

# MID-SHORE BODY & SOUL

#### Welcome and Introductions

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## Prayer



## Agenda

- Healthy and Delicious Lunch
- State Health Improvement Process
- Mid- Shore Regional Health Improvement Coalition
- □ Body and Soul Overview
- Regional Body & Soul
- □ Next Steps
- Discussion

#### SHIP

#### State Health Improvement Process

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#### Mid- Shore Regional Health Improvement Coalition

**Vision:** All Mid Shore Communities will Exemplify Optimal Health and Wellness

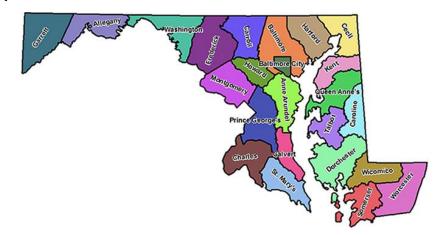
**Mission**: To improve the health of residents of the Mid Shore region through a local collaborative effort that identifies, prioritizes, and provides strategic action planning to solve health problems.

Meeting Dates: 2nd Monday of Every Month starting December 12th, 2011

Time: 12:30 - 2:00

Place: Queen Anne County Health Department, 206 North Commerce

Street, Centreville, MD 21617



- □ Looked at 39 Health Indicators
- □ Prioritized 3 that were common to all 5 counties

## Mid Shore LHIC objectives

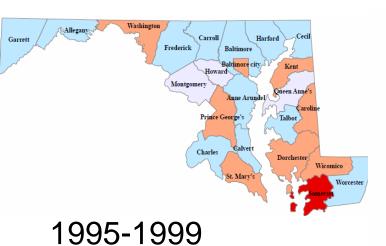
#### Priority #1

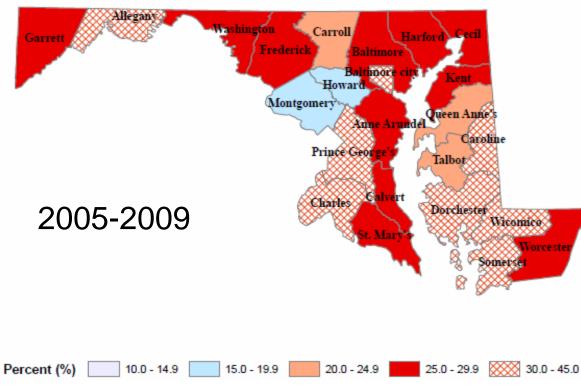
#31 Reduce the proportion of children and adolescents who are considered obese

#### Baseline and Mid-Shore Goal

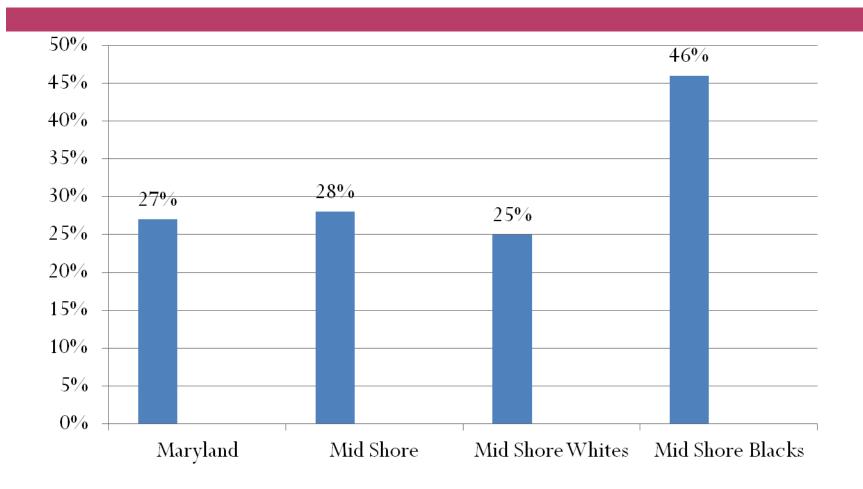
Reduce adolescent obesity from its current level of 14% to the Year 2014 Goal of 11%

