispute.

On February 9, 2024, detectives arrested Bell without incident. Marrico Bell was transported to the Central Booking Intake Facility where he was charged with attempted first-degree murder.

Eastern District Armed Carjacking Arrests

On Jan. 28, 2024, at approximately 1 p.m., officers responded to the 3500 block of Shannon Drive to investigate a call for an armed carjacking.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with a female complainant who stated that she was carjacked at gunpoint by two juvenile males. The suspects fled the scene in the victim's vehicle. No injuries were reported at this time. Officers, with the description of the suspects, canvassed the area and arrested two male juveniles, ages 14- and 15-years-old.

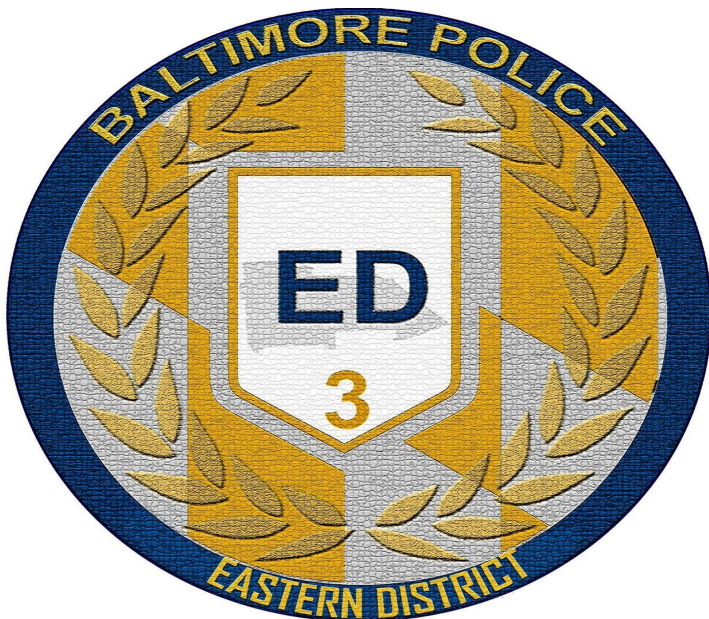
Both juveniles were transported to the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center, and charged accordingly.

Eastern District Attempted Murder Arrest

On Feb. 7, 2024, members of the Warrant Apprehension Task Force and Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force arrested 46-year-old Quincy Johnson of Baltimore.

Detectives believe that Johnson shot a 35-year-old male in the 3900 block of Erdman Avenue on Nov. 8, 2023.

Detectives transported Johnson to the Central Booking Intake Facility, where he was charged with attempted 1st-degree murder.



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Eastern District by the Numbers

8 Week Snapshot

8 Week Crime and Proactivity Comparison
Past 28: 12/17/2023-1/13/2024 and Current 28: 1/14/2024-2/10/2024

Crime Type	Past 28	Current 28	8 Week Differences	8 Week Comparison
HOMICIDE	2	2	0	0.0%
SHOOTING	2	7	5	250.0%
RAPE	2	1	-1	-50.0%
ROBBERY	22	14	-8	-36.4%
ROBBERY - COMMERCIAL	3	3	0	0.0%
ROBBERY - CARJACKING	2	4	2	100.0%
AGG. ASSAULT	20	29	9	45.0%
BURGLARY	22	18	-4	-18.2%
LARCENY	65	47	-18	-27.7%
LARCENY FROM AUTO	25	19	-6	-24.0%
AUTO THEFT	59	40	-19	-32.2%
ARSON	0	0	0	N/A
Total	224	184	-40	-17.9%

