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# **Resources for Families of Children with Differing Abilities Living in Harford County**

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## **Disclaimer**

Some of the information in this Resource Guide, such as recreational activities and summer camps, is based on programs that were available prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Many activities are currently on hold, or they are being offered in a virtual format. Use the contact information provided to learn the status of programs.

## **Community Resource Guide**

Harford County offers a Community Resource Guide which lists a variety of resources. It is not specific to special needs. The guide is at:

<https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/414/Resource-Guide>

## **Author's Intent**

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## **Bel Air Lions Club**

The Bel Air Lions Club has a lending closet of equipment such as wheelchairs. They also provide assistance with eye exams and glasses for community members in need. Contact them for more information.

Website: <https://belairlions.org/about/how-we-make-a-difference/>

## **Equipment Connections for Children**

Provides a variety of gently used adaptive equipment (from car seats to walkers and beyond) to children with disabilities. Also accepts donations of gently used equipment. Located in Columbia, MD.

Website: <https://www.equipforchildren.org/>

Phone: 240-801-9965

## **Lollipop Kids Foundation**

Provides activities for children with physical disabilities in the Rockville area (Montgomery County) but they also have an equipment closet which operates similarly to Equipment Connections for Children.

Website: <https://www.lollipopkidsfoundation.org/>

## **Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled**

Provides talking, Braille, and large print books and magazines to borrowers, as well as downloadable material. Also provides information and referral services.

Website: <https://www.marylandlibraries.org/Pages/Maryland-Library-for-the-Blind-and-Physically-Handicapped.aspx>

Phone: 800-964-9209

## **Maryland Technology Assistance Program**

This program is part of Maryland's Department of Disabilities. It includes loans for equipment, an adaptive equipment library, and information about assistive technology and home modifications.

Website: <http://mdod.maryland.gov/mdtap/Pages/MDTAP-Home.aspx>

## **The Radio Reading Network of Maryland**

This is a daily service which provides reading from six daily newspapers, 25 magazines, and other information to the blind or physically disabled.

Website: <https://www.radioreadingnetwork.org/>

Phone: 410-779-4969, Email: [officemanager@radioreadingnetwork.org](mailto:officemanager@radioreadingnetwork.org)

## **Image Center of Maryland, Volunteers for Medical Engineering**

Provides customized assistive technology for individuals of all ages.

Website: <https://imagemd.org/services/medical-engineering/>

## **Aspire Living and Learning POW Center**

Provides ABA therapy for children ages 6 and under. Located in Forest Hill. Classes are 4 hours per day, 5 days a week. Accepts most major insurance, but not Medicaid.  
Phone: 410-836-7700

## **Attain ABA**

They provide in-home and in-school ABA Therapy. Now accepting new clients in Baltimore and most towns in Maryland.  
Website: <https://www.attainaba.com/>  
Phone: 866-902-9989

## **Autism Waiver Registry (Maryland Autism Waiver)**

Provides a variety of funding for children up to age 21 with autism spectrum disorders. Benefits include funding to pay for staff to work with the individual, medical assistance, family training, and access to Therapeutic Integration after school program. The wait list for services is currently 8 to 9 years. To put a child's name on the waiting list, contact the phone number below.

Website:

<https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/waiverprograms/Documents/Autism%20Waiver%20act%20Sheet.pdf>

Phone: 866-417-3480

## **Brighter, Stronger Foundation**

Licensed and approved to provide Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services to adults and minors, Therapeutic Behavioral Services, and Autism Waiver Services by the State of Maryland Department of Mental Health and Hygiene. They are headquartered in Essex, Baltimore County. Their service area includes Harford County.

Website: <https://www.brighterstrongerfoundation.com/>

## **CHAMP (Children Achieving Maximum Potential)**

Provides Autism Waiver Services to families, including Harford County.

Phone: 301-591-9776, Email: [info@childrenachieving.com](mailto:info@childrenachieving.com)

## **Continuum Autism Spectrum Alliance**

CASA is a center for autism and related disorders. We address the needs of those who present with signs or symptoms associated with behavioral disorders and related developmental disabilities, including but not limited to "Autism Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder, Down Syndrome, and Learning Differences". The nearest location is Columbia, MD. They offer full assessments, various types of therapy including Applied Behavior Analysis, parent training, online social skills groups, and other services.

Website: <https://www.autismspectrumalliance.com/>

### **Endless Options**

Provides Autism Waiver Services to families, and their service area includes Harford County.

Website: <https://www.endlessoptions-md.net/>

phone 410-526-3637

### **Harford County Public Schools STRIVE Program**

Harford County Public Schools offers specialized autism classrooms. For more information, contact Harford County Public Schools Office of Special Education.

Phone: 410-588-5246

### **Hussman Center for Adults with Autism, Towson University**

Located on the campus of Towson University. Focuses on enhancing opportunities for adults with autism to live as fully engaged members of their communities. They sponsor multiple educational and recreational activities.

Website: <http://www.towson.edu/iwb/hussman>

Phone: 410-704-4486, Email: [hcaa@towson.edu](mailto:hcaa@towson.edu)

### **Kennedy Krieger Center for Autism and Related Disorders**

CARD combines research, clinical service, a therapeutic day program, and training programs to unlock the potential of children with autism spectrum disorders. It is in Baltimore.

Website: <https://www.kennedykrieger.org/patient-care/centers-and-programs/center-for-autism-and-related-disorders>

### **The League for People with Disabilities**

Provides a variety of services for individuals with disabilities and their families. They offer direct support services to adults, and to children with autism. Their services for children with disabilities are provided primarily through the Autism Waiver. At their website, look under Programs.

Website: <https://www.leagueforpeople.org/>

### **Little Leaves Behavioral Services**

Little Leaves is an organization dedicated to helping children with social, communication, and behavioral challenges grow and succeed so they can participate as fully as possible in their families and communities. Therapeutic approach is based on Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and incorporates strategies that have been proven effective for helping children. They offer center-based programs as well as home and community based programs. The nearest location is in White Marsh, Baltimore County.

Website: <https://littleleaves.org/>

Phone: 410-800-4427



### **Pathfinders for Autism**

Resource and referral agency for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families in the Baltimore metropolitan area. They also offer training and special events throughout the year. Their website has an extensive list of service providers that can be searched by subject. The second web address below is the direct link to the provider search.

Website: <https://pathfindersforautism.org/>  
[https://pathfindersforautism.org/providers-services/?wpbdp\\_view=search](https://pathfindersforautism.org/providers-services/?wpbdp_view=search)

### **Personalized Alternatives for Learning (ABA Services)**

Provides ABA services for children with autism. Specializes in children 2-10 years old in Harford County and Cecil County, MD. Provides FBAs (functional behavior assessments), intensive 1:1 therapy based in applied behavior analysis, family training, and program consultation/evaluations.

Website: <https://www.pal-aba.com/>  
Phone: 410-776-4640, Email: [SarahCraley@pal-aba.com](mailto:SarahCraley@pal-aba.com)

### **Positive Behavior Supports Corp.**

National company with ABA therapists in many states, including Maryland. Accepts Medicaid for individuals under age 21 with autism diagnosis and referral. Also accepts other insurance.

Website: <https://www.teampbs.com/>  
Phone: 443-543-9980 Ext.2046, Email: [lhaley@teampbs.com](mailto:lhaley@teampbs.com)

### **Trellis Services**

Operates a school for children with autism from pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, in Sparks, MD (Baltimore County). They also provide Autism Waiver services, to include a Therapeutic Integration after school program in Bel Air.

Website: <https://trellisservices.com/>  
Phone: 443-330-7900, Email: [info@trellisservices.com](mailto:info@trellisservices.com)

## **Blind Industries and Services of Maryland**

Offers residential summer programs for middle and high school students who are blind or have low vision. The emphasis in their programs is on preparation for college, work, and independent living. The program is in Baltimore.

