



# Calvert County News

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### Chalk the Walk for Children’s Mental Health Awareness

**PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – April 19, 2024** – Residents are invited to “Chalk the Walk” at participating public locations throughout Calvert County to raise awareness about the importance of children’s mental health.

The Calvert County Family Network (CCFN) and Department of Parks & Recreation, in partnership with Calvert County Public Schools, Calvert Library, CalvertHealth, Calvert County Behavioral Health, the Local Behavioral Health Advisory Council, and Calvert County local businesses, will host the third annual “Chalk the Walk” event recognizing Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week from May 5-11.

Residents are invited to use chalk to draw pictures and write positive messages and words of encouragement on designated public sidewalks or on their own sidewalk to raise awareness, reduce stigma and help encourage conversations about children’s mental health and well-being. Share photos of your artwork and join the conversation on social media using the hashtag #CalvertMentalHealthMatters.

Drop-in chalk events will be hosted from May 6-11, 2024, throughout the county at the following locations:

- May 6-10 - Calvert County Circuit Courthouse
- May 6-11 - All Calvert Library locations (Fairview, Prince Frederick, Southern, and Twin Beaches)
- May 6-11 - CalvertHealth Medical Center
- May 6-10 - All Calvert County Behavioral Health Locations (Barstow, Chesapeake Beach, Lusby, and Prince Frederick)

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- May 8, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Calvert County Parks & Recreation Community Centers (Harriet E. Brown, Mt. Hope, Northeast, and Southern)
- May 9, 2-4 p.m. - Community Resources Building (30 Duke St., Prince Frederick)

Calvert County offers many resources for youth struggling with mental health needs and their families. Find local resources at [OurCalvert.org](https://www.ourcalvert.org) or contact the Local Care Team at [www.calvertcountymd.gov/2629/Local-Care-Team](https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/2629/Local-Care-Team). For more information about children's mental health, visit [www.childrensmentalhealthmatters.org/find-help/parents-families/](https://www.childrensmentalhealthmatters.org/find-help/parents-families/).

For more information about Chalk the Walk, contact the CCFN at 410-414-5997.

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