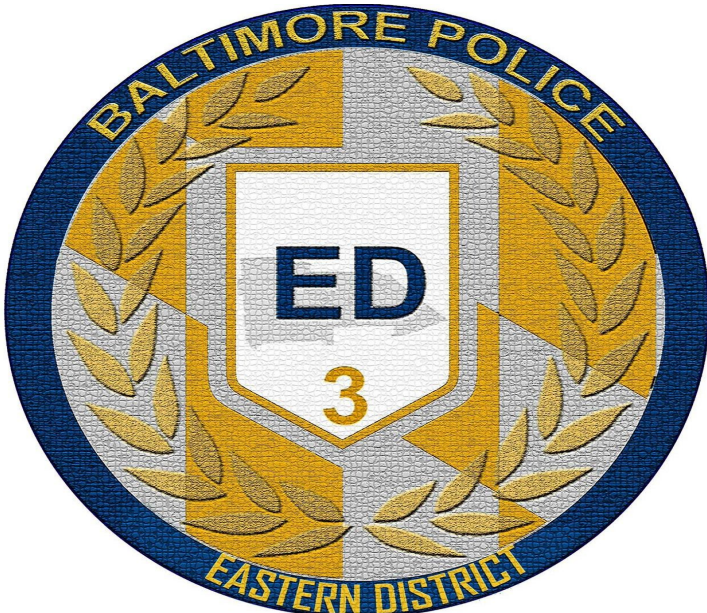
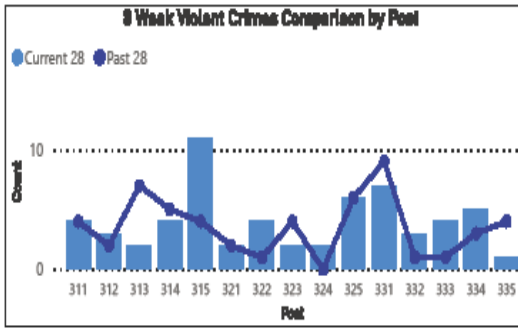
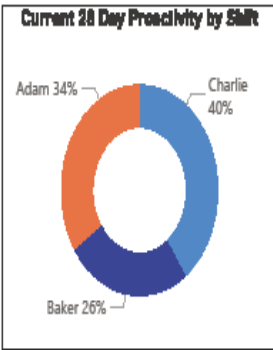
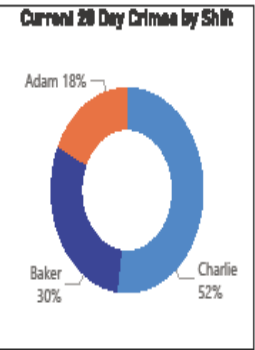
Original Call Type	Past 28	Current 28	8 Week Difference	8 Week Comparison
Traffic Stop	549	924	375	68.3%
Foot Patrol	1151	1377	226	19.6%
Business Check	2622	2968	346	13.2%
Total	4322	5269	947	21.9%

District Selection

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Current 28 Day HGV



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Eastern District News Group Violence Reduction Strategy Expanding into the Eastern District

[Baltimore's Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan](#) (CVPP) identifies GVRs as a key component of Mayor Scott's dual, integrated violence prevention approaches. The approach facilitates direct, sustained engagement with a small number of group-involved individuals who are the most likely to be the victim or perpetrator of violence. Through this strategy, city government, community leaders, social service providers, employers, and law enforcement partner and act together.

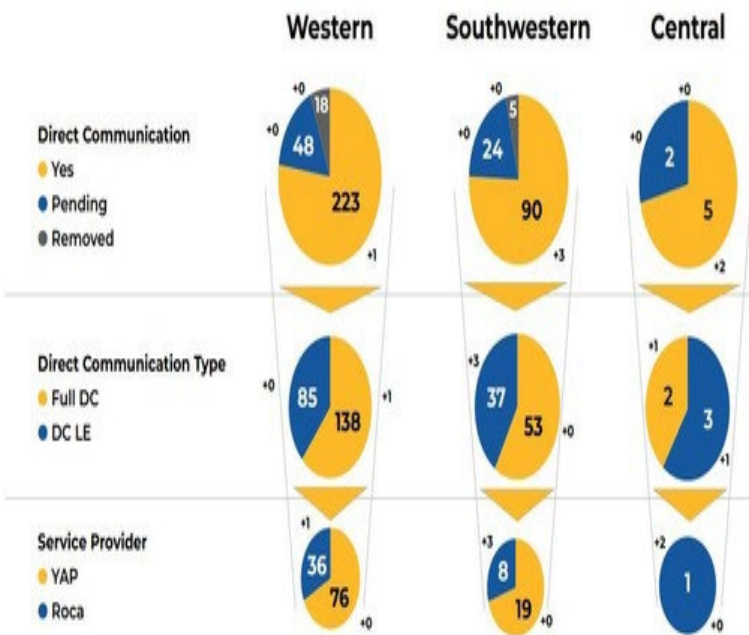
The strategy works by engaging directly with those most intimately involved in and affected by violence due to their involvement in violent social networks. It leverages an intentional collaboration between law enforcement, social services, and community members who collectively co-sign and deliver an anti-violence message to stop the shooting. The GVRs message is grounded in the following core parts:

- Every person and community needs and deserves to be safe and;
- Violence is often driven by a very small number of groups and people.
- To increase safety, partners must collectively focus on that small number of people in order to support high-risk individuals in their daily lives, communicate community norms in support of everybody's safety and success, and where necessary create swift, certain, and legitimate sanctions for violence.