Website: <https://www.bism.org/rehabilitation#summerprograms>

## **Camp Aristotle**

Run by the Auburn School, Camp Aristotle provides exciting activities designed to foster exploration and social success for kids with social and communication challenges. Camps are for rising Kindergarten through rising 9th graders. Camps are in Baltimore and Silver Spring, MD and Fairfax, VA.

Website: <https://www.theauburnschool.org/domain/51>

<https://www.facebook.com/CampAristotle/>

Phone: 202-715-6244, Email: [info@camparistotle.org](mailto:info@camparistotle.org)

## **Camp Accomplish**

Residential camp for individuals ages 5-18 with various disabilities in Charles County. They have various camping options including an equestrian camp. The facility hosts other recreational opportunities throughout the year.

Website: <https://www.melwood.org/recreation-programs>

Phone: 301-870-3226

## **Camp Attaway**

A three-week day camp for children ages 7-13 with emotional and behavioral disorders in Howard County, Maryland. Campers participate in traditional summer camp activities including swimming and rock climbing.

Website: <http://campattaway.org/>

Phone: 443-518-7671, Email: [moreinfo@campattaway.org](mailto:moreinfo@campattaway.org)

## **Camp Fairlee**

Residential camp for individuals with developmental disabilities ages 6 through adult. It is run by the Easter Seals. Located Chestertown, MD (Kent County). Camp includes traditional activities such as swimming, fishing, and crafts. Offers sessions specifically for individuals with autism, with 1-on-1 staffing. It is fully wheelchair accessible and includes nursing care. Respite weekends are held during the school year.

Website: <https://www.easterseals.com/de/our-programs/camping-recreation/>

Phone: 410-778-0566

## **Camp Greentop, The League for People with Disabilities**

Overnight camp in Frederick County. They have youth and adult camps, family camps, and travel camps for individuals with a wide range of developmental and physical disabilities, and are fully wheelchair accessible.

Website: <https://www.leagueforpeople.org/camping-and-recreation>



## **Camp I Can**

This day camp for children ages 3-21 with developmental disabilities is sponsored by Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation, Therapeutic Recreation. Held at John Archer School in Bel Air (Harford County) each summer.

Phone: (Rachel Kollasch) 410-638-4899, Email: [rkollasch@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:rkollasch@harfordcountymd.gov)

## **Camp Pecometh**

Overnight Christian camp in Queen Anne's County has a week devoted to individuals with special needs ages 16 and older. It includes traditional camp activities and a 3:1 ratio.

Website: <https://www.pecometh.org/summer-respite>

Phone: 410-556-6900

## **Camp Wego**

Travel program based out of Florida but will arrange for individuals anywhere in the country to participate. They have camps for ages six & up and travel programs for ages 16 & up.

Website: <https://www.campwego.com/>

Phone: 352-249-6783

## **Greenwell Foundation**

The Greenwell Foundation hosts inclusive day summer camps, as well as activities throughout the school year. Programs are nature themed, often around horses or outdoor activities like kayaking. They also offer kayaking trips. This program is in St. Mary's County, MD.

Website: <https://greenwellfoundation.org/>

Phone: 301-373-9775

## **The Highlands School**

Offers a summer program for children with learning disabilities, ADHD, Asperger's syndrome and other mild disabilities. Program is in Bel Air.

Website: <https://www.highlandsschool.net/>

Phone: 410-836-1415, email: [info@highlandsschool.net](mailto:info@highlandsschool.net)

## **Performing Arts Camp**

Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks, Therapeutic Recreation Services offers a 5 week performing arts summer camp.

Website:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/recreation/programdivision/therapeutic/programstherapeutic.html>

Phone: 410-887-5370, E-Mail: [tr-rp@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:tr-rp@baltimorecountymd.gov)

**For a complete listing of Non-public schools in Maryland, visit the website of the Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF).**

Website: <http://mansef.org/>

### **The Arrow Center for Education**

Located in Belcamp, the Arrow Center is a private separate day school that serves students in 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (age 21) who have emotional disabilities, specific learning disability, autism, or multiple disabilities. Students are referred through their local school system. Most students at the school are pursuing a high school diploma.

Website: <https://www.arrow.org/arrow-center-for-education-schools/riverside/>

Phone: 410-297-4100

### **The Attention Fix, Educational Consulting and Academic Support**

The Attention Fix provides educational consulting, tutoring, and coaching for Executive Function, ADHD, Dyslexia, and general academics for students of all ages. Tutoring is offered via video conference using Zoom, FaceTime, etc.

Website: <https://attentionfix.org/>

Phone: (Paula Moraine) 410-530-7081, E-mail: [pmoraine@outlook.com](mailto:pmoraine@outlook.com)

### **Brain Cog**

BrainCog brings neuroscience into the learning process through specialized, one-on-one coaching. We utilize all the sense and unique teaching methods to gear instruction to your child's natural learning style. Located in Bel Air, but currently all sessions are being done remotely. They also offer an online course that gives parents and caregivers an understanding of what's happening in kids' brains, and tools to help make positive changes.

Website: <https://www.braincogcoach.com/>

Phone: 844-272-4660, Email: [info@braincogcoach.com](mailto:info@braincogcoach.com)

### **Cecil County Parent Resource Center for Special Education**

PRC provides a resource for parents, educators and the community that benefit all youth with delays or special needs, birth to 21 years of age. The center provides resources, trainings and links between the school and community.

Phone: 410-996-5637, Email [prc@ccps.org](mailto:prc@ccps.org)

### **Child Find**

Child Find is a special education service of Harford County Public Schools which seeks to identify children ages 3-21 who may have a disability requiring special education services. Parents in Harford County who suspect that their child might have a disability may call to discuss the possibility of having their child evaluated.

Phone: 410-638-4386 or 410-638-4387

### **Children with Developmental Challenges Program at the Community College of Baltimore County**

Matches children aged 1-14 with developmental disabilities with a college student who works with the child one-on-one to improve motor, language, and social skills through individual and group activities. Includes a concurrent parent session.

Website: <http://www.ccbcmd.edu/cdc>

### **Creative Learning Experiences**

Provides special education advocacy within Harford County.

Website: <http://creativelearningexperiences.com/>

Phone: 410-459-3774

### **Disability Rights Maryland (formerly Maryland Disability Law Center) DRM**

Provides free advocacy and legal services to individuals with disabilities living in Maryland and their families. This is a statewide program.

Website: <https://disabilityrightsmd.org/>

### **Harford County Infants and Toddlers**

Infants and Toddlers seeks to identify children ages birth through two who may have a developmental delay requiring special education services. Parents in Harford County who suspect that their young child may have a disability may call to discuss the possibility of having their child evaluated.

Phone: 410-638-3823

### **Harford County Public Schools Coordinator of Compliance**

Phone: (Colleen Sasdelli) 410-809-6080

### **Harford County Public School Partners for Success**

Established as part of each local school system in Maryland. Available to parents as a resource and information center. Specifically, Partners for Success Centers seek to provide information about community services, assist families in resolving concerns, and increase parental involvement in the special education decision making process.

Phone: 410-273-5579, E-mail: [partners.success@hcps.org](mailto:partners.success@hcps.org)

### **The Highlands School**

The Highlands School is intended for bright and creative children in K through 12th grade with dyslexia, ADHD, and language-based learning differences. This school is in Bel Air.

Website: <https://www.highlandsschool.net/>

Phone: 410-836-1415

### **High Roads School of Harford County**

Located in Belcamp, it is a certified nonpublic school for students with emotional disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, and other disabilities.

Website: <https://sesischools.com/locations/maryland/high-road-school-of-harford-county/>

### **Little Corner Academy at the Learning and Therapy Corner**

Pre-school program for ages 2-5, based on the TEACHH model. Located in Lutherville, MD.

Website: <http://www.ltcorner.com/newlittlecorneracademy.html>

Phone: 410-583-5767, Email: [info@LTCorner.com](mailto:info@LTCorner.com)

### **Lindamood-Bell Baltimore Learning Center**

An internationally recognized leader in the research and development of programs that teach children and adults the underlying skills necessary for reading, spelling, and comprehension. The Baltimore County office is in Towson. They also offer online instruction.