## Adult Obesity Prevalence in MD BRFSS



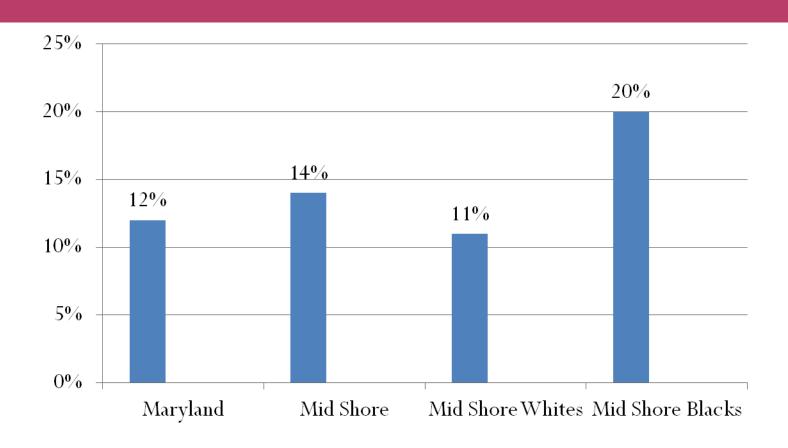


## Mid Shore Adult Obesity



Maryland BRFSS 2006-2010

## Mid Shore Childhood Obesity



Maryland Youth Tobacco Survey 2008

#### Chronic Disease

- Obesity is a major risk factor of the top 4 causes of death in African Americans
  - Heart Disease
  - Cancer
  - Stroke
  - Diabetes

### Disparities

- African Americans suffer disproportionately from major health problems and suffer more consequences from diseases.
- □ African Americans also:
  - Die earlier from diseases
  - Have a lower life expectancy than other groups

## Impact of Health Disparities

Health Disparities lead to earlier death, decreased quality of life, and fewer economic opportunities for African-Americans.

How have these disparities affected your congregation?

## Strategy 1

□ Target African American communities throughout the midshore region by raising awareness and implementing evidence based strategies for children, adolescents, and adults.



## Evidence Based Strategies

- □ Combine elements of two proven programs
- Get Healthy Kent
- 2. Body & Soul

www.kentonthemove.org

## Get Healthy Kent

#### healthy workplace initiative

#### In 6 month -1 year:

- 50% marked an increase in fruit consumption and 40% marked an increase in vegetable consumption.
- 27% of participants reported a reduction in salt use. The percentage of participants sparingly using salt and limiting salty food increased from 60% to 80%.
- ☐ The mean reduction in waist girth among females from pre to post was 2.6 inches.
- Among participants that had uncontrolled BP at the time of their first screen, 76% reported taking blood pressure lowering medications regularly and at the time of their second screen 43% had achieved BP control.



## What is Body and Soul?

- Body and Soul is a health program for African American churches
- It empowers church members to eat a healthy diet rich in fruits and vegetables every day for better health
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fl2Q3TNGY M
  &feature=player\_detailpage

## 5 minute Break



## How does Body & Soul work?

- Pastoral Leadership
- 2. Educational Activities
- A church environment that supports health eating
- 4. Peer Counseling



## History of Body & Soul

 Body & Soul is based on NCI funded research conducted in North Carolina (Black Churches United for Better Health) and at Emory University (Eat for Life Trial).

The American Cancer Society and NCI worked with researches from UNC and Emory to translate this research into a program that could be delivered on a wide scale.

## Why Body & Soul Works

- Church "buy in" leads to a supportive environment
- Multiple components reinforce messages
- Motivational interviewing
- Attractive materials
- Activities that are fun
- It is about good food and good health!



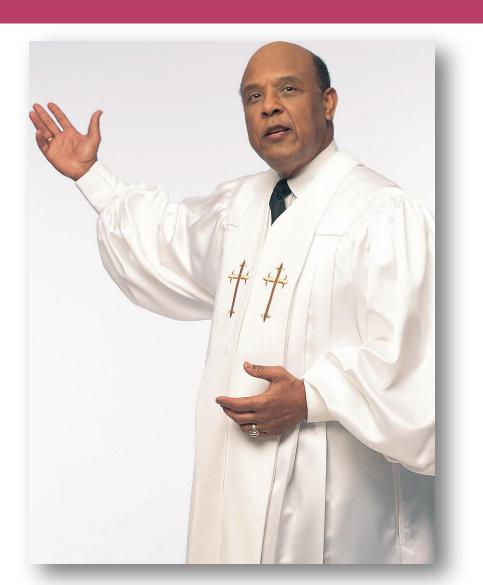
## The Four Pillars of Body & Soul

- A pastor who is committed and involved
- Church activities that promote healthy eating
- A church environment that promotes healthy eating
- Peer counseling that motivates church members to eat a healthy diet

