# TEEN COURT NEWSLETTER



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### Have you heard of Local Care Team (LCT)?

The Local Care Team (LCT) is an inter-agency council designed to support families of children with intensive emotional and behavioral needs. This collaborative group brings together representatives of several child-serving agencies in Charles County that gather at one table to identify needs, make connections, advise and assist families with children who have intensive emotional and behavioral needs.

Members of the Local Care Team include representatives from the following agencies:

- Center for Children
- Charles County Public Schools
- Cornerstone Southern Maryland
- Department of Juvenile Services
- Department of Social Services
- · Developmental Disabilities Administration
- Division of Rehabilitation Services
- Local Behavioral Health Authority
- · Maryland Coalition of Families



The Charles County Local Care Team is facilitated by a Local Care Team Coordinator. Meetings occur weekly, by appointment. To have your child's case reviewed by the Local Care Team, please complete the universal referral form. Forms can be completed by a parent, counselor, service providers, hospital (if a child has been hospitalized), etc. Forms are also available in Spanish.

For more information on the Charles County Local Care Team, please visit: https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/health-and-human-services/charles-county-advocacy-council-for-children-youth-and-families

For any questions, please contact Sapreen Khalaifeh at KhalaifS@charlescountymd.gov or 301-396-5241.

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### Looking for opportunities to expand your knowledge base & skills?

#### UPCOMING CLASSES

#### Internet Safety for Families -La Plata

Teens can learn about being a good digital citizen from an expert with University of Maryland Extension.

Next Class: Tuesday, February 04, 2025 Location: CCSO Headquarters Building



#### **Healthy Relationships** -La Plata

Discusses the warning signs of an abusive relationship and the cycle of dating violence.

Next Class: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 Location: CCSO Headquarters Building

#### Mother Daughter Series - La Plata

Learn and experience the benefits of mediation, movement, and showing empathy to each other.

Next Class: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 Location: CCSO Headquarters Building

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Charles County Teen Court was established in 2001 and has heard over 3,100 cases! Incoming 6th graders through 12th grade can volunteer as jury members and help other youth in the county.





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