Website: <https://lindamoodbell.com/location/baltimore-area-md-learning-center>

Phone: 410-337-2860

### **Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education (MCIE)**

Provides a variety of services to families and educators with the goal of helping children with disabilities be successful in inclusive classrooms. It is a statewide program.

Website: <http://www.mcie.org/>

### **Maryland School for the Blind (MSB)**

Provides services to all of Maryland, for students who are blind or visually impaired. The school is in Baltimore. It is free of charge for students who are accepted into the school. Students can be referred for evaluation by their local public school.

Website: <https://www.marylandschoolfortheblind.org/>

Phone: 410-444-5000, Email: [info@mdschblind.org](mailto:info@mdschblind.org)

### **Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD)**

Provides both day and residential school options for deaf and hearing-impaired students in Maryland. There are two locations, in Columbia and Frederick.

Website: <https://www.msd.edu/>

### **Maryland SNAP (Special Needs Advocacy Project)**

MD SNAP is a Jewish volunteer advocacy organization that provides educational advocacy to Jewish families with children in special education. It is in Baltimore.

Website: <https://cjebaltimore.org/programs/mdsnap/>

Phone: 410-735-5012, Email: [MDSNAP@cjebaltimore.org](mailto:MDSNAP@cjebaltimore.org)

### **MINDSet Center**

Provides educational and psychological assessment, therapy, tutoring, and other services for children with a wide range of disabilities. This company is in Bel Air.

Website: <https://mindsetcenter.com/>

Phone: 443-425-2200

### **New Heights Center**

New Heights Learning and Training Center provides one-on-one, individualized academic programs to individuals ages 6 through 60 to improve executive functioning, reading, comprehension, or math skills. This company is in Towson (Baltimore County).

Website: <http://www.newheightscenter.com/>

Phone: 410-821-8808

### **Project HEAL**

This program provides sliding scale advocacy and legal services related to special education and other special needs issues for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The child must be a Kennedy Krieger patient.

Website: <https://www.kennedykrieger.org/community/maryland-center-developmental-disabilities/project-heal>

### **Robin's Educational Consulting**

Robin Winternitz, M. Ed., over 35 years of experience in special education, advocacy, and case management.

Phone: 443-621-0370, Email: [RES4u@comcast.net](mailto:RES4u@comcast.net)

### **Special Education Citizen's Advisory Committee (SECAC)**

SECAC operates as a partnership between parents and families, community leaders, organizations, educators, and the Cecil County Public School leadership in support of the needs of children with disabilities. They offer trainings for parents, caregivers, and those engaged in working with school age children.

Website: (Cecil County) <https://cecilsecac.com/>

Social: (Cecil County) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/288274611488>

Email: (Harford County ) [harfordcountysecac@gmail.com](mailto:harfordcountysecac@gmail.com)

Social: (Harford County) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1207814129409560>

### **Special Kids Company**

Provides educational consulting, assessment, behavioral support services and advocacy for families of children with a variety of special needs. Located in Baltimore County.

Website: <https://www.specialkidscompany.com/>

### **Specialized Health Needs Interagency Collaboration (SHNIC)**

This program, housed at Kennedy Krieger, provides training and support for parents and school personnel throughout Maryland on the care of children with specialized health care needs.

Website: <https://www.kennedykrieger.org/community/community-programs/specialized-health-needs-interagency-collaboration>

Phone: 443-923-4558

## **Aberdeen Proving Ground Exceptional Family Member Program (APGEFMP)**

Serves military and civilian families within the APG community who have a family member with a disability. They provide information and referral for military and community services, education and outreach, development of family services plans, referral to other military and family support providers, local school, and early intervention services information.

Website: <https://installations.militaryonesource.mil/military-installation/aberdien-proving-ground/exceptional-family-member-program/exceptional-family-member-program>

## **The Arc of Baltimore**

Provides a variety of activities for families and children with developmental disabilities. Many of these activities are open to participants from other counties, including Harford.

Website: <https://www.thearcbaltimore.org/programs/family-services/>

## **The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region, Family Support Services**

Serves families and individuals over The Arc of their lifespan. Specializes in individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities but all are welcome to participate.

Located in Harford County. Provides parent group, activities, trainings, and resource/referral. To receive the monthly newsletter, or for more information,

Website: <https://arcncr.org/programs-services/family-support-services-home/>

Phone: 410-836-7177, Email: [FSS@arcncr.org](mailto:FSS@arcncr.org).

## **Brain Injury Association of Maryland**

Statewide organization dedicated to providing education, research and support related to brain injury. Several local support groups serve the Baltimore area. Contact information for these is listed on the second website.

Website: <http://www.biamd.org/>

<https://www.biamd.org/baltimore-area.html>

## **CHADD of Greater Baltimore**

Provides support groups for adults and parents of children with ADHD in Greater Baltimore including Harford County.

Website: <https://www.chadd-mc.org/>

## **Chesapeake Down Syndrome Parent Group**

Serves families in the Baltimore metropolitan area including Harford County. Provides programs and support for families of children with Down syndrome.

Website: <http://www.cdspg.org/>

Phone: 410-321-5434, Email: [info@cdspg.org](mailto:info@cdspg.org)



### **Creative Options, Family and Individual Support Services**

Provides in-home support to individuals with physical disabilities. This program sometimes has funding for projects such as home remodeling to accommodate a physical disability. This program is in Baltimore.

Website: <https://creativeoptionsmd.com/services/fiss/>

### **Epilepsy Foundation of the Chesapeake Region**

Provides support groups and resources for individuals with epilepsy and their families.

Website: <https://epilepsymaryland.org/>

### **Family Support Network**

The Family Support Network was designed to meet the needs of Maryland families with children, birth to three, who have been identified as having developmental delays or disabilities. The FSN provides information to families regarding community services, local support groups, workshops, and advocacy groups, and provides opportunities for families to network and share ideas. The local FSN office is in Bel Air (Harford County).

Website: <https://www.hcps.org/departments/instructionalsupport/specialeducation.aspx>

Phone: 410-638-3823, Email: [infants.toddlers@hcps.org](mailto:infants.toddlers@hcps.org)

### **GT/LD Network**

Support group for families of children who are both gifted and learning disabled. It is based in Bethesda (Montgomery County).

Website: <https://gtldnetwork.wordpress.com/>

### **Harford ROCK STARS**

This is a support group for grandparents raising their grandchildren. It meets in Bel Air (Harford County).

Website: <https://hckinshipnavigation.weebly.com/support-groups.html>

Phone: 443-643-5338, Email: [caity.lovettd@mdcourts.gov](mailto:caity.lovettd@mdcourts.gov)

### **International Dyslexia Association**

Their mission is to create a future for all individuals who struggle with dyslexia and other related reading differences so that they may have richer, more robust lives and access to the tools and resources they need. This organization is in Towson, MD.

Website: <https://dyslexiaida.org/>

Phone: 410-296-0232, Email: [info@dyslexiaida.org](mailto:info@dyslexiaida.org)

### **Jewish Community Services**

Provides a variety of services including counseling, advocacy and case management to Jewish families with a child with disabilities. The main office is in Baltimore but services are provided throughout the Baltimore metropolitan area.

Website: <https://jcsbalt.org/services/disabilities-support/>

### **Kennedy Krieger Resource Finder**

This service helps patients at Kennedy Krieger find needed programs in the community. Most of Kennedy Krieger's programs are in Baltimore City but the Resource Finder will help you locate programs where you live.

Website: <https://www.kennedykrieger.org/community/resource-finder>

Phone: 800-390-3372

### **Learning Disabilities Association of Maryland**

Statewide organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all individuals with learning disabilities through awareness, advocacy, education, service and collaborative efforts.

Website: <https://www.ldamd.org/>

Phone: 888-265-6459, Email: [ldamd@ldamd.org](mailto:ldamd@ldamd.org)

### **Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF)**

MCF is a support and advocacy program for individuals with mental health diagnoses and their families.

