

Engagement of a City “Creating Positive Change”

Arnold Eppel Deputy Commissioner –
Health Department Division of Aging and CARE
G. I. Johnson Church Outreach initiative State
Department of Aging

Partnerships

- Engaging community partners, providers and & creating opportunities for everyone is key to change.
- No man is an island
- Creating a sense of urgency
- Including the Academics as part of the process
- Understanding the issue



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Commission on Aging

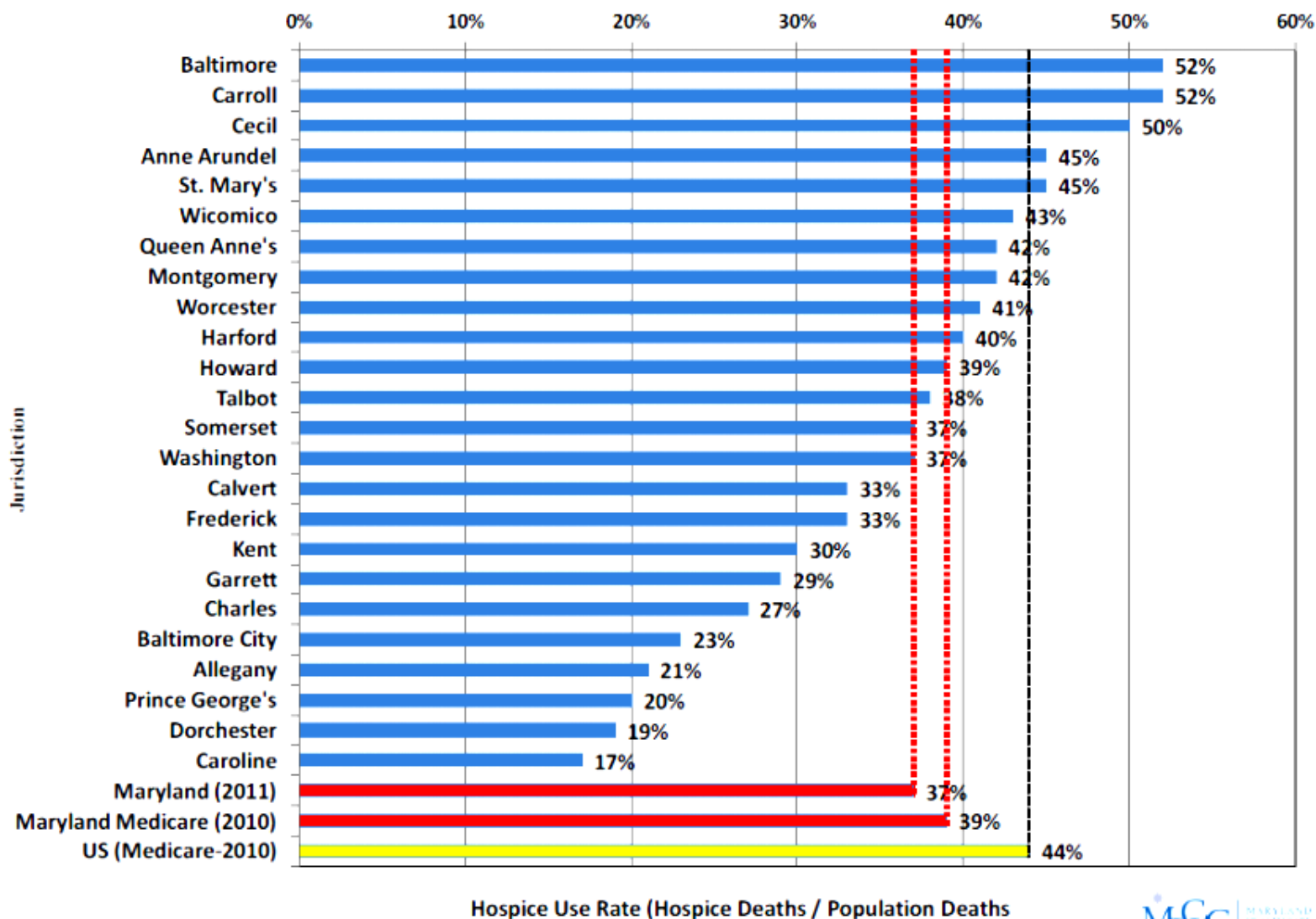
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Significant Variation in Maryland Hospice Use Rates (2011)



