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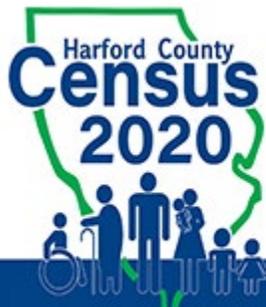
With the 2020 Maryland General Assembly in full swing, I have been testifying in Annapolis and closely monitoring bills with the potential to impact Harford County. This includes legislation based on the Kirwan Commission's plans to overhaul public education. [Click here for my testimony on Kirwan](#) and [here for our legislative goals for this year](#).

For the latest news from my administration, please see the stories below.

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EVERYONE COUNTS ✓

Thumbs up in Harford County for the 2020 Census

You may notice familiar faces later this month on billboards along Route 40, thanks to these local residents who are helping us spread the word about the [2020 Census](#). You can do your part by following instructions on the U.S. Census Bureau postcard being mailed to each household on March 12. With the new online option, it's easier than ever to be counted. Help ensure our community gets a fair share of billions of dollars in federal funding for social services, education, public safety, roads and [more](#).

The Gift of Failure

Children need to experience the disappointment and frustration from life's inevitable problems so they can become successful, resilient, self-reliant adults.

Best-selling author Jessica Lahey will explain "How the best parents learn to let go so their children can succeed."

Thursday, March 12, 2020
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. • Patterson Mill High School
 85 Patterson Mill Road, Bel Air, MD 21014

Free childcare available! (Ages 4-12 only; pre-registration required)

QUESTIONS? Call Silvana Bowker 410-638-3389
REGISTER: www.harfordcountymd.gov/services

JESSICALAHEY, author, New York Times best-selling author and creator of *Real Mom Conversations*, is helping students with everything (to be clear, children) to experience failure as an integral part of becoming resilient, confident and self-reliant adults. Her breakthrough manifesto, *The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed*, has become essential reading for parents, educators, and coaches and inspired a "movement" to respectiveness as raised as starting (what?) *Parents and Misbehavior*. As a highly sought-after speaker, Ms. Lahey addresses the parenting with the right authority of a seasoned teacher and empathetic, often humorous, personal perspective of a mom who has lived there. Jessica possesses a B.A. in Comparative Religion from the University of Massachusetts and a J.D. with a concentration in juvenile and education law from the University of North Carolina School of Law.

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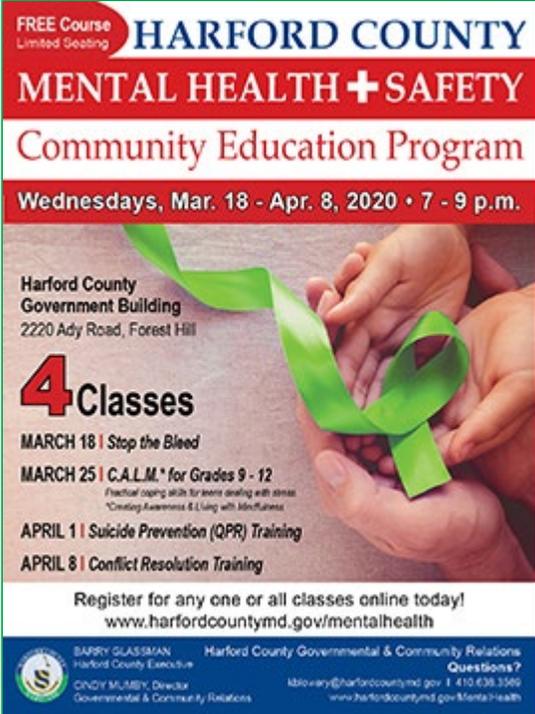
PARENT
ADVOCATE

Practical advice on raising resilient, successful children March 12

We are excited to welcome international speaker and celebrated author Jessica Lahey to Harford County on March 12 to present "The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed." Ms. Lahey's presentation is based on her New York Times best-selling book, which offers parents common-sense advice on how to let children learn from their mistakes. Sponsored by our Office of Drug Control Policy, this free event will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. at Patterson Mill High School. **Register today!**

Mental health & safety training for teens to adults

Our award-winning series of free classes on mental health and safety is back this spring to help citizens prevent tragedies and aid others in crisis. [Registration is now open](#) for the series of Wednesday evening classes starting March 18, including a new class to help teens cope with stress, and returning classes on conflict resolution, suicide prevention and Stop the Bleed. Learn what to say and do to help strengthen the safety net for our families and communities.