Website: [www.mdcoalition.org](http://www.mdcoalition.org)

### **Maryland Fragile X Resource Group**

A community of families that have children with Fragile X Syndrome. They provide mutual support and education, promote awareness, and fund research on Fragile X. This is a statewide group.

Phone: 301-926-0576, Email: [kmhead129@aol.com](mailto:kmhead129@aol.com)

### **Mental Health Association of Maryland**

Provides community information and training, advocacy, and information for individuals with mental health issues and their families. This is a statewide organization.

Website: <https://www.mhamd.org/>

Phone: 443-901-1550, Email: [info@mhamd.org](mailto:info@mhamd.org)

### **National Alliance on Mental Illness, Maryland (NAMI)**

Focuses on recovery, resiliency, and the support that is essential to wellness and quality of life for individuals with mental illness. This is a statewide organization. There is a Harford County Chapter that offers a support group.

Website: <http://namimd.org/>

Phone: 410-884-8691, Email: [namiharfordcounty@gmail.com](mailto:namiharfordcounty@gmail.com)

### **National Multiple Sclerosis Society Greater DC-Maryland Chapter**

Provides education about MS, information and referrals, counseling services, support groups, advocacy, respite, and other services. This chapter serves Maryland, northern Virginia, and Washington DC.

Website: <https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/MDM>

Phone: 800-344-4867

### **North Chesapeake Special Needs Advocacy Group (SNAG)**

SNAG is committed to providing support, increasing awareness, advocating for change & promoting opportunities which enhance the lives of individuals with special needs and their families in the North Chesapeake Region (Harford and Cecil Counties).

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/North-Chesapeake-SNAG-Special-Needs-Advocacy-Group-1211144538954324/>

Email: [northchesapeakesnag@gmail.com](mailto:northchesapeakesnag@gmail.com)

### **Parents' Place of Maryland (PPMD)**

A statewide, parent-directed, family-centered, cross-disability organization. Its purpose is to enhance the ability of people with disabilities, enabling them to participate as fully as possible in home, school and community life through education, information and referrals, technical assistance, and support activities designed for their parents and families. Programs are provided throughout Maryland.

Website: <https://www.ppmmd.org/>

Phone: 410-768-9100, Email: [info@ppmd.org](mailto:info@ppmd.org)

### **Partners for Success**

Established as part of each local school system in Maryland, are available to parents as a resource and information center. Partners for Success Centers seek to provide information about community services, assist families in resolving concerns, and increase parental involvement in the special education decision making process.

Phone: (Cecil County) 410-996-5637, Email: (Cecil County) [prc@ccps.org](mailto:prc@ccps.org)

Phone: (Harford County) 410-273-5579, Email (Harford County) [partners.success@hcps.org](mailto:partners.success@hcps.org)

### **Spina Bifida Association of Maryland**

Provides services including support, activities, information, and some funding for individuals with spina bifida and their families. The funding is available for active members only. This chapter serves the Baltimore metropolitan area including Harford County.

Website: <https://www.sbmaryland.com/>

Phone: 410-279-1049, Email: [soleas.sbamd@gmail.com](mailto:soleas.sbamd@gmail.com)

### **Tourette Association of Greater Washington**

Serves families throughout Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia and West Virginia.

Website: <http://tsagw.org/>

### **Unified Community Connections**

This program provides support and other services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The program is based out of Sparks, Md. (Baltimore County).

Website: <https://www.unified.org/>

Phone: 410-484-4540, Email: [info@unified.org](mailto:info@unified.org)

### **The Angel Fund**

Provides funding for children with special needs and medical conditions for items not covered by insurance. This organization is spread throughout several states along the east coast.

Website: <https://www.theangelfund.net/>

Social: <https://www.facebook.com/TheAngelFund/>

### **The Arc Northern Chesapeake, Family Support Services**

The Arc Northern Chesapeake serves families and children with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in Harford and Cecil Counties. Limited funding available. Offers resources to other funding sources.

Website: <https://arcncr.org/programs-services/family-support-services-home/>

Phone: 410-836-7177, Email: [FSS@arcncr.org](mailto:FSS@arcncr.org)

### **Casey Cares Foundation**

Provides a variety of programs and supports for families with critically ill children, to include birthday celebrations, weekend family vacations, and special events.

Website: <https://www.caseycares.org/>

### **Children's Wish Foundation**

National program provides once in a lifetime "wishes" to children with life threatening illnesses.

Website: <https://childrenswish.org/>

### **Dream Factory Inc.**

National program which provides once in a lifetime "wishes" to children with chronic illnesses and disorders.

Website: <https://dreamfactoryinc.org/>

### **First Hand Foundation**

Provides funding for medical services not covered by insurance including therapies and equipment. This is a national organization.

Website: <https://www.firsthandfoundation.org/>

### **Friends of Man**

Friends of Man is a Colorado charity that will accept out of state requests. They provide grants to cover medical costs, mobility equipment, and home modifications.

Website: <https://www.friendsofman.org/>

### **The Image Center**

The Assistive Technology Program at the Image Center is designed to assist consumers with the purchase or repair of technologies, such as wheelchair ramps, stair glides, and hearing aids.

Website: <http://imagemd.org/services.html>

### **Jill Fox Memorial Fund**

Baltimore based charity which provides grants to help cover the cost of medical/healthcare services, equipment or treatment and in support of the well-being of children, adults and families with medical/healthcare needs and limited resources. The application for this grant must be made by a medical professional.

Website: <http://www.jillfoxfund.org/>

### **Joni and Friends International Disability Center**

Joni and Friends is an international program which provides wheelchairs to children and adults with disabilities.

Website: [www.joniandfriends.org](http://www.joniandfriends.org)

### **Joseph's Journey**

Provides wilderness experiences, including hunting, to children with life threatening illnesses.

Website: <http://www.josephsjourney.org/home.aspx>

### **Kids Wish Network**

In addition to providing once in a lifetime "wishes" to children with life threatening illnesses, this national organization provides a number of other resources including assistance with funeral expenses and programs for children in the care of homeless shelters, hospitals, abuse shelters, and other facilities.

Website: <https://www.kidswishnetwork.org/>

### **Lilli's Lift**

Provides funding for home modifications for families with children with physical disabilities. This is a national organization.

Website: <http://www.lilislift.org/>

### **LISS (Low Intensity Support Services) from DDA (Developmental Disabilities Administration)**

Provides up to \$2,000 per year for specialized products & services. The funds are allocated using a random lottery drawing. Applications are accepted twice a year. For specific information on LISS and instructions on how to apply:

Website: [Low Intensity Support Services \(LISS\) \(maryland.gov\)](http://www.maryland.gov/lowintensitysupportservices)

### **Lions Clubs, International**

Community outreach and some have funds available to help families buy equipment and cover other expenses not paid by insurance.

Website: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en>

### **Make a Wish Foundation**

National foundation which funds once in a lifetime “wishes” and family vacations for children with life threatening illnesses.

Website: <https://wish.org/>

### **The Marty Lyon’s Foundation Wish Program**

Provides once in a lifetime “wishes” for children ages 3 to 17 with life threatening illnesses.

Website: <https://martylyonsfoundation.org/>

### **Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council (MD DDC)**

Has a number of grants available. While most are for use by organizations, they do have a grant to provide funding to individuals with disabilities and their families to attend conferences.

Website: <http://www.md-council.org/funding/>

### **My Gym Foundation**

Offers grants of up to \$500 to purchase adaptive equipment and services for individuals with physical and/or intellectual disabilities. This is a national program.

Website: <https://www.mygymfoundation.org/>

### **Social Security Administration (SSA)**

Provides Medical Assistance and a monthly income to low-income individuals with disabilities who meet eligibility requirements through Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Prior to age 18 financial qualifications are based on the combined income of the child and parents. After age 18, financial qualifications are based solely on the income of the individual with a disability. This is a national program.

