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**Connecting with the HHS Partnership Center**

Since its establishment in 2001, The Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS Partnership Center), has aimed to strengthen the response of congregations and community organizations to critical public health and human service issues including COVID-19 Prevention, the opioid crisis and the crises of addiction, mental health, suicide prevention, fatherhood, support of new Americans, and other concerns.

The HHS Partnership Center works in collaboration with the 27 offices and agencies that make up HHS, as well as the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

**Highlighting Current Activity and Resources from the HHS Partnership Center**

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| **HHS M.O.M.S (Maternal Outcomes Matters Showers) 2024 Tour** The M.O.M.S Tour will visit approximately 20-25 communities with high maternal mortality and morbidity rates, especially among Black and American Indian/Alaska Native population, with onsite information and needed resources. The M.O.M.S Tour brings together mental health professionals, birth workers, medical professionals, and community members to provide resources and support for pregnant and postpartum women including access to essential health-related services such as healthcare coverage, mental health services, substance use disorders support, local support services offered by doulas and midwives, vaccinations, health screenings, toolkit for postpartum depression, nutritious food and more.Learn how to participate in a M.O.M.S Tour coming to your community at <http://themomstour.info/>.  |
| **Increasing Direct Access to Mental Health Care in Faith and Communities Settings** As a way of creating new, low-barrier access points to mental health care, the Administration’s National Strategy to Address Mental Health (<https://bit.ly/3SMmAMQ>) specifically encourages embedding and co-locating mental health and substance use providers into community-based settings where Americans already live, work, and play- and worship. The HHS Partnership Center is leading efforts to accelerate and strengthen the movement of mental health care delivery located in or associated with houses of worship. Contact Heidi Christensen @heidi.christensen@hhs.gov to learn more.  |
| **Promoting the Lower Drug Cost Program**Americans enrolled in Medicare are saving money on their prescription drugs thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act that include capping insulin at $35 a month, preventive vaccines free of charge (including the Shingles vaccine, and in and negotiating the price of some of the costliest prescription drugs for treating conditions such as blood clots, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, heart failure, autoimmune conditions, and chronic kidney disease.The [“Extra-Help” Program](https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/part-d-extra-help) was recently expanded to help more people with their drug costs. With this program expansion an additional 3 million people *who are not currently enrolled* may be eligible*.* Help us spread the word, visit [**LowerDrugCosts.gov**](https://www.hhs.gov/inflation-reduction-act/index.html) to learn more. |

**Scan the QR Codes to Download Partnership Center Resources**

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|  | **Practical Toolkit for Preventing Drug Overdose and Supporting Recovery in Faith and Community Settings** A toolkit intended as a guide to the practical actions faith and community groups can take to support persons with substance use disorders- from harm reduction efforts and connecting to treatment to rebuilding lives and livelihoods. |  |
| **English Version** |  | **Spanish Version** |
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|  | **Youth Mental Health and Well-being in Faith and Community Settings**The toolkit talks about the power of connectedness and describes strategies for faith and community partners to increase connectedness among youth through schools, families and even within their own faith-based and community settings. |
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| Qr code  Description automatically generated | **Compassion in Action: A Guide for Faith Communities Serving People Experiencing Mental Illness and Their Caregivers**Designed as a resource to help faith leaders from all religious and spiritual traditions, as well as their congregants, this guide’s goal is to increase awareness and build capacity to serve people experiencing mental illness, and to care well for their family or caregivers. |
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|  | **HHS Partnership Center Webinars and PSAs** All HHS webinars and PSAs are available online through our HHS Partnership Center YouTube page. Find additional resources on suicide prevention, maternal health, refugee resettlement and much more. |
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|  | **Hope: A Guide for Faith Leaders to Help Prevent Youth Suicide** This guide provides faith leaders with guidance for identifying and helping youth who may be at risk for suicide. It is a resource to help increase awareness and build capacity to serve at-risk youth. |

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