



**IN REACH, INC.**

# You're Invited to Our 2018 *#ChildrensMentalHealthMatters* Blog Carnival

1 in 5 children experience a diagnosable mental health disorder each year, yet only 20% are identified and receive treatment. In honor of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, **IN REACH** is hosting a blog carnival to highlight why children's mental health matters. Join us by sharing stories, resources and your thoughts on what is being and can be done to improve the emotional, behavioral and psychological well-being of our children including the systems that serve or are supposed to support them.

This blog carnival is open to everyone who cares about the mental health and development of children. We strongly encourage individuals in Maryland and/or Prince George's County, MD to submit a post.

**IN REACH's** Blog Carnival Goals are:

1. to advance national and local conversations particularly in Maryland around the importance of children's mental health,
2. to exchange resources, reports, polling and new information that addresses the state of children's mental health in the United States, and
3. to bring together the voices of organizations, service providers and coalitions that are speaking out on why children's mental health matters.

**CONTENT GUIDELINES:** The topic of your blog post should state why children's mental health matters and why it is important to be a champion. Here are some topic ideas:

- Personal stories that highlight programs and services that have helped your family particularly in Prince George's County, Maryland or the state of Maryland, and why these programs continue to be important for improving the mental health outcomes in children
- New or interesting reports on children's mental health
- Successful policies and investments in areas of emotional, behavioral and psychological well-being of children

**DEADLINE:** We are accepting blog posts through Friday, May 4, 2018.

**SUBMISSIONS:** To be included, submit a blog post of at least three paragraphs by May 4, 2018, to [toni@inreachinc.org](mailto:toni@inreachinc.org) with CMHM Blog Carnival Submission in the subject line and the following information:

- Your name, email address and social media handle
- The title of your post
- The text of your post, you may include a photo/image with its appropriate credit
- If your blog has already been posted, or you are cross-posting it, please send the URL so we can link to it.

Please share this opportunity with colleagues, friends and family members.  
Questions? Contact Toni Smith at [toni@inreachinc.org](mailto:toni@inreachinc.org).  
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