All four pillars must be in place to build an effective Body & Soul Program

#### A Pastor who is committed and involved

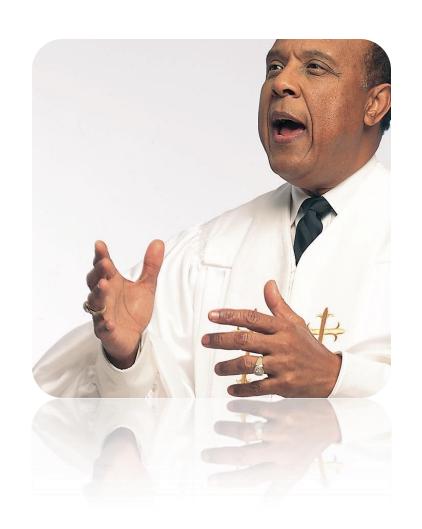
The pastor is the spiritual and organizational leader of the church



#### A Pastor who is committed an involved

#### Pastoral Support:

- Shows that the program is keeping with the mission of the church
- Helps church members see the link between physical health and spiritual well-being.



#### The Pastor's Role

- Launch the Body & Soul program at a kick-off event. Sign "The Church's Commitment to Good Health" pledge. Affirm the pledge before the congregation. (A sample pledge is included in Appendix B).
- Be a role model for the congregation by eating more fruits and vegetables every day.
- Deliver inspirational messages about the link between good health and spirituality. Include Bible verses that refer to healthy eating and living in sermons, church bulletins, and newsletters.
- Ask that more fruits and vegetables be served at church functions to help create a healthy church setting.
- Start a "Body & Soul Sunday" where the church focuses on health once a month.
- Recognize the Body & Soul Planning Team.
- Praise the church members who have improved their eating habits.

#### Church activities that promote healthy eating

Activities that encourage church members to eat more fruits and vegetables are the heart of Body & Soul



#### Church activities that promote healthy eating

#### Church-wide activities:

- Teach church members about health
- Give them the opportunity to try new types of fruits and vegetables
- Learn skills they can use to change their eating habits



#### Church activities that promote healthy eating

#### Body & Soul activities can include:

- Workshops
- Cooking Demonstrations
- Taste tests
- Gadget Parties
- □ Others???



#### Church activities that promote health eating

- ☐ Body & Soul:
  - Begins with a kick-off event to set the tone for the program
  - Include ongoing
     activities to inform and
     inspire the
     congregation
  - Celebrates the congregations' attempt to improve its' health



#### A Church Environment that promotes healthy eating

#### With Body & Soul, the church

- Sets a good example
- Models healthy eating practices
- Serves more fruits and vegetables



"We made a policy: no more danishes in Sunday school"

Body & Soul Coordinator, Virginia

#### A church environment that promotes healthy eating

Serving healthier foods at church demonstrates:

- The church "practices what it preaches"
- The church's commitment to congregational health
- That healthy eating is a part of church life

## An Example from Georgia

A Georgia church asked a dietitian to train the church kitchen committee to prepare healthier dishes. They focused on using more fruits and vegetables and reducing the fat in traditional recipes.

The committee improved meals they served to the congregation. They also made healthier meals for the soup kitchen, shut-ins, and special events.

Peer Counseling that motivates members to eat a healthy diet

#### With Peer Counseling:

- Members talk with other members about healthy eating
- The counselors acts as coaches



- □ In peer counseling church members:
  - Sign up to talk to a trained volunteer counselor from the church
  - Learn about how healthy eating relates to life goals and personal values
  - Develop a personal action plan

- □ Peer Counselors:
  - Are church volunteers
  - Have experience or background in a helping profession
  - Are trained in a technique called 'motivational interviewing'

#### Pillar 4

- □ Peer Counselors
  - Use open, supportive and non-judgmental communication
  - Do not give advice
  - Helps members overcome their own barriers and find their own motivation to change

## Pillar 4

- □ The peer counseling component:
  - Offers one-on-one assistance to members
  - Helps them fit healthy eating into their lives
  - Adds a personal touch to the program

## **Grant Award**

 The Mid-Shore Health Improvement Coalition was given a grant from the Community Health Resources Commission

□ May-November 2012

#### Church Recruitment

- 3 churches per 5 counties (15) representing 1,500 people
- MOTA, Local Health Department Coalitions
- □ Churches given:
  - Application form
  - Program summary

# Application criteria

- □ Agrees to the following:
  - Designate 1-3 health coaches
  - Attend training (pastor and health coaches)
  - Schedule and promote health risk assessments
  - Develop healthy food policy
  - Considers other health promoting policies/supports
  - Attend post-event celebration
  - Be featured in reports, media if applicable

