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NEWSLETTER

HISTORIC TRIANGLE DRUG PREVENTION COALITION



BEBE MOORE CAMPBELL

In 2008, inspired by Bebe Moore Campbell's charge to end stigma and provide mental health support for minoritized communities, the U.S. House of Representatives designated July as Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month. She co-founded NAMI Urban Los Angeles and became a national change agent whose groundbreaking work revolutionized the way we approach mental health in under-served communities. This observance raises awareness of the challenges that affect the mental health of people in racial and ethnic minority groups. We all have a role to play in promoting mental health for people in racial and ethnic minority groups. FOR NAMI'S BEBE MOORE CAMPBELL TOOLKIT 2025 <u>CLICK HERE!</u>

JULY IS BEBE MOORE CAMPBELL NATIONAL MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

If you know any media personnel, parents, or civic organizations that would like to join the HTDPC please, invite them to a meeting!

PREVENTION & HARM REDUCTION

Prevention & Harm Reduction held their first meeting with their new Committee Chair on June 10, 2025! A future Town Hall event was discussed and we can't wait to hear your feedback at the July Coalition meeting! Also, a grant for the behavioral health court docket was approved by the Williamsburg Health Foundation and is slated to begin on July 18, 2025. This grant pays for a Peer Specialist position at Colonial Behavioral Health and a stipend for a defense attorney.

POLICY & LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Here are some of the new drug laws in the State of Virginia taking effect on July 1, 2025. For a full list, <u>click here</u>.

- 1. <u>House Bill 1946</u>: Possession of retail tobacco products and hemp products intended for smoking by a person younger than 21 years of age.
- 2. <u>House Bill 2657:</u> Involuntary manslaughter; certain drug offenses.
- 3. <u>House Bill 1240</u>: School-connected student overdoses; policies relating to parental notification.
- 4. <u>House Bill 2058:</u> Alcoholic beverage control; delivery of mixed beverages; repeal.

YOUTH & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

We are so excited to get together! The Youth and Family Engagement Committee is happy to announce that we will be holding our first official committee meeting, virtually on Wednesday, July 23rd at 10:30 am! ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND! We are looking forward to meeting everybody and discussing the future of our committee and the exciting opportunities that are ahead! The Coalition is seeking youth members to participate in the Youth Subcommittee! The subcommittee collaborates with the Coalition to integrate youth perspectives in decision- making processes. Design youth-focused programs and initiatives that address youth needs, promote personal development, leadership skills, and civic engagement.



TRAUMA & RESILIENCY

A Community Resilience Workshop is being hosted by The RAFT (Resilience Adaptation Feasibility Tool), a collaborative process supporting community action for a more resilient future. Learn about your locality's resilience strengths and needs and develop priority actions to be implemented over the coming year. <u>Register Here!</u>





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Community Corner

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 5, 2025, September is National Recovery Month with World Suicide Awareness Day on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, and October is Substance Use Prevention Month with Red Ribbon Week on Thursday, October 23 to Friday, October 31, 2025.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note the time change for the July Coalition meeting. This is to accommodate our guest speakers' schedule.

The Coalition is always looking for Sponsors and if you know someone that is willing to sponsor refreshments or lunch for Coalition meetings please contact our Coordinator, Joi Tramuel at jtramuel@colonialbh.org.

If your organization or agency has free meeting space that fits up to 75 people (including tables and chairs) for HTDPC meetings, please let our Coordinator know so that reservations can be made in advance.

Please reach out to our coordinator at least 2-3 weeks in advance if you would like the HTDPC to promote or participate in your community event. This way we can reach out to HTDPC members to find out who may be interested in participating and schedule ourselves accordingly. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Full Coalition Meeting

July 28, 2025 JCC Social Services Dept |**10a-11:30a** 5249 Olde Towne Rd. Williamsburg, VA 23188

Leadership Team Meeting

August 25, 2025 | 9-11a (Virtual)

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