



Making a Positive Difference

CASE STATEMENT -- Our Story

ORGANIZATION -- Since 2005 Marriage Works of Maryland has worked to promote healthy marriages. The current leadership of Marriage Works of Maryland has a diverse volunteer coalition based in Harford County and serves are region.

IMPACT -- We have reached thousands of people through: 1) Annual Marriage Conferences; 2) "*Love Thinks™*" in schools, churches and community organizations; 3) free materials to Clerks of Court for new marriage licenses; 4) "*Prepare Enrich™*" Training for Pastors, Marriage Mentors, and Mental Health Counselors; 5) availability to meet with Corporations, Organizations, Pastors and Public Officials; 6) Boys and Girls Clubs; 7) Community Colleges; 8) Community Resource Fairs; 9) County Expos and Symposiums.

GOALS -- To build upon the foundation of the past ten (10) years through the following goals:

1. To expand "*Love Thinks™*" in county schools by training and certifying additional teachers in this excellent relationship skills training.
2. To train additional Church and Community Leaders and Mental Health Professionals to be Certified in the "*Prepare Enrich™*" Assessment. The instrument will help build better couples who are cohabitating, preparing for marriage or are already married. *(A foundational goal is to support long lasting healthy relationships and marriages which have historically been the foundation of any healthy society.)*
3. To provide on our website (www.marriageworksmd.org) the most current studies supporting healthy long lasting relationships. We will also provide the current studies that define dysfunctional relationships and suggestions for change. *(Another foundational goal is to have accurate information that has relevance to young people who are considering cohabitation or marriage.)*
4. To provide onsite training to Churches, Businesses, and other Organizations for the purpose of educating individuals in "Best Practices" for healthy relationships and marriages.
5. To build multisite and multicounty events that produce on-going healthy relationships and marriage strength building skills through materials, coalition participants, marriage advocates/trainers and mentor couples.

FINALLY -- Marriage Works of Maryland will always work towards dating, engagement and marital understanding with skills that may influence and transform our social, economic, health, educational and spiritual atmosphere; so we can move away from shallow unhealthy relationships and divorce to build healthy marriages.

Helping couples build strong, life-long, healthy marriages and families.
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