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August 2019



August 4-10, 2019 is

National Health Center Week
Take the time to learn how
health centers can impact your
community.



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America's Health Centers: Rooted in Communities

National Health Center Week (August 4th-10th) is an annual celebration with the goal of raising awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's health centers over the past five decades. Health centers serve 28 million patients – a number that continues to grow along with the demand for affordable primary care. In addition to their long history as health care homes to millions, health centers produce innovative solutions to the most pressing health care issues in their communities and reach beyond the walls of conventional medicine to address the social determinants of health affecting special patient

populations. Each year we celebrate the work and services health centers provide to special populations within their community on designated days during the week.

This year, the National Association of Community Health Centers and the Health Center Advocacy Network invites you to celebrate the ways that health centers

are “Rooted in Communities.”

A host of NHCW events are scheduled across the country, including health fairs, visits by Members of Congress and state officials to local health centers, press conferences, back-to-school drives, community breakfasts, patient appreciation events, free health screenings and much more. Each day of NHCW 2019 is dedicated to a particular focus area:

- Sunday, 8/4: Social Determinants Day (Creating Nutrient-Rich Soil)
- Monday, 8/5: Healthcare for the Homeless Day
- Tuesday, 8/6: Agricultural Worker Health Day
- Wednesday, 8/7: Patient Appreciation Day
- Thursday, 8/8: Stakeholder Appreciation Day
- Friday, 8/9: Health Center Staff Appreciation Day
- Saturday, 8/10: Children’s Health Day

We encourage you to consider coordinating your celebrations around the corresponding dates and focus days to showcase the innovative ways that health centers are providing high-quality health care, improving health outcomes, and narrowing health disparities. Your events do not have to coincide exactly with the focus of respective days – much like the NHCW theme, focus days are available to enhance your events and help provide structure at your discretion. Coordinating local efforts around the themes of the focus days helps maximize the national impact of our message.

Mark your calendars for National Health Center Week 2019, August 4th-10th (<https://healthcenterweek.org/about-nhcw/>)



Videos Documenting Survivor Stories and Calls to Action



"On this World Day against Trafficking in Persons, let us reaffirm our commitment to stop criminals from ruthlessly exploiting people for profit and to help victims rebuild their lives." -- UN Secretary-General António Guterres

Please check out the UN's website for videos and information about World Day Against Trafficking in

Persons

<https://www.un.org/en/events/humantrafficking/videos.shtml>



3rd Annual Maryland Child Trafficking Conference

IS HERE!!!!

Maryland Child Trafficking Conference

**AUGUST 7TH, 2019
A CALL TO ACTION**

REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT IS CLOSED

**Keynote Session: Putting a Spotlight on Male Victims of
Human Trafficking**

Speaker: Russell G. Wilson

**Plenary: When Helping Helps, When Helping Hurts:
Survivors' Perspectives**

Moderator: Sarah Batley

Panelists: Sydney Vincent, Evelyn Chumbow, & Kelly Ayers

**Be on the look out for reactions and wrap ups from this
conference in our next PARI Periodical**



**Quarterly Child Trafficking
Coalition Meeting was held
on July 12, 2019**



Recently the Child Trafficking Coalition held their quarterly meeting. In attendance were representatives from the Child Sex Trafficking Victims Initiative (CSTVI), Maryland Human Trafficking Initiative for Children and Youth (MHTI), Maryland Children's Alliance, Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Prince George's County Child Advocacy Center, Araminta Freedom Initiative, The Children's Home, Board of Child Care, University of Maryland's Safe Center, Woodbourne Center, University of Maryland's Schools of Social Work and Medicine, Department of Social Services from Montgomery and Frederick Counties as well as Baltimore City, Maryland State Department of Education, Maryland Department of Juvenile Justice, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, and Department of Homeland Security. During this meeting Amelia Rubenstein with CSTVI discussed child trafficking data around the state and provided updates on the Child Sex Trafficking Screening &

Services Act of 2019. Steven Schreiber, Operations Director at the Woodbourne Center, also presented on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children program being offered through their center. Sharon Henry (MHTI) also discussed the upcoming 3rd annual Child Trafficking Conference (see above). The meeting finished up with announcements from Dr. Nadine Finigan-Carr (see director's note below)



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Thoughts from our Director

Welcome to August! For many, this time of the year is full of excitement and anticipation. Let's continue to work together to ensure that is the case for all including human trafficking survivors!

A few days ago the international community commemorated **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons**. If you haven't already read the US Department of State's Annual Trafficking in Persons report, it is available here (<https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-TIP-Introduction-Section-FINAL.pdf>).

This month, we continue to focus on trafficking of children, youth, and young adults here in the United States and especially in Maryland. On August 7th, we will hold the third annual Maryland Child Trafficking Conference: A Call to Action! This conference is part of our comprehensive training and community awareness plan. Our team has been working tirelessly to support those at-risk and being trafficked in our state. Besides risks for sex and labor trafficking, we will be focusing on how to address substance use disorders and improve the mental health of this population, as well as on how we can best act to provide services like housing. We will also be including the voices of male victims who are often left out of the conversation. If you cannot join us for the conference, consider reaching out to us to provide training and technical assistance at your facility. Our work is not just on human trafficking but on the prevention of many risk behaviors among children and adolescents which detract from their ability to succeed in adulthood, including substance abuse and violence.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the conference and out and about in Maryland!



