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The Partnership holds training to increase coordination between services

Westminster, MD – (February 1, 2012) –Carroll County is served by many human service agencies and programs designed to help residents with a variety of needs ranging from income tax preparation to food assistance. Such services can be a vital lifeline to those in our community who are disadvantaged, financially insecure, or experiencing a crisis.

With so many different organizations and programs available, it can be hard to find and access the right resources for each person's situation. The Access to Health Care Work Group of The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County, Inc. is working with local service organizations and agencies to provide a cross-agency training session that will educate their staff members about each others' basic services and procedures. As a result, clients will be better informed about the different kinds of help that are available, and there will be more continuity between services.

The first training session, to be held on April 13, will be in the format of a workshop. The goal of this cross-agency training is to educate health and human services personnel in program services, facilitate identification and referrals, and to facilitate teamwork. A case study approach will be used in at least one session to demonstrate how teamwork can help solve client problems. The organizations involved include Access Carroll, Carroll Hospital Center, Carroll Area Transit System, Carroll County Children's Fund, Carroll County Department of Social Services, Carroll County Health Department, Catastrophic Health Planners, Core Service Agency, Department of Citizen Services, Department of Social Services, Get Connected Family Resource Center, Human Service Programs of Carroll County, and Priority Partners.

For more information about The Partnership's cross-agency training, contact Barbara Rodgers at 443-375-7286 or BRodgers@dhhm.state.md.us.

*The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County, Inc., an affiliate of Carroll Hospital Center and the Carroll County Health Department, is a private nonprofit organization working to improve health by **connecting people, inspiring action, and strengthening community.***

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