



Blooming Day Maryland

9:30 AM **Doors Open**, Registration, Breakfast & Networking

10 AM Opening Remarks and
Virtual Keynote Speech from Governor Wes Moore

Session 1: Closing the Access & Equity Gap: From Data to Action in Community Health

A panel on equitable access through local partnerships, data and technology to ensure quality care for all Marylanders.

10:10 AM Moderator: Zachary Rabovsky, Director of Population Health Strategy and Practice Transformation, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield.

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10:55 AM Speakers:

- Dr. Letitia Dzirasa, Commissioner of Health, City of Baltimore
 - Temi Oshiyoye, MPH, CHES, Director of Community Health Improvement, Luminis Health
 - Carmella Davis Watkins, PRP, Executive Director, Ivy and Pearls of Southern Maryland Community Charities
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Session 2: Strengthening Maryland's Community Health Infrastructure

This session explores scalable solutions such as telehealth, workforce pipelines, and community navigation, to address Maryland's workforce shortages, transportation barriers, and health-literacy gaps limiting care access.

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Moderator: Heather Chapman, LCSW-C, VP & Deputy Chief Impact Officer, United Way of Central Maryland

Speakers:

- LaShelle Stewart, MBA, Executive Director, Baltimore Healthy Start
- Angela Martin, MA, Executive Director, Maryland Community Action Partnership



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Session 3: Blooming Health Renewal Benefits AI Agent & Resource Directory Launch

CEO and Co-Founder, Nima Roohi, PhD, presents the latest from Blooming Health.

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Lunch & Roundtable Discussions

This working lunch will feature roundtables, offering the opportunity for deeper discussions.

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Session 4: From Food Access to Prevention: Tackling Chronic Disease Through Community Innovation

Maryland counties demonstrate how technology, nutrition programs, and cross-sector partnerships translate prevention investments into better health outcomes through personal, local, and data-driven approaches.

Moderator: Amber Starn, MPH, Director of Division of Community Health and Evaluation, Charles County DOH

Speakers:

- Whitney Ahead, Director of Social Impact Partnerships & Growth, Hungry Harvest
- Sandy Washington, CEO, LifeStyles of Maryland Foundation, Inc.

Session 5: Advancing Community-Based Solutions for Maryland

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Marisa Scala-Foley, Director, Aging and Disability Business Institute, USAgeing, examines how community-based organizations can adapt to healthcare transformation in Maryland.

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Community Discussion

Key Takeaways from the Day and Next Steps

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4:30 PM

Networking and Happy Hour