Website: <https://www.ssa.gov/>

Phone: 800-772-1213

### **Sunshine Foundation**

This national program grants once in a lifetime “wishes” to children who are terminally ill, chronically ill, or abused whose families cannot fulfill these wishes due to the financial strain that the child’s illness may cause.

Website: <http://sunshinefoundation.org/>



### **Travis Roy Foundation**

National foundation provides grants for individuals with spinal cord injuries for the upgrade and maintenance of wheelchairs, vehicle modifications (i.e., hand controls or lifts), small home modifications including ramp and lift installation, computers, and other adaptive equipment.

Website: <http://www.travisroyfoundation.org/sci/grants/>

### **Variety Grant**

Provides funding to individuals and organizations for equipment, products, and services to benefit children with disabilities. This is an international program; the closest chapter is in Philadelphia. Applications must go through a local chapter.

Website: <http://usvariety.org/>

### **What I Wish for My Child Program sponsored by the Image Center**

Provides one-of-a-kind assistive technology solutions for children aged 2-21 free of charge to grant recipients. This program serves the Baltimore metropolitan area including Harford County.

Website: <https://imagemd.org/what-i-wish-for-my-child/>

### **Baltimore County Parks & Recreation, Office of Therapeutic Recreation**

Provides a variety of recreational opportunities for children and adults with disabilities, some of which are inclusive programs.

Website:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/recreation/programdivision/therapeutic/index.html>

Phone: 410-887-5370 (voice) 410-887-5319 (TTY or Deaf),

Email: [tr-rp@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:tr-rp@baltimorecountymd.gov)

### **Best Buddies Maryland**

Includes programs within select high schools in Harford County. These programs foster friendships between students with and without disabilities. The organization also promotes integrated employment and leadership among those with developmental disabilities.

Website: <https://www.bestbuddies.org/maryland/>

### **Boy Scout Troop 4513**

This troop welcomes boys and men aged 11 and older with a diagnosed special need. The troop meets in Churchville (Harford County).

Website: <http://www.troop4513.scoutlander.com/publicsite/unithome.aspx?UID=13733>

Phone: (Maria Joesten) 410-775-3225 , Email: [davej0322@yahoo.com](mailto:davej0322@yahoo.com)

### **Children's Christian Musical**

Group practices each summer to present a Christian themed musical during early fall. Practice and performance locations vary but are generally in central or Northern Harford County. This is an inclusive program for children from preschool through adolescence that welcomes children with disabilities.

Email: [childrensmusical@gmail.com](mailto:childrensmusical@gmail.com)

### **Downtown Sailing Center**

Hosts an adaptive sailing program for individuals with disabilities a couple of days a month. Located at the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

Website: <https://downtownsailing.org/adaptivesail>

Phone: 410-727-0722, Email: [info@downtownsailing.org](mailto:info@downtownsailing.org)

### **Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation, Therapeutic Recreation (TR)**

Offers a variety of programs for children and adults with disabilities. Activities included: social dances, karaoke, craft nights, adaptive exercise, social groups, summer camps, and other programs and special events. TR is also planning to offer virtual and in-person Fitness programs, and in-person adaptive wheelchair sport programs such as wheelchair basketball, wheelchair tennis/pickleball, wheelchair softball, etc. (For those who do not own a sport wheelchair, new ones are available for use during the programs). Check the website regularly to see when new sessions/programs are added at

Website: <https://secure.rec1.com/MD/harford-county-md/catalog/index/>

Phone: (Rachel Kollasch) 410-638-4899, Email: [rkollasch@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:rkollasch@harfordcountymd.gov)

### **Harford County Public Library (HCPL)**

Check the library website to assess what programs are available or ask a librarian.

HCPL offers a variety of programs geared specifically towards individuals with disabilities which may include sensory times, teen sensory socials, and family accessibility nights. Other activities are inclusive and welcome children with disabilities. The library can help you locate books, toys recommended by OTs and other resources within their collection for your special needs family. It has a list of children's books with strong characters with disabilities that can be role models for children with disabilities and their siblings. To search the events calendar, go to <https://hcplonline.org> and click on "Programs and Events" in the menu across the top of the page on the black bar, then click on "Full Calendar" under "This Week's Events" on the left. You can then filter events by event type. Select "Diverse Learning" for events geared towards individuals with special needs.

Website: <https://www.hcplonline.org/>

### **The Image Center of Maryland**

Offers a Teen Connect Program for teens and young adults.

Website: <https://imagemd.org/>

Email: [youthservices@imagemd.org](mailto:youthservices@imagemd.org)

### **Maryland Youth Ballet, Music & Movement Program**

Provides therapeutic ballet opportunities for children ages four and up with developmental disabilities including children with physical impairments who cannot walk. Program located in Montgomery County.

Website: <https://www.marylandyouthballet.org/outreach/music-and-motion/>

Phone: 301-608-2232, Email: [info@marylandyouthballet.org](mailto:info@marylandyouthballet.org)

### **Mountain Christian Church**

Provides a variety of inclusive services and youth programs, as well as a special needs adult program. The church has locations in Joppa, Bel Air, and Edgewood (Harford County).

Website: <https://mountaincc.org/>

Phone: 410-877-1824, Email: [info@mountaincc.org](mailto:info@mountaincc.org)

### **Mount Zion United Methodist Church**

This church, located in Bel Air and Aberdeen (Harford County), has a variety of special needs ministries. Offers a special needs worship service each Sunday and weekly activities for adults with special needs. Check their Facebook page for updates on activities.

Website: <https://www.mzprays.org/special-needs-ministries>

Social: <https://www.facebook.com/BCMtZion>

### **Night to Shine/A Night for Our Stars**

Free prom for students and adults age 16 and older with special needs, accompanied by a caregiver, is held at various locations in Harford County. This activity does not have a website or contact information but announces its event through Harford County Support Groups.

### **Sensory Friendly Grocery Shopping**

The third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM the Owings Mills Giant at 9934 Reisterstown Road is open for sensory friendly shopping. They turn off the music and intercom, have extra staffing available for assistance, and provide fresh fruit for snacking.

### **Sensory Friendly Movies**

The second and fourth Saturdays, AMC movies in Columbia, Towson, and White Marsh have sensory friendly family movies. They show the movie with the lights up, reduce the volume, and allow guests to move around during the movie. The second and fourth Wednesday evening they have sensory friendly movies for adults. Check with your local theater ahead of time to confirm they are still participating.

### **Sensory Friendly Sundays at Chuckee Cheese – Postponed until further notice**

The first Sunday of every month from 9 am until 11 am, the Chuckee Cheese at 6637 Governor Richie Highway in Glen Burnie opens with dimmer lights and fewer sounds.

### **Story Play**

These interactive, inclusive story times are appropriate for young children (1-5 years) with a variety of special needs. This program is in Forest Hill (Harford County).

Website: <http://playroomharford.com/storyplay>

### **Young Life Capernaum Harford County**

Teaching teenagers of every ability in Harford County about life, love, and God.

Email: [harfordco.capernaum@gmail.com](mailto:harfordco.capernaum@gmail.com)

Social: <https://www.facebook.com/ylcapernaumharfordcounty>

## Care Coordination Plus

You can receive Care Coordination Plus if you: Are a Harford County Resident Have Medicaid, a Qualified Health Plan, Medicare, Commercial Insurance or are uninsured. Need help finding a doctor or navigating the system The Care Coordination Plus program can refer you to Health Department programs and other Community resources.

Website: [Health Care Coordination \(harfordcountyhealth.com\)](http://harfordcountyhealth.com)

Phone: 410-612-1770 (hit prompt for Care Coordination Plus)

## Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Resource Locator

This website, sponsored by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, provides information about programs and resources throughout the state.

Website: <http://specialneeds.health.maryland.gov/>

## Community First Choice or Community Personal Assistance Services

Provides in-home assistance services to support the development of activities of daily living and maintain an individual in the community. Eligible individuals must have Medical Assistance. For additional details:

Website: <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/longtermcare/Pages/Community-First-Choice.aspx>

Phone: 410-612-1779 (Harford County Health Department, select the option for Care Coordination)

## Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS), Bel Air Office

Promotes leadership and support for successful employment, economic self-sufficiency, and independence of individuals with disabilities and offers a vocational evaluation, skills training, academic preparation, job placement assistance, and independent living programs. This office serves Harford County.

