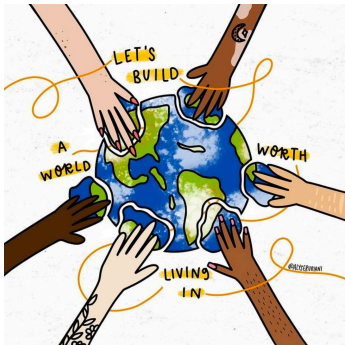


# MAPP Quarterly Newsletter

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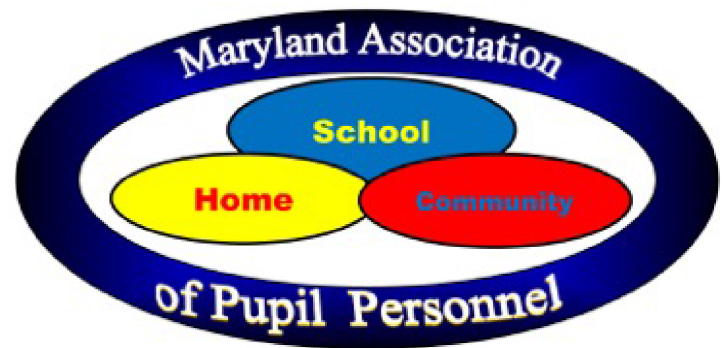
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## What's MAPP??

The Maryland Association of Pupil Personnel (MAPP) was created as your professional association in 1947.

It is the mission of MAPP to provide opportunities for Pupil Personnel Workers to grow professionally, develop skills, and network with colleagues in order to share best practices in the field of student services. We also work in conjunction with the Maryland State Department of Education to address issues such as certification requirements, professional standards for Pupil Personnel Workers, and keep our members informed of



legislation impacting our work with students and their families.

As you know, Pupil Personnel Workers work tirelessly with families, school staff, and numerous community organizations to address a multitude of issues impacting the

academic success of our youth.

It is the goal of MAPP to provide quality professional development opportunities that contribute to these efforts.

## Fall MAPP Conference: Are We There Yet?

This year MAPP will host our fall conference on November 5th beginning at 9am.

Guest speakers will present on a number of informative topics:

- Updates to Federal, State and Local Laws
- Internet Safety
- Human Trafficking
- Mental Health
- McKinney-Vento Act

The link to register is located on the MAPP website, and the fee covers MAPP membership for one year.

## PPW Work Around the State- Wicomico County

*"After the school feeds the children breakfast, lunch, and sometimes dinner. What happens on the weekends to these children?"*

Wicomico County has one of the highest rates of food insecurity in the state. That's where the Adopt-A-Block's Mobile Food Pantry comes in.

PPW Mark Thompson is the Director of the Adopt-A-Block program. Every Friday, volunteers with Emmanuel Wesleyan's Adopt-A-Block Outreach program serve up smiles and backpacks to Wicomico County children. In these backpacks, you'll find a variety of snacks. These treats will help keep these kids fed through the weekend.

The goal of the program is to help decrease the rate of food insecurity in the lives of elementary school children and their families throughout the county. The emphasis this year will be our homeless population or what we call in Wicomico County (F.I.T. Families in Transition).

"We are excited to be awarded the grant from the Wicomico County Partnership for Families and Children for the third year to provide much needed food to our children and their families. We also are grateful for the Maryland

Food Bank in providing the food," said Thompson.

But their work doesn't end here. Every other weekend, volunteers with Adopt-A-Block head out into the community and deliver food to families. "We go out every second and fourth Saturday of the month delivering door to door food to people."

On top of that, Adopt-A-Block has their own emergency food pantry and a closet full of clothes that people in need can access at any time.

## PPW Spotlight- Meet Sheryl Morrison!

*"I firmly believe that my job as a Pupil Personnel Worker is the best job in the school system"*

My name is Sheryl Morrison and I am a PPW with Charles County Public Schools. I became a PPW 17 years ago after working as a Special Education Teacher. My wish with obtaining this position was to remove as many barriers as I could to help students succeed and receive a quality education. Relationships and connections formed with students and families are vital to the success in this position.

Student and family support are the foundation of my beliefs.

There are several interventions and programs which I put into place to assist our students. We start the year with an Attendance Spirit Week. We have mentor groups with boys and girls, which bring experiences and activities to our students. Holiday support and planning for our families often starts as early as late September.

My McKinney-Vento students have been fortunate to receive academic supports. This year we implemented an after-school tutoring program and we transport the kids home after the sessions.

I hope that I can continue to support our students and try to remove as many barriers that I can to allow them to experience a successful educational experience. PPWs cannot do this job alone.

## Mental Health Corner

### ARE YOU TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF?

We are all experiencing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic which has created challenges for many of us. Feelings of loneliness, isolation, anxiety and depression have increased in youth and adults. As mental health professionals, it is extremely important to find

time to purposely care for ourselves.

Building a routine into our day that consists of self care can make a big difference in our mental health.

The Mental Health Coalition and LifeTo Go created a roadmap resource to help guide individuals toward purposeful self-care.

Take a look!

[https://www.thementalhealthcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/MHC\\_LifeToGo\\_RoadmapToSelfCare.pdf](https://www.thementalhealthcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/MHC_LifeToGo_RoadmapToSelfCare.pdf)



## In the News

What We Know about Vaccine Breakthrough Infections from the CDC:

- Vaccine breakthrough infections are expected. COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing most infections. However, like other vaccines, they are not 100% effective.

- Fully vaccinated people with a vaccine breakthrough infection are less likely to develop serious illness than those who are unvaccinated and get COVID-19.

- Even when fully vaccinated people develop symptoms, they tend to be less severe

symptoms than in unvaccinated people. This means they are much less likely to be hospitalized or die than people who are not vaccinated.

- People who get vaccine breakthrough infections can be contagious.

## Meet the MAPP Executive Board

1. **President:** Donna Robinson, Charles County Public Schools
2. **1st Vice President:** Jacqueline StJohn, Montgomery County Public Schools

3. **2nd Vice President:** Linda Stocks, Charles County Public Schools
4. **Treasurer:** Allison Mathews, Anne Arundel County Public Schools

5. **Secretary:** Stephanie Riddle, Calvert County Public Schools
6. **Past President:** Mark Thompson, Wicomico County Public Schools

*"How wonderful is it that nobody need wait a single moment to improve the world" Anne Frank*

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## State Housing Resources

**Maryland Department of Human Services** - Financial assistance may be available through the Maryland Department of Human Services. Contact your [local social services office](#) for more information and assistance.

**Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing** - Program fees are often assessed on a sliding scale by organizations that provide emergency shelter and transitional housing. [Contact a local organization for more information.](#)

**Subsidized and assisted low-income housing programs** (like public housing, HUD housing, and section 8 housing) are open to people of limited income, although the exact limits vary. [Learn more about subsidized and public housing.](#)

## Looking Ahead

After the fall conference, we will be actively preparing for our spring conference.

Due to COVID-19, we will continue to host our conferences virtually, but we are looking forward to meeting back in person in the near future.

If you are interested in sharing your ideas for presenters, please reach out MAPP!

## Advisory Board Meetings Calendar 2021-2022

MAPP Board Meetings are held via ZOOM until further notice on the 3rd Friday of each month at 9:30am unless otherwise noted.

All MAPP members are invited to attend.

August 20, 2021	April 15, 2022
September 17, 2021	May Spring Conference (TBA)
October 15, 2021	June 17, 2022
November 5th (Fall Conference)	July 15, 2022
December 17, 2021	
January 21, 2022	
February 18, 2022	
March 18, 2022	