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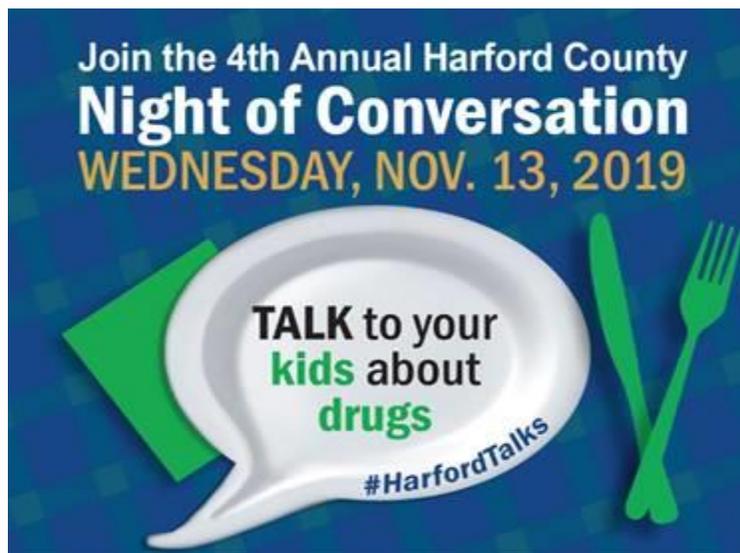
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Harford County Encourages Family Dinnertime Conversations about Drugs and Alcohol on a “Night of Conversation” Wednesday, November 13



BEL AIR, Md., (Nov. 13, 2019) - On Wednesday, November 13, Harford County parents and caregivers are invited to join in the county’s fourth annual Night of Conversation by sitting down together, enjoying a meal with no distractions, and talking about drugs, alcohol, and addiction. It’s also a good time to talk about ways your child can handle situations when someone offers them drugs or alcohol.

The Night of Conversation is sponsored by Harford County government in partnership with Harford County's public schools, private schools, libraries, sheriff's office, health department and participating pharmacies, grocery stores, and physicians. To aid the family discussions, "conversation cards" created by the Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy and distributed throughout the community will offer tips for parents including age-appropriate conversation starters. Parents are also encouraged to help their kids practice refusal skills and plan how to escape peer-pressure situations. 30,000 conversation cards were distributed through the schools and community.

Participants in the Night of Conversation can take a short survey about their experiences and enter to win a family fun pack which includes movie tickets, a restaurant gift card, and more. Participants can also share their experiences on social media using the hashtag #HarfordTalks.

"Harford County's Night of Conversation is a countywide effort to prevent students from ever trying dangerous substances," County Executive Barry Glassman said. "As we know, the earlier we share this important message, the more likely we will help families avoid the tragedy of addiction."

For additional resources about drugs, alcohol, mental health and other issues that affect our kids, please visit the newly developed website, www.Harfordtalks.com or contact the Harford County Office of Drug Control Policy at 410-638-3333.

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