Website: <https://dors.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Phone: 410-836-4590, Email: [belair.dors@maryland.gov](mailto:belair.dors@maryland.gov)

## Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS), Pre- Employment Services age 14-21

If you are looking for help to make the transition from high school to jobs, careers, higher education or job training you have come to the right place.

Website: <https://dors.maryland.gov/crps/Pages/Pre-ETS.aspx>

## Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD)

MDOD is charged with coordinating and improving the delivery of services to individuals with disabilities in Maryland. MDOD provides a number of services to include a constituent program which assists Marylanders to navigate the offerings by the State. Each of the programs is intended to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities and provide customer service assistance to those requiring further information or advocacy.

Website: <http://mdod.maryland.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>

### **Maryland Department of Disabilities Attendant Care Program**

This program provides attendant care for individuals ages 18-64 with severe chronic or permanent physical disabilities. This is a statewide program. (The website also has a list of other helpful resources on the left.)

Website: <http://mdod.maryland.gov/acp/Pages/Attendant-Care-Home.aspx>

Phone: 800-637-4113

### **Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council (MD DDC)**

The mission of the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council is to advance the inclusion of people with disabilities in all facets of the community throughout Maryland. They have a variety of programs and trainings available.

Website: <http://www.md-council.org/>

### **Maryland Relay**

A telephone communication system that connects telephone conversations between people who can hear and those who are deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened, deaf-blind, or speech disabled by using text telephones. This is a statewide program.

Website: [www.mdrelay.org](http://www.mdrelay.org)

Phone: 443-453-5970 (dial 711 to use the service)

### **Medical Assistance Transportation**

Appropriate transportation is provided for Harford County Medical Assistance (MA) recipients to and from medical appointments covered by the MA Program. Rides must be reserved at least two days in advance.

Phone: 410-638-1671

### **REM Medical Assistance**

The REM program provides integrated coordination of services and fee for service style medical assistance for individuals who are eligible for Maryland Medical Assistance and have specialized health care needs that meet program criteria. A child's primary care physician must complete the application for this program.

Website: <https://www.coordinatingcenter.org/programs-services/the-rem-program/>



## About DDA

The DDA is the primary State agency that funds community-based services and supports for people with developmental disabilities. The DDA provides a coordinated service delivery system, so that people receive appropriate services oriented toward the goal of full integration into their community. The DDA's community-based service delivery system includes various home and community-based services and supports provided through either a Medicaid State Plan, Waiver program or via DDA State funded services. The DDA currently is unable to meet all the requests, so it established a waiting list. The waiting list is prioritized so that people with the greatest need are helped first. The DDA follows regulations to determine eligibility, priority category, and placement on the waiting list. DDA has regional offices based on where you live.

Website: <https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/home.aspx>

Application for services: <https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/howtoapply.aspx>

DDA Central Maryland Regional Office (includes Harford County)

Phone: 410-234-8200, Toll Free: 877-874-2494 TDD: (800) 735-2258

DDA Eastern Shore Regional Office (includes Cecil County)

410-572-5920. Toll Free: 888-219-0478 TDD: (800) 735-2258

## Community Pathways Waiver

The Maryland Community Pathways Waiver helps participants to live more independently in their homes and communities. The program provides a variety of Meaningful Day, Support, and Residential Services that promote community living, including a self-directed service model and traditional, agency-based service model.

Website: <https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/community%20pathways.aspx>

## Community Supports Waiver

The Community Supports Waiver helps participants to live more independently in their homes and communities. The program provides a variety of Meaningful Day and Support Services that promote community living, including a self-directed service model and traditional, agency-based service model.

Website: [https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Community\\_Supports\\_Waiver.aspx](https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Community_Supports_Waiver.aspx)

## Family Support Waiver

The Maryland Family Supports Waiver is for individuals up to age 21. The program provides a variety of Support Services that promote community living, including a self-directed service model and traditional, agency-based service model.

Website: [https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/DDA\\_FAMILY\\_SUPPORTS\\_Waiver.aspx](https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/DDA_FAMILY_SUPPORTS_Waiver.aspx)

## **Self-Directed Services**

The DDA's Family Supports Waiver, Community Supports Waiver, and Community Pathways Waiver all offer the option to self-direct services. This is a service delivery model for participants, legal guardians, or their designated representatives who wish to exercise more choice, control, and authority over their supports. Self-direction gives waiver participants and families greater control over the services they receive, how they receive them, and who provides them. At the same time, people who self-direct must be willing to take on the responsibility of managing their services.

Website: <https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Self-Determination.aspx>

## **Coordination of Community Services (CCS) Agencies**

CCS agencies assist individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families in learning and gaining access to resources in their community, planning for their future, and accessing needed services and supports. The following are the CCS agencies that are available to assist residents of Harford County.

### **The Coordinating Center**

Provides Coordination of Community Services (CCS) for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Website: <https://www.coordinatingcenter.org/>

Phone: 410-987-1048

### **MMARS RC, Inc.**

MMARS provides DDA Coordination of Community Services across the entire State of Maryland for almost 3 years. They also provide case management for Maryland Medicaid Waiver programs.

Website: <https://mmars.com/>

Phone: 866-778-0193, Email: [info@mmarsrc.com](mailto:info@mmarsrc.com)

### **Optimal Health Care Inc.**

Provides Coordination of Community Services throughout Maryland.

Website: <https://www.ohc-inc.com/>

Phone: 855-798-1898, Email: [nmoulick@ohc-inc.com](mailto:nmoulick@ohc-inc.com)

### **Service Coordination**

Service Coordination provides Coordination of Community Services to individuals who are eligible for services through DDA. They do this by helping people understand what their choices are and connecting them to resources in their communities in ways that respect their dignity and rights.

Website: <https://www.servicecoord.org/>

Phone: 410-235-8110

### **Total Care Services, Inc.**

Provides Coordination of Community Services (CCS) for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Website: <https://totalcare1.org/>

Phone: 301-918-0070, 800-465-6125

### **Self-Directed Advocacy Network (SDAN)**

Their mission is to promote and support the use of self-directed services to empower individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve purposeful and fulfilling lives. They work with DDA to promote self-direction, advocate for legislation, and more.

Website: <https://www.marylandsds.org/>

This section provides information on agencies that provide resources such as day programs, supported employment, personal supports and respite to individuals with differing abilities in Harford County. For a complete list of all service providers, including community living (residential) services, visit the DDA website:

Website: <https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/cmro-providers.aspx> (Central Maryland)

## **Abilities Network**

Provides employment support and independent living support to adults with disabilities. Main office located in Towson, MD.

Website: <https://abilitiesnetwork.org/>

Phone: 410-828-7700

## **The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region (The Arc NCR)**

The Arc NCR empowers people with differing abilities to live, work and thrive in the community through programs such as Community Living, Community Partners, Employment Services, Family Support Services, Personal Supports, Treatment Foster Care and Virtual Supports, including respite, behavioral support, and day services to individuals with differing abilities.

Website: <https://arcncr.org/>

## **Aspire Living and Learning (formerly Mid-Atlantic Human Service Corp.)**

Offers a variety of day options in Bel Air, with some transportation options, to include but not limited to paid employment, volunteer activities, community integration and micro-businesses.

Website: <https://allinc.org/>

Phone: 410-569-6490 x 2412

## **Bayside Community Network**

Located in Elkton (Cecil County). Transportation is available to/from parts of Harford County. They offer a day program for adults, personal supports, and employment services.

Website: <http://www.thevalueofcommunity.org/>

Phone: 410-398-6394

## **Chesapeake Care Resources**

Operate a day program in Elkton (Cecil County), with transportation available to Harford County residents. As of February 2021, the program is only open to residents of Chesapeake Care residential homes. The day program hopes to re-open after vaccines are widely available. Check their website or call to find out the latest information.