Source: MHCC Maryland Hospice Survey 2011 and MedPAC 2012 Report

Baltimore City Health Department,
Morgan State University School of Social Work,
AARP and the Commission on Aging
Present

A Day of Learning to Help Others



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2013
8:30 AM — 3:30 PM

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM
1700 E. COLDSRING LANE
BALTIMORE, MD 21251

Master of Ceremonies:

Reverend Lee Michaels

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Helping Families at Life's End

Keynote Speakers Include:

Weptanomah Carter Davis

(daughter of the late Dr. Harold Carter of New Shiloh Baptist Church)

Dr. Karen Cousins-Brown - Understanding Hospice

Pastor J.L. Carter of Ark Church

AARP Presents - Joanne Grossi & Additional Panel Members Discussing

President Obama's Healthcare Initiative,

The Affordable Care Act (ACA)

How to Help Families Register & Obtain Healthcare Before 2014



Breakfast provided by



Lunch provided by



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Religious Leaders Forum

Faith – R.E.A.C.H Project launched




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We will come to you! What issues are important to the older adults in your congregation? What benefit and resource questions are they eager to ask? We are here to attempt to eliminate some of the confusion and assist the older adults in your congregation with receiving all of the benefits they are entitled to. Call us today!

Baltimore City Health Department has the right to prioritize outreach events based dates/times of availability, zip code, request volume, community economic need and congregation size. A congregation representative must be in attendance at the November 6th conference in order to be eligible for outreach.

Flier designed specifically for each church



**Baltimore City Health
Department
Office of Aging & CARE Services
Presents**

**Faith R.E.A.C.H 2014
Reaching & Educating Adults
Cultivating Health in our
Faith-based Communities**

Congregation Presentation Date

Presentation Time

Contact Senior Information &
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- Topics covered may include
but are not limited to:**
- 2014 Resource Directories
 - Benefit Information
 - Emergency Gold Cards
 - Older Adult Resources
 - Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

**Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
Oxiris Barbot, M.D., Commissioner of Health**

Baltimore City Health Department Office of Aging & CARE Service's

S.T.E.P.S. (Stepping Toward Emotional & Physical Success) 2014

Having the courage to move on after a loss can be one of the most difficult challenges for any person to face. The loss could be a sudden decline in health and leaving your home, no longer driving, or the death of a spouse, sibling or close friend. Because these changes can lead to isolation and depression, it is important to seek resources. Throughout 2014, Baltimore City Health Department, Office of Aging & CARE Services will offer 12 topics within our 13 senior centers in order to help the family in addressing the challenges head-on and learn about taking the proper "S.T.E.P.S." in your life.

JANUARY 2014 - Hospice 101

Presented by Gilchrist, Joseph Richey and Stella Maris Hospice

<u>Senior Center</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
AIM	January 27th	10:30 - 11:30
Allen	January 13th	10:30 - 11:30
Forest Park	January 9th	12:30 - 1:30
Greenmount	January 23rd	10:00 - 11:00
Harford	January 28th	10:30 - 11:30
Hatton	January 15th	10:30 - 11:30
John Booth	January 7th	10:30 - 11:30
Myerberg	January 24th	11:00 - 12:00
Oliver	January 6th	10:30 - 11:30
Sandtown	January 21st	10:30 - 11:30
Senior Network	January 17th	10:30 - 11:30
Waxter	January 8th	10:00 - 11:00
Zeta	January 14th	12:00 - 1:00

FEBRUARY 2014 - Yes, You Can Care for Your Loved One

Presented by Gilchrist, Joseph Richey and Stella Maris Hospice

<u>Senior Center</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
AIM	February 24th	10:30 - 11:30
Allen	February 3rd	10:30 - 11:30
Forest Park	February 6th	12:30 - 1:30
Greenmount	February 20th	10:00 - 11:00
Harford	February 18th	10:30 - 11:30
Hatton	February 19th	10:30 - 11:30
John Booth	February 25th	10:30 - 11:30
Myerberg	February 28th	11:00 - 12:00
Oliver	February 10th	10:30 - 11:30
Sandtown	February 5th	10:30 - 11:30
Senior Network	February 21st	10:30 - 11:30
Waxter	February 12th	10:00 - 11:00
Zeta	February 11th	12:00 - 1:00

