

HC DrugFree

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"Transitions in life can offer opportunities for discovery."

– Robbie Shell 🦋

HC DrugFree's Executive Director Transitioning to New Role

Exciting Changes Ahead!!

The Board of Directors of **HC DrugFree** is announcing a leadership transition.

After 17 years of dedicated service as Executive Director, **Joan Webb Scornaienchi** will transition from the Executive Director role in August 2026 and will continue supporting the organization as an **Advisor to the Board and Leadership Team**.

During her tenure, Joan has helped strengthen the organization's programs, expand community partnerships, increase fundraising capacity, and advance its mission. The Board is deeply grateful for her leadership and commitment to the organization and those it serves.

"We are incredibly thankful for Joan's vision, dedication, and leadership," said **Brian Morrison**, Board Chair. "We are fortunate that she will remain involved as an advisor during this transition, helping ensure continuity while supporting our next Executive Director."



(Pictured above: Joan and Dr. Morrison)

HC DrugFree's Board has initiated a search for the organization's next Executive Director.

The **ideal candidate** will bring strategic vision, nonprofit leadership with grant writing/fundraising experience, and a passion for advancing the organization's mission and impact. The transition reflects the organization's commitment to thoughtful succession planning and long-term sustainability. Programs, services, and partnerships will continue uninterrupted throughout the leadership transition.

For additional information, please contact the board at:

Board@hcdrugfree.org



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We have IMMEDIATE
OPENINGS!

Immediate Opening!!

Executive Director

Visit [HC DrugFree's Employment Page](#) for more information.

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HoCo SmartER Tool Helps Residents Find the Right Care

Howard County has launched SmartER, an innovative online tool that helps residents make informed healthcare decisions by providing real-time information on hospital emergency department capacity, nearby urgent care centers, and the services available at each location.

When you or a family member isn't feeling well, SmartER can help you find the right level of care with less uncertainty and potentially shorter wait times.

Remember: In a medical emergency, always call 911 or go to the nearest emergency department.

Learn more and access the SmartER tool through the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services' [Urgent Care webpage](#).

2026-27 Teen Advisory Council Registration

HC DrugFree's Teen Advisory Council (TAC) brings together motivated high school students from across Howard County who are passionate about leadership, prevention, advocacy, and making a positive impact in their schools and communities. Members meet monthly to help create prevention campaigns, provide youth perspectives on substance misuse prevention, assist with community events, develop social media content, and strengthen peer-to-peer education efforts throughout the county.

A new application form is now open for the 2026–27 school year. All students interested in joining TAC, including current members who would like to remain active next year, must complete the new form. Whether you are returning or applying for the first time, we encourage you to sign up and get involved!

Learn more and apply here: <https://hcdrugfree.org/teen-advisory-council/>

Stay In the Loop: Follow Us Online!

Want real-time updates and powerful stories from our community?

Follow HC DrugFree on Facebook, Instagram, X, and LinkedIn to stay informed about important events, helpful resources, and prevention news as it happens.

From last-minute event info to tips that keep your family safe, our social media is your fastest way to stay connected. Join the conversation: be informed, inspired, and part of the movement.

One-Click Links!

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Resources

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:

Marylanders who are experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis should call or text 988. Learn more at 988.maryland.gov. Maryland veterans and their loved ones can call 988 and press 1 to transfer to the Veterans Crisis Line. Press 2 for Spanish.



[Additional Resources](#)

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