

# Press Release

## HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Department of Community Services



#### PUBLIC SAFETY

“Ensuring a Safe  
Harford”

#### EDUCATION

“Preparing Now,  
Building for the Future”

#### EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

“Governing Smarter”

#### ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

“Growing and Sustaining  
Harford’s Prosperity”

#### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

“Protecting Our  
Environment”

#### QUALITY LIVING

“Safeguarding What is  
Important to Harford  
County Citizens”

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### **HARFORD COUNTY ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON DRUG PREVENTION INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT**

(Bel Air, MD) - - On Wednesday, June 24, FACE-IT will present the 2009 Symposium on Drug Prevention, Intervention and Treatment at Patterson Mill Middle/High School, 85 Patterson Mill Road, Bel Air from 8 AM to 4 PM. This year the theme will reflect the added stress that the economy and military deployment has created with workshops dealing with: “Charting the Course – Weathering the Storm”.

The Symposium is geared for citizens interested in learning about, and expanding their knowledge on, drug and alcohol addiction, intervention, prevention and treatment. Bringing together social workers and treatment experts, the Symposium presents information and advice on how such things as focusing positively on your life, how to deal with the stress of deployment and coping with the adjustment of coming home, how to find growth in our careers and in life, and an exploration of the stages of grief and how to apply them to the recovery process.

The Symposium includes a series of workshops with topics ranging from *Understanding & Coping with Unexpected Life Events* and *Grieving the Loss of the Drug of Choice to Ripple Effect: Economic Crisis & It’s Relationship to Domestic Violence* and *Emotional Bank* (a look at strategies that secure a healthy emotional outlook).

This year Justin Jones-Fosu, *Justin Inspires*, will be the Keynote and Plenary Speaker. His Keynote Address, *The Power of Perceptions: What You See is What You Get*, will provide an unforgettable look at how to view your life, your surroundings, and ultimately, you. This high-energy and very hilarious event will help participants to look positively at themselves and others, and learn how to become optimistic and have fun in their own life.

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“Each year we think the Symposium couldn’t possibly get any better,” says Joseph Ryan, Manager, Office of Drug Control Policy. “And each year, we are proved wrong. This year’s Symposium brings up a variety of timely and pertinent issues that either directly or indirectly affects each of our lives,” continued Ryan. “We encourage Harford County citizens to join us for an entertaining and valuable day of eye-opening education.”

Justin Jones-Fosu’s Plenary Address will focus on living life with your eyes open to your dreams, possibilities and your vision. *Your Vision Unleashed and Uncensored: The Fight for Your Life* is an interactive message to assist participants in, among other things, identifying their true vision, identify factors that are trying to keep them tied down to mediocrity and putting action to their dreams.

Faith Activated Community Empowering Intervention Training (FACE-IT) was formed to provide educational intervention through training to prevent substance abuse and combat addictions in Harford County. The group’s purpose is to build a community of spiritual healing by empowering and supporting faith and community organizations in their service to people suffering from substance abuse and other addictions through prevention, awareness, education and training.

The 2009 Symposium is presented by FACE-IT, in partnership with the Harford County Department of Community Services’ Office of Drug Control Policy; Addiction Connections Resource, Inc.; Harford County Public Schools; Harford County Sheriff’s Office; and funded by a Drug Free Communities Support Grant. Six Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) will be granted for this training.

To register, and for more information, contact Barbara Mason at 410-638-3381 or [bjmason@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:bjmason@harfordcountymd.gov). Registration is also available online at <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/services/drugcontrol/Symposium.cfm> Disability-related accommodations available upon request.