MARCH 2014 - Coping with Life's Transitions

Presented by Kim Burton, Mental Health Assoc. of Baltimore

<u>Senior Center</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
AIM	March 24th	10:30 - 11:30
Allen	March 3rd	10:30 - 11:30
Forest Park	March 20th	12:30 - 1:30
Greenmount	March 13th	10:00 - 11:00
Harford	March 11th	10:30 - 11:30
Hatton	March 19th	10:30 - 11:30
John Booth	March 31st	10:30 - 11:30
Myerberg	March 28th	11:00 - 12:00
Oliver	March 10th	10:30 - 11:30
Sandtown	March 5th	10:30 - 11:30
Senior Network	March 21st	10:30 - 11:30
Waxter	March 12th	10:00 - 11:00
Zeta	March 17th	12:00 - 1:00

APRIL 2014 - Courageous Conversations

Presented by Gilchrist, Joseph Richey and Stella Maris Hospice

<u>Senior Center</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
AIM	April 28th	10:30 - 11:30
Allen	April 14th	10:30 - 11:30
Forest Park	April 17th	12:30 - 1:30
Greenmount	April 24th	10:00 - 11:00
Harford	April 22nd	10:30 - 11:30
Hatton	April 16th	10:30 - 11:30
John Booth	April 21st	10:30 - 11:30
Myerberg	April 25th	11:00 - 12:00
Oliver	April 7th	10:30 - 11:30
Sandtown	April 4th	10:30 - 11:30
Senior Network	April 11th	1:00 - 2:00
Waxter	April 9th	10:00 - 11:00
Zeta	April 8th	12:00 - 1:00

MAY 2014 - Understanding Grief

Presented by Gilchrist, Joseph Richey and Stella Maris Hospice

<u>Senior Center</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
AIM	May 19th	10:30 - 11:30
Allen	May 5th	10:30 - 11:30
Forest Park	May 8th	12:30 - 1:30
Greenmount	May 29th	10:00 - 11:00
Harford	May 20th	10:30 - 11:30
Hatton	May 7th	10:30 - 11:30
John Booth	May 6th	10:30 - 11:30
Myerberg	May 23rd	11:00 - 12:00
Oliver	May 12th	10:30 - 11:30
Sandtown	May 21st	10:30 - 11:30
Senior Network	May 16th	10:30 - 11:30
Waxter	May 14th	10:00 - 11:00
Zeta	May 15th	12:00 - 1:00

JUNE 2014 - Advance Directives - Choose Now

Presented by Senior Legal Services

<u>Senior Center</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
AIM	June 23rd	10:00 - 11:00
Allen	June 9th	10:00 - 11:00
Forest Park	June 16th	10:00 - 11:00
Greenmount	June 3rd	11:00 - 12:00
Harford	June 11th	10:00 - 11:00
Hatton	June 25th	10:00 - 11:00
John Booth	June 10th	10:00 - 11:00
Myerberg	June 19th	10:00 - 11:00
Oliver	June 12th	10:00 - 11:00
Sandtown	June 24th	10:30 - 11:30
Senior Network	June 26th	1:00 - 2:00
Waxter	June 17th	12:15 - 1:15
Zeta	June 18th	12:00 - 1:00

*All presentations are free of charge and open to the public. For more information about S.T.E.P.S. 2014, please call Senior Information & Assistance at 410-396-1234.



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JULY 2014 - The Dating Game

Presented by Planned Parenthood

<u>Senior Center</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
AIM	July 28th	10:30 - 11:30
Allen	July 7th	10:30 - 11:30
Forest Park	July 17th	12:30 - 1:30
Greenmount	July 10th	10:00 - 11:00
Harford	July 22nd	10:30 - 11:30
Hatton	July 23rd	10:30 - 11:30
John Booth	July 21st	10:30 - 11:30
Myerberg	July 25th	11:00 - 12:00
Oliver	July 14th	10:30 - 11:30
Sandtown	July 15th	10:30 - 11:30
Senior Network	July 18th	10:30 - 11:30
Waxter	July 9th	10:00 - 11:00
Zeta	July 16th	12:00 - 1:00

