



## **Anne Arundel County Hate Crimes Prevention Program Community Survey**

### **Brief Description: Anne Arundel County Hate Crimes Prevention Program**

In 2023, Anne Arundel County was awarded a \$1.2 million grant through the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to implement the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program in the county.

The Anne Arundel County Hate Crimes Prevention Program aims to:

- Develop a comprehensive approach to hate crimes and hate bias incidents prevention, investigation, and prosecution
- Provide services to victims of hate bias incidents in Anne Arundel County, Maryland

To achieve these goals, the program will take a multi-pronged approach:

- Engaging, educating, and empowering communities
- Building collaboration and consensus
- Enhancing tactics and technology

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We are conducting a community survey to gather information on how to better educate the public, and respond to hate bias incidents and hate crimes in Anne Arundel County. Your input is valuable and will help us make informed decisions. This survey will take about 15 minutes to complete and your responses will be kept confidential. Thank you for your time and participation!

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.**

1. How familiar are you with the term “hate crime”?
  - a. I have heard of it and know what it means
  - b. I have heard of it and think I know what it means
  - c. I have heard of it, but am not sure what it means
  - d. I have not heard of it
2. Do you know the difference between a hate bias incident vs a hate crime?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
3. How would you define a hate crime?
4. How would you define a hate bias incident?
5. How safe do you feel in Anne Arundel County (in terms of hate bias incidents and hate crimes)?
  - a. Very unsafe
  - b. Somewhat unsafe
  - c. Neither safe nor unsafe
  - d. Somewhat safe
  - e. Very safe
6. Have you or anyone you know ever experienced a hate bias incident or hate crime in Anne Arundel County?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
7. When did the most recent hate bias incident or hate crime occur?
  - a. Within the last year
  - b. In the last 2-5 years
  - c. 5+ years ago
8. Did you or your friend report the hate bias incident or hate crime?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
9. How did you or your friend report the hate bias incident or hate crime?
  - a. Called 911
  - b. Went to police station
  - c. Office of the Attorney General (OAG) Hate Crime Hotline
  - d. Reported to FBI (via phone, online form, or field office)
  - e. Online reporting form via advocacy or other justice organization
  - f. Other\_\_\_\_\_

10. Why did you and/or your friend choose not to report the hate bias incident or hate crime?
11. How confident do you feel that you know what to do if you witness or are a victim of a hate bias incident or hate crime?
- a. Not at all confident
  - b. Slightly confident
  - c. Somewhat confident
  - d. Mostly confident
  - e. Very confident
12. If you or someone you know experienced a hate bias incident or hate crime, what would you do?
13. If you wanted to report a hate bias incident or hate crime, who would you tell?  
(Please select all apply)
- a. Police
  - b. Council member
  - c. Local community organization
  - d. Place of Worship / Church
  - e. Family member
  - f. Advocacy group
  - g. School administrator / Teacher
  - h. Other \_\_\_\_\_
14. Select up to 3 reasons why you would not report a hate bias incident or hate crime.
- a. Fear of retaliation
  - b. Distrust of law enforcement
  - c. Concern about privacy or social repercussion
  - d. Lack of knowledge on where or how to report
  - e. Lack of knowledge on whether it should be reported
  - f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **Demographics**

15. What is your age?
- a. Under 18
  - b. 18-25
  - c. 26-30
  - d. 31-35
  - e. 36-40
  - f. 41-45
  - g. 46-50

- h. 51-55
- i. 56-60
- j. 61-65
- k. 66+

16. Select the racial or ethnic identity that most closely represents you.

- a. Asian American
- b. Black or African American
- c. Indian or Alaskan Native
- d. Middle Eastern or North African
- e. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- f. Two or more races
- g. White
- h. Prefer not to answer

17. Select the ethnicity that most closely represents you.

- a. Hispanic/Latino
- b. Not Hispanic/Latino
- c. Prefer not to answer

18. Select the gender identity that most closely represents you.

- a. Gender Fluid
- b. Gender Queer
- c. Man
- d. Nonbinary/Gender Non-Conforming
- e. Transgender Man
- f. Transgender Woman
- g. Woman
- h. Prefer not to answer
- i. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

19. Select the sexual orientation that most closely represents you.

- a. Asexual
- b. Bisexual
- c. Gay
- d. Heterosexual
- e. Intersex
- f. Lesbian
- g. Non-Binary
- h. Pansexual
- i. Queer
- j. Questioning
- k. Prefer not to answer
- l. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Do you identify as a person with a disability?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Prefer not to answer

21. Select the religion that most closely represents you.

- a. Buddhist
- b. Christian
- c. Hindu
- d. Jehovah's Witness
- e. Jewish
- f. Muslim
- g. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Prefer not to answer

22. Which zip code do you reside in? \_\_\_\_\_

23. How did you hear about this survey (check all that apply)?

- a. Anne Arundel County Library
- b. County Website
- c. Email
- d. Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families
- e. Social Media
- f. Don't remember
- g. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Prefer not to answer

**Thank you for your time in completing this survey.  
We appreciate your input in helping us address hate in  
Anne Arundel County.**