



Compassionate Care Seminar

FREE and Open to the Public

In recognition of Mental Health Month
Brook Lane, REACH of Washington County & Turning Point present:

Understanding & Appropriately Responding to the Homeless Individual with Mental Health Needs

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

12:00 pm — 3:30 pm

(11:30 am: Registration check-in)

**Washington County Free Library
Community Room 1 & 2 (2nd floor)**

Event is FREE & Open to the Public

This is an excellent educational opportunity for pastors, church members, parish nurses, business operators, educators, community volunteers, law enforcement and other community members.

Some homeless individuals in our community may be struggling with a mental health or emotional disorder. We can be caught off guard and unprepared to manage interactions with these individuals without any kind of training. This complimentary seminar is designed to help attendees understand the mental health concerns that the homeless population may be facing. Attendees will learn to recognize potentially disruptive situations and how to respond appropriately to individuals who are uncooperative, confused or agitated. Local agencies providing services to the homeless in our community will share their insights and experience in working with this population to help churches, businesses and public servants be better prepared to help individuals in concerning situations.

Featured Presenters:

- **Jodie Ostoich**, Executive Director, REACH of Washington County
- **Mindy Morgan**, Director, Turning Point, a Program of Way Station, Inc.
- **Billy Brick**, Mental Health First Aid Educator
- **Pastor Gregg Meserole**, Christ's Reformed Church
- **Pastor Ron Shank**, Brook Lane Health Services, Inc.
- **Pastor Clarence Horst**, Celebration Ministries
- **Paul Ostoich**, Executive Director, Hub NETWORK

The event will also feature exhibits by local service providers who will share information about resources available to help homeless individuals and those who may need mental health assistance or services.

Seminar will cover:

- ✦ The face of homelessness in our region
- ✦ Overcoming your fears about homeless individuals
- ✦ Common mental illnesses found in the homeless population
- ✦ Symptoms of various mental illnesses
- ✦ How to recognize possible problem behaviors
- ✦ How to handle situations in a non-confrontational way
- ✦ How to maintain safety
- ✦ Responding with compassion

Join us for prayer, conversation and learning at Brook Lane's annual Pastoral Care seminar

Register Information

Seminar Free Charge

To help us prepare, we ask that you make a reservation to attend by submitting the registration form included with this flyer

**Questions: Debbie Staley
301-733-0331 x 1189**

Four Ways to Register



Fax

Complete this form and fax to:
Attn: Debbie Staley
301-733-4038



Online

www.brooklane.org
Left side, click on:
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Mail

Complete this form and mail to:
Attn: Debbie Staley
Brook Lane, PO Box 1945, Hagerstown, MD 21742



Phone: 240-310-1935 Please leave your NAME & EMAIL address
All reservation confirmations will be made by email.

Reservation Form

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(Doors & Exhibits Open at 11:30 am)

Location: **Washington County Free Library**

100 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740

To help us plan, please reserve your seat by providing the information below and returning this reservation form by fax, mail or by registering online as noted above.

Please PRINT Clearly

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email _____ Phone #: _____

(Note: All confirmations/notifications will be made via email)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Law Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> | Business operator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Educator | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Member | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other |

Doors open at 11:30 am

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