AUGUST 2014 - Healing Through the Arts

Presented by Gilchrist, Joseph Richey and Stella Maris Hospice

<u>Senior Center</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
AIM	August 25th	10:30 - 11:30
Allen	August 4th	10:30 - 11:30
Forest Park	August 7th	12:30 - 1:30
Greenmount	August 28th	10:00 - 11:00
Harford	August 19th	10:30 - 11:30
Hatton	August 6th	10:30 - 11:30
John Booth	August 18th	10:30 - 11:30
Myerberg	August 22nd	11:00 - 12:00
Oliver	August 11th	10:30 - 11:30
Sandtown	August 20th	10:30 - 11:30
Senior Network	August 15th	10:30 - 11:30
Waxter	August 13th	10:00 - 11:00
Zeta	August 12th	12:00 - 1:00

SEPTEMBER 2014 - Surviving and Thriving After a Loss

Presented by Gilchrist, Joseph Richey and Stella Maris Hospice

<u>Senior Center</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
AIM	September 22nd	10:30 - 11:30
Allen	September 8th	10:30 - 11:30
Forest Park	September 18th	12:30 - 1:30
Greenmount	September 25th	10:00 - 11:00
Harford	September 23rd	10:30 - 11:30
Hatton	September 3rd	10:30 - 11:30
John Booth	September 29th	10:30 - 11:30
Myerberg	September 12th	11:00 - 12:00
Oliver	September 15th	10:30 - 11:30
Sandtown	September 24th	10:30 - 11:30
Senior Network	September 19th	10:30 - 11:30
Waxter	September 10th	10:00 - 11:00
Zeta	September 17th	12:00 - 1:00

OCTOBER 2014 - Stories from the End of Life

Presented by Gilchrist, Joseph Richey and Stella Maris Hospice

<u>Senior Center</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
AIM	October 27th	10:30 - 11:30
Allen	October 6th	10:30 - 11:30
Forest Park	October 9th	12:30 - 1:30
Greenmount	October 30th	10:00 - 11:00
Harford	October 21st	10:30 - 11:30
Hatton	October 15th	10:30 - 11:30
John Booth	October 14th	10:30 - 11:30
Myerberg	October 24th	11:00 - 12:00
Oliver	October 20th	10:30 - 11:30
Sandtown	October 7th	10:30 - 11:30
Senior Network	October 17th	10:30 - 11:30
Waxter	October 8th	10:00 - 11:00
Zeta	October 22nd	12:00 - 1:00

NOVEMBER 2014 - Coping Through the Holiday

Presented by Gilchrist, Joseph Richey and Stella Maris Hospice

<u>Senior Center</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
AIM	November 17th	10:30 - 11:30
Allen	November 3rd	10:30 - 11:30
Forest Park	November 6th	12:30 - 1:30
Greenmount	November 20th	10:00 - 11:00
Harford	November 18th	10:30 - 11:30
Hatton	November 19th	10:30 - 11:30
John Booth	November 24th	10:30 - 11:30
Myerberg	November 14th	11:00 - 12:00
Oliver	November 10th	10:30 - 11:30
Sandtown	November 5th	10:30 - 11:30
Senior Network	November 21st	10:30 - 11:30
Waxter	November 12th	10:00 - 11:00
Zeta	November 13th	12:00 - 1:00

December 2014 - Finding a Purpose with Volunteering

Presented by Retired & Senior Volunteer Program-RSVP

<u>Senior Center</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
AIM	December 15th	10:30 - 11:30
Allen	December 1st	10:30 - 11:30
Forest Park	December 11th	12:30 - 1:30
Greenmount	December 4th	10:00 - 11:00
Harford	December 22nd	10:30 - 11:30
Hatton	December 3rd	10:30 - 11:30
John Booth	December 29th	10:30 - 11:30
Myerberg	December 12th	11:00 - 12:00
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Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake

Church Baptist Ministry regular meeting and added lunch held @ Gilchrist and tour

- A tour of Gilchrist for those religious leaders that missed our conference was held
- A Bus from a local church (800+ churches in the city) escorted 50+ religious leaders to an on site meeting of ministers.
- Lunch was served and a tour was conducted
- Educational information was provided and handouts to take back to their churches.