## Selected Churches

#### Caroline County (3)

- Trinity AME Church
- Abrams Memorial
- Union Bethel AME Church

#### **Dorchester County (2)**

- St. Luke United Methodist Church
- □ Cambridge Church of Christ

#### Kent County (4)

- Mt. Olive AME Church
- Bethel AME Church
- ☐ Grave's Chapel AME Church
- □ The Potter's House Ministries

#### Queen Anne's County (4)

- New Life Community United
   Methodist Church
- Chester/ Stevensville Charge
- Bethel AME Church
- Abundant Life Restoration Center

#### Talbot County (3)

- Scott's United Methodist Church
- New St. John's United Methodist
   Church
- □ Union Baptist Church

# Congregation

□ There are approx. 1,500 in the 16 church congregations

 $\square$  Goal-Reach 2/3 or **1,000 people** 

## Kick-Off Event

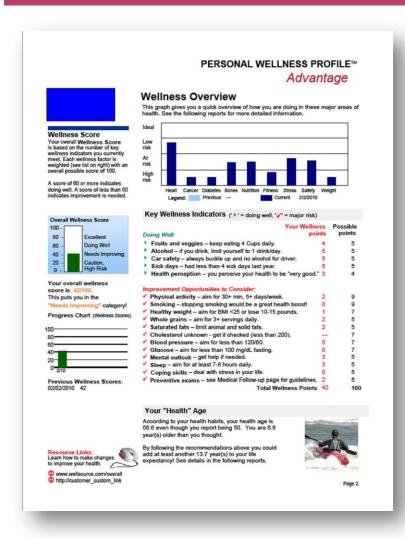
- Schedule for August, September or early October
- All kick-off's (and health risk assessments) need to be completed by first week of October
- Local Health Departments and Technical Assistance staff may assist if requested
- Health Coaches can help with questionnaires, take heights and weights, and waist measurements

## Health Risk Assessments



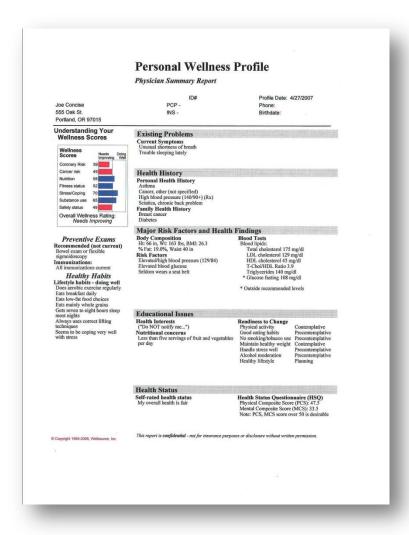
- Confidential Health Questionnaires
- Weight/Height (BMI)
- □ Waist Circumference
- Blood Pressure
- □ Given:
  - Pedometer
  - Walking log
  - Know your #s wallet card
  - Down Home Healthy Cookbook
  - Tips for Healthy families
  - 8 Weeks to Wellness book

# Personal Report



Each individual receives a
 detailed 14-page report 1 2 weeks after taking their
 Health Risk Assessment

# Physician Summary Report



 To coordinate care with local Primary Care
 Providers, a summary report is sent if individual gives permission

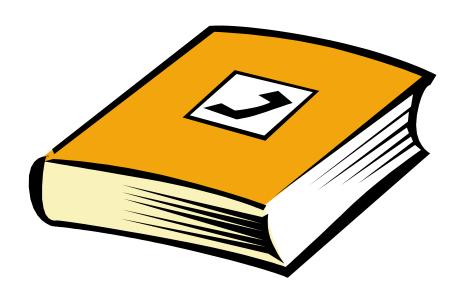
## **On-site Health Coaching**

#### Led by trained church members

- Checking weights and/or blood pressures
- Providing resources for healthy eating and living using Regional Resource Guide
- Leading '8 weeks to Wellness' Classes
   (an instructor's manual will be provided)
- Encouraging members to eat more fruits and vegetables

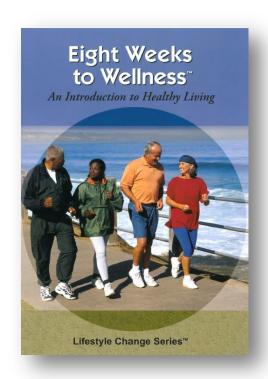
# Regional Resource Directory

- Fitness
- □ Farmers Markets
- Health Insurance
- Cancer Screenings
- Support Groups
- □ Stress Reduction
- Weight Management
- STD, HIV
- Family Planning
- Mental Health
- Addictions
- Senior Services
- Family Support Services
- Diabetes Management
- Primary Care Providers/Clinics
- □ Etc.



