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Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence Awarded \$50,000 Grant to Advance Domestic Violence Prevention Efforts

Baltimore, MD - The Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence, an initiative of the Center for a Healthy Maryland, an affiliate of MedChi, has been awarded a \$50,000 Counseling & Mental Health grant by the Prince George's County Council as part of its 2025 Domestic Violence Grant Program.

This vital funding will support the Coalition's mission to enhance the health care sector's proactive response to domestic violence. The Coalition trains health care providers and allied professionals to screen patients, intervene effectively, and connect survivors with critical resources.

A key initiative supported by this grant is the Coalition's **Survivors Wellness Project**, which compensates survivors of domestic violence for participating in focus groups. These sessions provide valuable insights to help tailor educational materials to be more survivor-focused and accessible.

Through its collaboration with Community Crisis Services, Inc., the Coalition will expand its impact in Prince George's County by:

- Training therapists and advocates on the health impacts of domestic violence.
- Equipping health care providers with skills to identify and respond to domestic violence cases.
- Conducting focus groups with survivors to refine educational resources for survivors of domestic violence.

"We are deeply grateful to the Prince George's County Council for their support," said Audrey Bergin, Operations Manager, Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence. "This grant enables us to foster meaningful partnerships and bring a survivor-centered approach to addressing domestic violence in health care and community settings in Prince George's County."

By investing in survivor insights and comprehensive training, this initiative aims to enhance the resources available to victims and survivors while strengthening the capacity of professionals to respond effectively to domestic violence.

About the Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence leads the health care sector in addressing domestic violence through effective measures like screening, identification, education, intervention, and treatment. Over the past 26 years, the Coalition has pioneered training within health care settings, emphasizing the critical role that medical professionals play in supporting victims. For more information, please visit <https://healthanddv.org/>

About The Center for a Healthy Maryland

The Center's mission is to advance the practice of medicine, enhance the quality of medical care, promote the health of the citizens of the State of Maryland, explore the history of medicine in Maryland, and preserve MedChi's archives. The Center's programs include supporting the study of medicine and the diffusion of medical knowledge through the continuing medical education of physicians; providing programs to maintain the wellness of practicing physicians serving the public; preserving and learning from the past history of medical care in Maryland; educating the public about medical issues and promoting public health programs. For more information, please visit <https://healthymaryland.org/>

About MedChi

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