[Read the complete release](#)

GVRs Direct Communication and Services

January 1, 2022–February 5, 2024

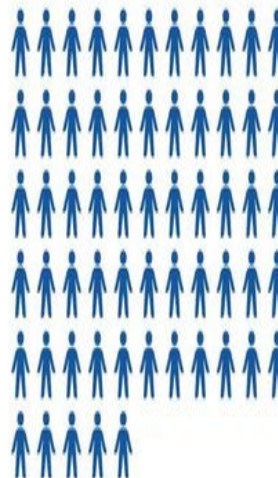


Impact of GVRs In Western District

First 18 Months of Implementation




60 Fewer Homicide and Shooting Victims



WANTED

BE ON THE LOOK OUT



Fail to Appear

Name: Gary Fenwick
DOB: 7/29/1992
LKA: 2312 Aiken St
Warrant or Case #:D220436941
Frequents: Darley Park
Post: 312

1 st Deg Assault

Name: Joseph Coates
DOB: 6/11/84
LKA: 11 W. 20 th St
Warrant OR Case #: D07-CR21-0070322
Frequents: 1800 Aiken St
Post:

VOP Warrant

Name: Shawn Johnson
DOB:05/19/1993
LKA:2000 E. North Apt 313
Warrant OR Case #: SH407205
Frequents: 1800 N Castle
Post: 331

CDS

Name: Sean Horton
DOB: 7/27/00
LKA: 2753 Pelham Ave
Warrant OR Case:#D240036834
Frequents: 3200-3300 Belair Rd & Clifton Park Terr
Post:



YOUR TIPS REMAIN ANONYMOUS



PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING A STEERING WHEEL LOCKING SYSTEM. THIS SYSTEM WILL HELP IN THE PREVENTION OF AUTO THEFTS.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT HAS A SUPPLY OF THESE LOCKING SYSTEMS TO PROVIDE FOR OWNERS OF THESE VEHICLES. THE STEERING WHEEL LOCKS ARE FREE FOR CITY RESIDENTS. **GET YOUR WHEEL LOCK TODAY!**

Recently, there has been an increase in stolen Hyundai and Kia vehicles. Once the thief has gained access to the inside of the vehicle, a USB cable can be used to start the key ignition. This will NOT work on push-to-start vehicles.

- Install alarm system & anti-theft device



- Install vehicle immobilizer system &/or tracking system

- Lock your doors and take your keys



- Don't leave a spare key in vehicle

- Close windows



- Don't leave valuables in the car

- Park in well-lit areas

- Never leave a running car unattended





BALTIMORE POLICE

CARJACKING

What You Should Know

BE VIGILANT:

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Be vigilant when entering and exiting your vehicle
- Remove headphones
- Park in well-lit places
- Keep your windows rolled up and doors locked
- Don't leave your car running unattended
- Keep your cell phone in your pocket so you can quickly dial 911
- Do not stop for motorists stranded along the road. Note their position and dial 911 immediately.

CAUTION:

Food & Package Deliveries

A person is called to deliver food or package to a location. When the item is delivered, the suspect steals the vehicle from the delivery person

Tip: Do not pull up directly in front of the delivery location; instead, phone the customer prior to exiting the vehicle

BUMP & RUN

A driver with at least one passenger collides with your vehicle. As soon as you exit the vehicle to examine the damage, it is taken

Tip: Remain inside with the windows and door closed and locked. Put on your flashers, signal the driver to follow you, and drive to the nearest police station if you feel threatened

SAFETY TIPS:

• Exercise heightened awareness in carjacking hotspots:

- Residential driveways
- Parking lots and garages
- Gas stations
- ATMs
- Streets with low lighting

• Trust your instincts if you sense that something is awry, leave the area.

IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF A CARJACKING

Avoid physical and verbal confrontations. Make a mental note of the suspects and their vehicles. If a carjacker accosts you, give up your car and leave the scene.



Baltimore City 311 Services

Menu

Due to COVID-19, some City services are operating on a modified basis.
Find the current status of services here.

What Is 3-1-1?

3-1-1 connects Baltimore citizens, businesses & visitors with a vast array of city services, programs and information. Either by a live agent-assisted phone call or through the self-service web or mobile portal, 3-1-1 allows customers to report a problem, request a service, check the status of a previously submitted service request, and obtain information regarding City programs or events. Constituents may call 3-1-1 to file non-emergency police reports.



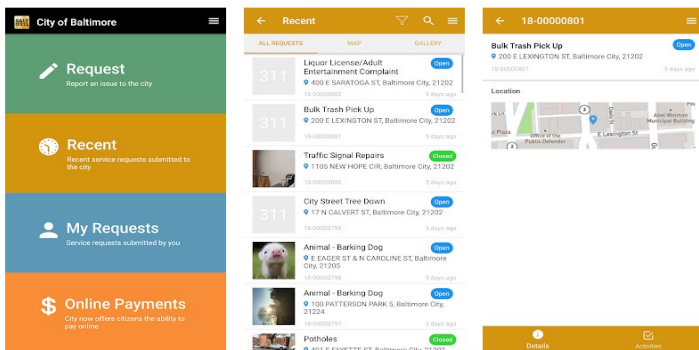
It is fast and easy

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Add to Wishlist





DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SAFETY PLAN



YOU ARE NOT ALONE



In the United States, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner. This impacts more than 10 million women and men across the nation. According to national statistics, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of domestic violence within their lifetime. This safety plan was created to assist victims of domestic violence to help ensure safety.