# Guided Health Program 'Eight Weeks to Wellness'

- Developing a Healthy Lifestyle
- Becoming More Physically Active
- Choosing Healthy Fats
- Choosing Healthy Carbohydrates
- Achieve/Maintain a HealthyWeight
- Enhancing the Mind/BodyConnection
- Coping with Stress
- Getting Preventive Checks



## A Healthier Church

- Starting a CSA share
- Offering on-site fitness opportunities
- Creating and promoting healthy food policies for church sponsored celebrations
- Offering cooking demonstrations
- Schedule taste testing
- Organizing walking groups
- Hosting Guest Speakers
- Leading weekly health classes
- Organizing healthy recipe competitions







## **E-Newsletters**



- •Local/ Regional Events
- Success Stories
- Tips and Tools for Healthy Living

## Fall Celebration

#### Recognition

Recognition for each church
Recognition to each health coach

#### **Awards**

#### Awards to participants

Nominated by church, 1 from each to be 'Health Stars'

#### Awards to church

- Best Participation
- Most Supportive Church Environment



# Supplies given to Churches

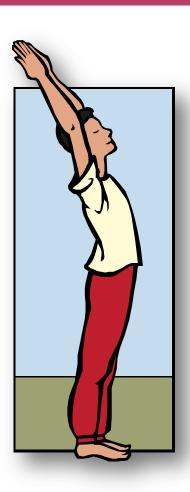
- Body & Soul banner
- Binders with printables
- □ Blood Pressure Kits
- Scales
- Tape Measurers
- Health Questionnaires
- Pencils
- Pedometers
- □ Folding Privacy Screen

- Cookbooks
- □ Know your #s Pocket Cards
- Walking Logs
- 8 weeks to WellnessManuals
- 3-sided display board for Final celebration
- Regional Resource Guide

# Technical Assistance Support

- □ Delivering Supplies
- Assisting in Kick-off event (if requested)
- Collecting completed health questionnaires
- Printing personal reports
- Sending reports to primary care providers
- □ Compiling Regional Resource Directory
- Creating monthly e-newsletters
- Organizing Final Celebration
- □ Sharing Successes and advocating for services

## 5 minute break



# Next Steps

- □ Identify Church Coordinator
- □ Convene planning team
- □ Set a kick-off date
- □ Schedule activities

#### Role of the Church Coordinator

- Oversee all aspects of program planning and implementation
- Meet with the Technical Assistance staff to learn about program components
- Orient the Planning Team
- □ Ensure all four pillars are implemented

## Role of Church Coordinator

Prepare a timeline and task list that shows who will be responsible for what. Make a list of resources needed for each activity. Ask community organizations to help with activities, materials, speakers, and food. (Examples: 4-H, Extension Service, grocery stores) Get the word out early and often. Promote events in the church bulletin, newsletter, and displays. (Examples: posters, bulletin board notices, banners) Offer door prizes for people who come to the activities. Be seen supporting Body & Soul. Appear at church services and functions. Maintain a tracking system to be sure each activity happens as planned. Keep a scrapbook (e.g., flyers, photos) so that the church has a record of its Body & Soul program. Schedule meetings between the Planning Team and pastor for feedback on how well the program is working.

# Role of the Planning Team

- □ Members can include:
  - Health Ministry
  - Kitchen committee
  - Sunday school teachers
  - Elders
  - Other health professional staff

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve... You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love."

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

# Planning Body & Soul activities

- □ The planning team should
  - Keep a record of Body & Soul activities
  - Attend Body & Soul events
  - Monitor activities
  - Schedule regular meetings

# Keeping Body & Soul Alive

- Create a full health ministry. Bring in other health topics such as health screenings,
   preventing and managing chronic diseases, and substance abuse.
- Feature a Body & Soul article in the church newsletter.
- Set up a Body & Soul bulletin board in the church. Use it to post nutrition and health messages regularly.
- Include physical activity in church offerings. Walking groups and aerobics classes are two examples. One church has walking prayer meetings.
- □ Hold Body & Soul workshops every few months during the year.
- Create a Body & Soul ministry. Reach outside the church into the community or to other congregations.
- $\ exttt{ invite}$  Invite nutrition or health support groups to meet regularly at the church.
- Include walking clubs and weight control programs.
- Expand Body & Soul into community services the church provides, such as the food pantry or Meals On Wheels.

#### You lift their spirits, now health improve their health

"Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all unto the glory of God."

1 Corinthians 10:31

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