Website: <https://www.chesapeake-care.org/home>

Phone: 410-287-5040, Email: [CCR@Chesapeake-care.org](mailto:CCR@Chesapeake-care.org)

### **Chimes**

Operates a day program in Baltimore County. They also have supported employment opportunities, including custodial work at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Website: <https://chimes.org/>

### **The Harford Center**

The Harford Center has day programs in Havre de Grace and Street (northern Harford County), both of which provide transportation.

Website: <https://harfordcenter.org/>

Phone: 410-939-1420

### **The League for People with Disabilities**

Provides a variety of services for individuals with disabilities and their families. They offer direct support services to adults, and to children with autism. Their services for children with disabilities are provided primarily through the Autism Waiver. At their website, look under Programs.

Website: <https://www.leagueforpeople.org/>

### **Penn Mar**

Located in northern Baltimore County. Operates a day program, with a drop off/pickup location in Jarrettsville.

Website: <http://www.penn-mar.org/>

Phone: 410-343-1069

### **Richcroft**

Provides personal supports and family supports. Personal supports include assistance with personal care, medical services, transportation, and social as well as recreational activities.

Website: <https://www.richcroft.com/index.html>

Phone: 410-785-3274, E-mail: [info@richcroft.com](mailto:info@richcroft.com)

### **Unified Community Connections**

Unified Community Connections' mission is to support individuals with disabilities in achieving independence, productivity, and the quality of life they seek. The day program is in Middle River (Baltimore County). Other services include supported employment and personal supports.

Website: <https://unified.org/>

Email: [info@unified.org](mailto:info@unified.org)

## Center for Adoption Support and Education

Provides information and specialized counseling for individuals involved in foster care and/or adoption, many services are free of charge. Located in Montgomery County.

Website: <https://adoptionsupport.org/>

Phone: 301-476-8525, Email: [caseadopt@adoptionsupport.org](mailto:caseadopt@adoptionsupport.org)

## Harford Crisis Center

The Klein Family Harford Crisis Center is a public-private, integrated system of behavioral health care addressing mental health and addiction in Harford County. It offers immediate access to care in a safe and comfortable setting and coordination of services strengthening the path to recovery and wellness. The Center offers a 24/7 crisis hotline and mobile crisis team, a walk-in urgent care clinic (check for hours of operation), scheduled outpatient services and short-stay residential services for adult guests requiring an extended period of concentrated care.

Website: <https://harfordcrisiscenter.org/>

Phone: ( 24 hotline) 800-639-8783 or locally 410-874-0711

## Humanim

Program for adults with developmental disabilities provides behavioral assessment/consultation and in-home supports. Recipients must be DDA eligible. Humanim has several offices in the Baltimore metropolitan area and serves Harford County.

Website: <https://humanim.org/what-we-do/human-services/behavioral-health/>

Phone: 410-381-7171, Email: [info@humanim.com](mailto:info@humanim.com)

## Mental Health Association of Maryland

Mental Health Association of Maryland (MHAMD) has been a leader in progressive programs resulting in more effective treatment, improved outcomes for individuals, increased research and greater public understanding of the needs of children and adults living with mental illness. We envision a just, humane and healthy society in which all people are accorded respect, dignity and the opportunity to achieve their full potential free from stigma and prejudice. This organization is in Lutherville (Baltimore County) but serves Harford County.

Website: <https://www.mhamd.org/>

Phone: 443-901-1550, Email: [info@mhamd.org](mailto:info@mhamd.org)

## Office on Mental Health/Core Service Agency

This agency provides links to public behavioral health services for individuals of all ages and is the local behavioral health authority and systems manager for mental health services in Harford County. The office is in Bel Air.

Website: <http://harfordmentalhealth.org/>

Phone: 410-803-8726



## **Psychiatric Rehabilitation Programs (PRP)**

PRP services provide children and adults with mental health diagnosis with support and training in activities of daily living, leisure skills, social skills and appropriate behavior. Participants must have Medical Assistance. The Harford Mental Health website has a list of providers.

Website: <http://harfordmentalhealth.org/mental-health-resources>

## **School Based Mental Health Services**

Harford County Public Schools provide mental health services on site. Participants must have Medical Assistance. Contact your child's school for more information.

## **Sheppard Pratt Hospital**

Offers a variety of services including a Neuropsychiatric Inpatient Unit for children with developmental disabilities who are encountering a mental health crisis and the Crisis Walk-In Clinic (in their Weinburg building on the Towson campus) for evaluation and referral for inpatient services.

Website: <https://www.sheppardpratt.org/for-patients-supports/>

Phone:

410-938-HELP (4357) (for a scheduled crisis appointment)

410-938-5000 (for referral services)

410-938-5302 (for crisis walk-in clinic)

## **Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

Website: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

Phone: 800-273-8255

## **Teen Diversion**

Teen Diversion is a day program in Harford County for youth aged 13-17. The program is operated by the Health Department and is housed within the Harford County Public School system. The program provides intensive mental health treatment including: individual therapy, group therapy, psychiatric rehabilitation program (PRP), family therapy, and medication management. The program duration is typically 12-16 weeks, with the goal of keeping youth in their homes and to prevent any out-of-home placement (hospitals, voluntary placement, etc.). Located in Aberdeen.

Website: <http://harfordcountyhealth.com/harford-county-health-department-services/services-for-teens/teen-diversion/>

Phone: 410-838-1500

## **Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS)**

A short-term supplemental service to be used in conjunction with other mental health services for individuals under the age of 21. This program provides support within the home to increase structure, model responses for parents and assist in implementation of behavioral interventions. Participants must have Medical Assistance. A full list of service providers is available at the Harford Mental Health website.

Website: <http://harfordmentalhealth.org/mental-health-resources>

## **Youth Crisis Hotline**

Phone: 800-422-0009

## **Children's Choice Respite Services**

Provides in home and out of home (overnight) respite for children with behavioral difficulties due to a mental health diagnosis ages 3-17. Their closest office is in Baltimore but they serve surrounding areas. Eligible children must have Medical Assistance.

Website: <https://www.childrenschoice.org/maryland-programs/>

Phone: 410-319-9681

## **LOCATE: Child Care Special Needs Services**

Assists families in finding childcare, before/after school care, and summer programs for children with disabilities.

Website: <https://www.marylandfamilynetwork.org/for-parents/locate-child-care-special-needs>

Phone: 800-999-0120

## **Menucha**

This organization provides support, including in home support and respite, to Jewish families with children with special needs in a culturally responsive manner. This program is centered in Baltimore.

Website: <http://www.menuchainc.org/home.html>

Phone: 443-334-5927, Email: [menuchadirector@gmail.com](mailto:menuchadirector@gmail.com)

## **Project Act**

Project Act is a program of Abilities Network which provides training and support to childcare providers (both family childcare providers and childcare centers) in an effort to better include children with disabilities and children at risk for later identification of having a disability.

Website: <https://abilitiesnetwork.org/programs/project-act/program-overview/>

Phone: 410-828-7700

## **Respite Care Program - Maryland Department of Social Services (DSS)**

The Respite Care program offers short term temporary care in order to provide a period of rest and renewal to family caregivers by temporarily relieving them of the demands and stresses of care giving responsibilities. Respite care is provided at planned intervals, in a time of crisis, or on an as-needed basis. We serve children and adults with developmental disabilities and adults with functional disabilities and their families.

Website: <https://dhs.maryland.gov/office-of-adult-services/respite-care-program/>

Phone: (Harford County) 410-836-4915

Phone: (Cecil County): 410-221-1940

### **Safe Families**

Safe Families for Children is a Christian program which provides breathing room and support for families in crisis, giving them time to get back on their feet while their children are cared for in a safe and loving environment. This program is not specific to children with special needs and is not equipped to meet the needs of children with significant special needs including significant behavioral difficulties. While the average length of stay for children is six weeks (this is a crisis program not a regular respite program), participation is voluntary, and parents may reunite with their children at any time. The goal of this program is to keep children safe and out of foster care. Additional supports are provided to participating families both during and after the out of home placement. The Maryland chapter is associated with Building Families for Children, an organization based in Columbia. It serves central Maryland including Harford County.

