



**LIGHTS ON
AFTERSCHOOL**

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**ACE
ACADEMY**
Long Branch Community
Center, Silver Spring
Thursday, October 26
6:30-8:00

featuring
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Dancers




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For an evening of fun, food, friends and dancing, attend our free Lights On Event featuring STEP Afrika and the ACE Academy Dancers at:

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8700 Piney Branch Rd
Silver Spring, MD 20912
Thursday, October 26, 6:30-8:00

This Lights On Celebration is made possible through the generous support of the Takoma Foundation.

 **SAVE
A LIFE
MONTGOMERY** **OPIOIDS AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE
COMMUNITY FORUM**

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Save A Life Montgomery

October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month. On October 21st from 1:00-5:00 p.m., the Collaboration Council and partners will be hosting a special event --Save a Life Montgomery Community Forum at Covenant Life Church located at 7501 Muncaster Mill Road, Gaithersburg MD 20877. **Dexter Manley, two time Super Bowl champion with the Washington Redskins**, will provide the keynote. [Click here to register.](#)

This program will provide current information to attendees on medical, legal, and behavioral issues and supports related to opioid and substance abuse. This forum is designed to address unique issues among parents and caregivers, as well as youth participants. Activities include an information pathway of county statistics and personal stories, vendors providing relevant services and information, keynote speakers, information about the Good Samaritan law, behavioral and health changes that occur in those with current substance abuse issues, and an introduction to Naloxone.

The forum is open to the community and sponsored by the Montgomery County Collaboration Council's Many Voices for Smart Choices Collaborative, State's Attorney's office, Montgomery County Police Department, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, and the Bar Association for Montgomery County Maryland and the Universities at Shady Grove.



"Purifying the Water for Our Youth of Color"

Join us on the evening of October 20th as Dr. Torie Weiston-Serdan, author of "Critical Mentoring, a Practical Guide" engages the audience in a conversation around the concept of critical mentoring of youth from communities that have been historically marginalized. Weaving an understanding of critical race theory, cultural competence and intersectionality, Dr. Weiston-Serdan serves notice that it is time to work with our youth, by not tokenizing them or further cementing the antiquated notions of "helping" them. This conversation should be considered imperative for any adult who works with youth.

*Join Us October 20th 7pm-9pm
at the Johns Hopkins
University 9601 Medical
Center Drive, Rockville 20850
Room 207 Gilchrist Hall*

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OCTOBER IS

**BULLY
PREVENTION
AWARENESS
MONTH**

Creating Safe Space: Reducing Bullying and Harassment; Building Positive Climate Webinar

Oct 25 12-1:30

In recognition of *Bully Prevention Awareness Month* please join us for **Create Safe Space: Reducing Bullying and Harassment; Building Positive Climate**, a webinar created for our youth Community of Practice.

This webinar will address bullying from two key directions. First, drawing from best practice suggestions, recent research, frontline practitioners, and subject matter experts, we will examine state-of-the art knowledge of how to assess and intervene in bullying situations. Equal attention will also be given to creating an environment and organizational climate in which harassment and bullying incidents are less likely to occur. This balanced "decreased risk/increasing developmental relationship" strategy provides an empowering approach to the topic of bullying, using highly interactive strategies to engage participants. Specific tools, strategies, and easy-to-access resources will be shared.

Click here to register.

If you know a young person or another individual in crisis please contact the 24 Hour Crisis Center at

(240) 777-4000