FREE Course
Limited Seating

HARFORD COUNTY

MENTAL HEALTH + SAFETY

Community Education Program

Wednesdays, Mar. 18 - Apr. 8, 2020 • 7 - 9 p.m.

Harford County
Government Building
2220 Ady Road, Forest Hill

4 Classes

MARCH 18 | Stop the Bleed

MARCH 25 | C.A.L.M.* for Grades 9 - 12
Practical coping skills for teens dealing with stress
**Creating Awareness & Living with Identification*

APRIL 1 | Suicide Prevention (QPR) Training

APRIL 8 | Conflict Resolution Training

Register for any one or all classes online today!
www.harfordcountymd.gov/mentalhealth

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7th ANNUAL
BG5K
RUN OR WALK

RUNNING FOR RECOVERY

IN HARFORD COUNTY

SATURDAY
MAY 9 • 8:00 A.M.

Harford Community College
Susquehanna Center

\$25 EARLY REGISTRATION
\$30 RACE DAY

- MEDALS**
for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class
- CASH PRIZES**
for the overall top three females & males
- FREE HOT BREAKFAST**
at the awards ceremony following the race

REGISTER NOW!
CharmCityRun.com

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT HOMELESSNESS & HEALING
Harford Family House • Mason Dixon Community Services
Addiction Connections Resource • Homecoming Project

SPONSORSHIPS & DONATIONS Please make checks payable to:
Harford United Charities • 23 W. Courtland Street • Bel Air, MD 21034

BG5K Run/Walk for Recovery Saturday, May 9

Join me on Saturday, May 9 for my annual [BG5K Run/Walk for Recovery](#). Over the last five years, this race, held in partnership with Harford United Charities, has raised over \$87,000 to help support local individuals in recovery and end homelessness. Proceeds support Harford Family House, Mason-Dixon Community Services, Addiction Connections Resource and Homecoming Project. The race begins at 8 a.m. on the beautiful campus of Harford Community College and a hot breakfast will be served after the race. [Register here today](#). I hope to see you there!

Get into The Grove - New, more flexible terms!

Harford County's agri-business incubator, under construction next door to our agricultural center in Street, now has more flexible terms to help farmers, artists and food processors sell products directly to consumers. Responding to requests from vendors, we have made space available for quarterly, semi-annual or annual terms with rent due monthly starting as low as \$150/month. Vendors can also choose their hours of operation, with no minimum, anytime from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. year round. An easy, one-page application is online. [Click here for details.](#)

APPLY TODAY
New, flexible terms!

Harford Farmers, Artists & Food Processors

Get into **The GROVE**
agri-business incubator

Now under construction
3525 Conowingo Road, Street
Home of the Harford County
Agricultural Center

New Choose your hours 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. No minimum	New Rent as low as \$150/month for quarterly, semi-annual or annual terms.	Indoor/outdoor stalls, access to water, duplex electrical outlet
Open 7 days a week Year round	Visible from Route 1	On-site parking

WWW.HARFORDCOUNTYMD.GOV/THEGROVE
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CONGRATULATIONS HARFORD COUNTY!
AAA BOND RATING
Proactive Management & Fiscal Policy
BARRY GLASSMAN, COUNTY EXECUTIVE
AGAIN 2016-2020

Harford County's AAA bond rating reduces borrowing costs

I am proud to report that all three of the major independent bond-rating agencies have recognized my administration's strong fiscal management and maintained Harford County's AAA bond rating again this year. Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch recently reaffirmed their highest possible ratings for 2020, placing Harford among an estimated 2% of counties nationwide. Harford's AAA rating keeps our borrowing costs low for capital projects including schools and road improvements. Thanks to my budget and finance teams, and all county employees, for continuing our efficient stewardship of taxpayer funds.



Volunteers needed for summer bike camp for people with differing abilities

"iCan Bike" is a life-changing summer camp for people with differing abilities ages 8 and older to learn and experience the thrill of bike riding. Registration is open and volunteers are needed for the camp, developed by the nonprofit iCan Shine, set for Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26 at the Churchville Recreation Center, Level Building, 3023 Level Road. Volunteer spotters assist instructors and serve each rider on a specially adapted bike. No experience is necessary for this uplifting experience for volunteers and riders alike. [Click here for details.](#)

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