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“On the Road” Diabetes Outreach Program will provide FREE diabetes education and screenings to residents on March 18, 2016

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As healthcare leaders in [Prince George's County](#), both the [Prince George's County Health Department](#) (PGCHD) and [Doctor's Community Hospital](#) (DCH) are committed to empowering community members to improve their health and quality of lives. “With diabetes being such a major issue in Prince George's County, the hospital's [Joslin Diabetes Center](#), in collaboration with the Health Department, furthers our joint commitment to not only treat, but to also educate the community about this disease,” stated Paul Grenaldo, Chief Operating Officer at Doctors Community Hospital.“

PGCHD in collaboration with DCH's Joslin Diabetes Center launched the "[On the Road](#)" [Diabetes Outreach Program](#) to raise awareness about the importance of diabetes screenings, management and prevention. This is a community based approach that brings diabetes education directly to the residents that are impacted the most,” said Pamela B. Creekmur, Health Officer of Prince George's County Health Department. “This partnership with the renowned Joslin Diabetes Center at Doctors Community Hospital allows us to serve our residents where they live, work and play.”

During the two hour sessions, people who have diabetes learn how to make lifestyle changes that can minimize the associated health risks. Also, their families, friends and caregivers are invited to learn more about the management of this disease. At each class, participants are offered an A1c test (The A1C test is a blood test that provides information about a person's average levels of blood glucose, also called blood sugar, over the past 3 months).

The next class will be held on **Friday, March 18, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00pm**. The class location is at [Laurel Beltsville Senior Activity Center](#), 7120 Contee Rd, Laurel, MD 20707

For more information about [On the Road Diabetes Outreach Program](#) campaign please call the [Health and Wellness Division](#) at 301-883-3545 or visit [Diabetes Class Registration Page](#) to register online.