SAFETY WHILE LIVING WITH ABUSER

- Find a safe place within your home to hide that is not near weapons. Also, the safe place should be easy to escape.
- Setup a code for help with a family member or friend that you can send via text message for them to contact law enforcement on your behalf, in case of an emergency. Have a cell phone hidden in a safe place that you can access easily in case of an emergency.
- Download the Circle of 6 app on your cell phone and use it to create a group of six people you can contact when in danger.
- Save the Domestic Violence Hotline number (1-800-799-7233) in your cell phone under an alias such as the hair salon, Pizza Hut, etc.
- Create opportunities to leave your home at different hours of the day or night. For example, state that you need groceries or have to run errands for a family member or friend, etc.

You can also text 911 from your cellphone for assistance.

PREPARE YOUR CHILDREN

Instruct your child on how to call 911 in emergency situations. Show your child how to get help, how to not get involved in the domestic incident, how to get help from a neighbor and how to remain safe during the incident. Identify safe places for your child to hide in the home.

RESOURCE CONTACTS

- BPD-Family Crimes Unit
(443) 923-9800
- House of Ruth (410) 889-7884
- Turn Around Inc. (443) 279-0379
- The National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233
- Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) (410) 697-9338
- Maryland Crime Victims Resources (301) 952-0063
- Dial 211 from cell phone for local resources



Family Support Center of Maryland

Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program

Our Approach

We provide a thorough assessment of needs through individualized counseling. Then, we create a customized treatment plan focusing on achieving client goals.

Our Mission

To enhance the community integration of our clients by providing them with the tools, skills, and confidence needed for personal success.

Services Offered

Rehabilitation Assessment is completed by a licensed clinical mental health professional. This determines the best route for treatment and services. Services are followed through by direct care staff. We educate our clients on the following:

- Therapist
- Psychiatrist
- Self-Care Skills
- Effective Communication
- Leisure Activities
- Medication Monitoring
- Health Promotion
- Community Awareness
- Anger Management
- Conflict Resolution
- Time Management
- Education Training
- Age-Appropriate Activities
- Independent Living Skills
- Money Management
- Accessing Entitlements



Community Skills

Members may learn skills necessary for successful community integration. Development of money management, time management, utilization of transportation and use of community resources such as grocery stores, shopping, and libraries.



Social Skills

Clients have the opportunity to learn effective communication skills, including but not limited to relationships, listening, parenting, conflict resolution, and anger management.



Health and Wellness

Individuals learn skills needed for maintaining overall health and personal hygiene. Clients have the opportunity to exercise, participate in movement classes, and promote wellness. Individuals learn skills necessary to cook, clean, store meals, and follow dietary guidance.



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Office #: 410-616-3508



www.familysupportcenterofmd.com

After Hours #: 410-871-8183



Safety Plan

Preparing To Leave

- I will check with _____ and _____ to see if it would be okay to stay at their residence until I am able to find permanent housing or for _____ (amount of time).
- I will practice my exit plan with myself and my children as appropriate.
- I have made my SafePack (See My SafePack)
- I have this SafePack located: _____
- I will open an individual bank account and put some money in the account to increase my financial independence.
- I can open a P.O. Box and have all personal mail and bills sent there.
- Other things that I can do to increase my independence are: (finding housing, finding/maintaining employment)
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____





SafePack



Consider Packing

Identification

- Driver's License or State ID
- Personal Birth Certificate
- Children's Birth Certificates
- Social Security Card
- Green Card
- Passports

Legal

- Copy of Restraining Order
- Copy of Divorce Papers
- Copy of Custody Agreement
- Copy of Lease or Deed
- Copy of Car Title/Registration
- Copy of Tax Documents

Medical

- Health Insurance Card
- Medical Records
- Medication
- Glasses
- Inhaler
- Insulin
- Epi-Pen
- Hearing Aids

Financial

- Cash
- Checkbook
- Credit/Debit Card

Other

- Keys: House, Car, Work
- Contacts: Cell Phone, Charger, Phone/Address Book
- Clothing: Change of Clothes
- Children's Items: Formula, Diapers, Wipes



The 9 p.m. Routine

Every night at 9 p.m.:

Remove keys,
wallets, cash,
garage door openers
and other valuables
from vehicles.

Ensure vehicle and home windows are
shut (and locked, if possible).

Turn on outside lights.

Close overhead garage doors.

Close and lock doors
on vehicles and homes.