**Baptist Ministry
President: John Lunn**

**Hospice Tour & Information Learning Session
with Gilchrist Hospice Care**



Please join us for a guided tour of the facility and an information session on March 10, 2014 at:

**Gilchrist Hospice Care
555 W. Towsontown Blvd
Towson, MD 21204**

Bus service and lunch will be provided!

Pick-up and Drop-off Location

**New Shiloh Baptist Church
2100 N. Monroe Street
Baltimore, MD 21217**

Bus Arrival and Departure Schedule

**Pick-up: 11:30 am
Bus Departure: 12:00 pm
Bus Return: 3:00 pm**

Sign up now!

Please complete form below and return to:
Baltimore City Health Department, Office of Aging & CARE Services
ATTN: G.J. Johnson

417 E. Fayette Street, 6th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202 - (443) 680-5851

Name: _____
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Phone: _____
Email: _____

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake



Dr. Oxiris Barbot, Health Commissioner

Other Partners Want to Join in

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June 11, 2014

John G. Cagle, PhD
Assistant Professor
University of Maryland, Baltimore
School of Social Work
525 West Redwood Street, 3W13
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Dr. Cagle:

It is with great pleasure that I write to provide a strong letter of support for your NIH R21 proposal, "A Community-Academic Partnership to Improve Hospice Use in Baltimore City." I am delighted to serve as a co-investigator on the project. Although, due to municipal policy, I cannot accept any monetary support from the project, this endeavor matches well with our current efforts to inform Baltimore residents about the many benefits of hospice. Thus, I will be able to devote the necessary time to help with the project, particularly in regards to community outreach, making connections with Baltimore's faith community, and providing suggestions/contacts for focus group recruitment. I am also happy to attend quarterly project meetings and provide critical input and feedback on the draft publicity campaign plans and materials.

In my work with the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD), I have been actively involved in the Hospice Education Initiative Work Group project to provide hospice outreach to the black community. I am, therefore, thrilled to partner with you on your proposed study as co-investigator. Strong partnerships with local community leaders will be vital to ensure the success of the project – and developing such coalitions are my forte.

I have every confidence that your research plan and passion will create positive and needed change in our community. I look forward to a continued and productive collaboration with you and the rest of the research team.

Sincerely,


G. I. Johnson
Faith Based Liaison

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June 4, 2014

John G. Cagle, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
University of Maryland, Baltimore
School of Social Work
525 West Redwood Street, 3W13
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Dr. Cagle:

The Baltimore City Health Department is pleased to support your application for funding assistance to the National Institutes of Health under its *R21 Exploratory/Developmental Research* grant program for your research proposal to improve hospice use in Baltimore City. Our Director of the Office of Aging and CARE Services is interested in promoting efforts designed to improve the support and well-being of our seniors. Together with G.I. Johnson and other community partners, we are engaged in community efforts to raise awareness about hospice – including the Religious Leaders Forum last year and ongoing engagement with local senior centers.

Based on our experience, education on hospice is very important, especially for hospice service use of minorities in the urban community. Therefore, we should make an effort to educate practitioners of assisted living facilities, religious leaders, case managers, and community leaders as well as vulnerable populations. Our networks and connections with hospice professionals, pastors, and other community leaders will be helpful to inform your study and ensure its success.

Our Director of Aging and Care Services, Arnold Eppel, is committed to contribute to the project as a co-investigator. The project is a perfect fit with our outreach efforts in Baltimore City, and thus our contributions to the project will be supported by Mr. Eppel's salary.

We wish you the best luck in your effort to obtain funding and look forward to working with you to better understand and overcome barriers to hospice use in our wonderful City.

Sincerely,



Jacquelyn Duval-Harvey, Ph.D.
Interim Commissioner of Health

Johns Hopkins support allows others to become intimately aware of the issue

- A manuscript outlining the need for a study and analysis of Hospice use was prepared by Dr. Kerry Schnell.
- The author was part of the planning for the conference- workshop. Dr. Schnell was looking for a project to intern for as part of her 4th year residency program.
- We offered her a real project to take from inception to reality and a potential for a future study.