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Department of Community Services



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ANNUAL FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR SCHEDULED

(Bel Air, MD) - - During tough economic times, it's more necessary than ever to share information and resources. That's why this year's highly anticipated annual Faith-Based and Community Resource Fair will feature more vendors and resources than ever before, in response to the needs of our community.

The Harford County Faith-Based and Community Resource Fair, as always, is free and open to the public and, over the past eight years, has grown in popularity and attendance. Over 80 organizations will be sharing information at the 8th Annual Fair, being held on **Tuesday, September 15, 2009**. The purpose of the resource fair is to inform members of the public about the services available throughout local county government, non-profit organizations and current faith initiatives.

Last year's evaluation forms highlighted a need for more senior-related information, so new vendors have been added this year, including the Department of Aging, Perry Point VA Medical Center, Upper Chesapeake Low Vision Support Group, AARP, and, in addition, the Maryland Society for Sight, which will be conducting free vision screenings.

Hosted by the Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy and FACE-IT (Faith Activated Community Empowering Intervention Training), the fair will be held from noon to 5 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road in Edgewood. The public is welcome to stop by any time to pick up information and speak to vendors.

"We want this to be a one-stop shop where people can swing by, peruse at their leisure, interact, mingle and/or just pick up information on various services offered throughout Harford County – many of which people didn't realize existed," said Joe Ryan, manager of the Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy. "It is important during these tough economic times that everyone collaborates in their outreach programs to successfully address the social issues in our communities," continued Ryan.

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“The numerous networking opportunities provided by this event continue to produce many successful partnerships that are making a difference in our community today. Two is always better than one and collaboration is the key,” stated Carol Taylor, President of FACE IT.

For more information about the Fair please contact the Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy via email at odcp@harfordcountymd.gov or by phone at 410-638-3333.

The Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy is a division within the Department of Community Services. The Harford County Department of Community Services was established in 1979 via Executive Order and works daily to meet the needs of our seniors, youth, persons with disabilities and those struggling to overcome addiction. The Department works with federal, state, local and private agencies to ensure our county continues to evolve and remains dedicated to providing the best possible services for our citizens and community.

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