Website: <https://safe-families.org/>

<https://buildingfamiliesforchildren.org/>

Phone: 410-872-1050

### **Villa Maria Home-Based Respite**

Provides a temporary break for the parent(s), guardian(s) or caregiver(s) from the demands associated with caring for children and adolescents who have documented mental health challenges. The identified child is matched with a caring and skilled mental health professional one-on-one who provides the child with therapeutic opportunities to enhance the child's well-being while providing a planned break to the parent(s), guardian(s) or caregiver(s). Must have Medical Assistance. Children ages 4 to 17.5 enrolled in public mental health system.

Website: <https://www.catholiccharities-md.org/services/villa-maria-community-resources-home-based-respite-program/>

Email: [families@cc-md.org](mailto:families@cc-md.org)

### **World of Care – Run by Kennedy Krieger PACT**

A specialized childcare center designed to meet the individual needs of children who have medical conditions requiring daily nursing care and children with developmental disabilities who require multiple therapies (physical, occupational, or speech/language). World of Care is in Baltimore County.

Website: <https://www.kennedykrieger.org/community/initiatives/pact/program-services/world-of-care>

Phone: 410-298-7000

## **APG Bowling**

Harford County Parks & Rec provides an all-ages bowling program for individuals with special needs at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Sessions are eight weeks long and run year-round. Program is through Harford County Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation. Check their website to see when the program is running.

Website: <https://secure.rec1.com/MD/harford-county-md/catalog/index/ccf59bdf64e33d06c82e04cfc65ab1e6?filter=c2VhcmNoPSZjYXRIZ29yeSU1Qjk3MTQINUQ9MQ==>

## **Athletes Serving Athletes**

Assists individuals ages 5-65 with disabilities in competing in races, usually by providing a specialized stroller and partner(s) to push the stroller but they are open to various disabilities and multiple methods of participating in races. The emphasis in this program is on the social aspects of training and running. Programs are throughout central Maryland.

Website: <http://www.athletesservingathletes.org/>

Phone: 443-272-1204

## **Baltimore Adapted Recreation and Sports**

Provides a variety of sporting and camping experiences for adults with disabilities throughout Baltimore County.

Website: <http://www.barsinfo.org/programs.html>

## **Baltimore Area Special Hockey, Inc.**

The Baltimore Saints is a special needs ice hockey team which welcomes individuals with physical and/or intellectual disabilities. It practices primarily in Reisterstown.

Website: <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=baltimoresaintshockey>

## **Child's Heart Yoga**

Uses yoga as a way to manage anxiety and improve social skills. Experienced working with children with autism spectrum disorders. This business is in Baltimore County and serves both Baltimore and Harford Counties.

Website: <https://www.childsheartyoga.com/>

Phone: 410-688-3118

## **Discovery Sports (basketball and soccer)**

The Bel Air Recreation Council offers Discovery Sports for children and adults with disabilities. The basketball program offers a class for ages 6 to 12, and another class for ages 13 and up.

Basketball starts in September and runs until May. The soccer program is for individuals with any disability ages 5 and up. It has a fall session and a winter session. At the Bel Air Recreation website, look under Youth Programs.

Website: <http://www.belairrec.org/>

### **Kids Enjoy Exercise Now (KEEN)**

This program for children ages 5-12 with significant challenges and pairs a child with a disability with a trained volunteer for unstructured athletic activities. In addition to their sports program, KEEN hosts programs in swimming, music, bowling, tae kwon do, and teen outings. Programs are located throughout Maryland including Dundalk (Baltimore County).

Website: <https://www.keengreaterdc.org/>

### **“I Can Do It” Special Needs Sports Program at Rebounders Gymnastics**

Provides individual and group gymnastics lessons for children of all ages with a wide range of physical and developmental disabilities. Located in Timonium (Baltimore County).

Website: <http://www.rebounders.com/special-needs/>

### **League of Dreams**

A baseball program for children with various disabilities with an emphasis on those with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities. It is wheelchair accessible. Located in Baltimore County. Visit the website for more information on programs.

Website: <https://leagueofdreams.org/>

Phone: 410-719-1641

### **Miracle League of Harford County**

Provides an opportunity for individuals with disabilities to play baseball on an accessible baseball field at Schucks Park, Bel Air, MD.

Website: <https://miracleleagueharford.org/>

Phone: 443-356-3704, Email: [MiracleLeagueharford@gmail.com](mailto:MiracleLeagueharford@gmail.com)

### **Parkville Adaptive Lacrosse**

Located in Baltimore County and offers children with special needs an opportunity to play lacrosse. This program welcomes individuals with a wide variety of disabilities including intellectual disabilities and physical disabilities.

Website: <https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=adaptivelacrosse>

Phone: 443-417-8985

### **Physically Challenged Sports and Recreation Program**

Provides a wide variety of sporting opportunities for children aged 2-21 with physical disabilities. This program does not serve children with significant intellectual disabilities. 3825 Greenspring Avenue; Baltimore, MD 21211

Website: <https://www.kennedykrieger.org/schools-and-education/educational-programs/physically-challenged-sports-recreation-program>

### **Special Olympics**

Provides competitive sporting opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities and/or other closely related disabilities ages eight and older. Harford County currently has Special Olympics teams in Alpine skiing, aquatics, athletics (track and field), basketball, bocce, bowling, cheerleading, equestrian, golf, kayaking, cross country skiing, soccer, and softball. Some opportunities also exist for children aged six and seven.

Website: <https://www.somd.org/soha/>

### **Sports for Life**

This is an extracurricular program for students with disabilities in Harford County public high schools. Students without disabilities also participate as helpers. For information, contact your child's high school.

### **Team Up For 1 Foundation**

TU41 Foundation unites children ages 5 to 18 with developmental disabilities and/or chronic or life-threatening illnesses with collegiate & high school sports teams. Participants attend team practices, sit on (or behind) the bench during games, attend team dinners and participate in other team activities as desired.

Website: <https://teamupfor1.org/>



Please note that this guide does not include counselors or traditional mental health therapists.

## **Augmenting Ability (Music Therapy)**

Services provided include individual music therapy sessions, group music therapy sessions, and adapted music lessons. This office is in Bel Air (Harford County).

Website: <http://www.augmentingability.com/index.html>

Phone: 443-903-9838, Email: [musictherapy@augmentingability.com](mailto:musictherapy@augmentingability.com)

## **Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding (Therapeutic Riding)**

Services provided include therapeutic riding. Riding is available all year long. Programs focus on individual needs which may include physical therapy, educational needs, and/or bereavement. This program is in Street (Harford County).

Website: <https://ctrchanginglives.org/>

Phone: 443-528-7793, Email: [info@ctrchanginglives.org](mailto:info@ctrchanginglives.org)

## **Community Rehabilitation Program (Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, etc.)**

Kennedy Krieger Institute program provides short time therapy in the individual's home or in other community settings.

Website: <https://www.kennedykrieger.org/community/community-programs/community-rehabilitation-program>

Phone: (Joan Carney) 443-923-4555 , Email: [carney@kennedykrieger.org](mailto:carney@kennedykrieger.org)

## **Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding**

Offers therapeutic horseback riding for individuals with disabilities. Located in Port Deposit, Cecil County.

Website: <https://www.freedomhills.org/>

Phone: 410-378-3817, Email: [fhtrp@freedomhills.org](mailto:fhtrp@freedomhills.org)

## **Global Teletherapy (Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy & Mental Health Therapy)**

Company provides online speech, occupational and mental health therapy via the Internet and a webcam. Services are provided worldwide.

Website: <https://globalteletherapy.com/>

Phone: 888-511-9395, Email: [info@globaltherapy.com](mailto:info@globaltherapy.com)

## **Graceful Speech-language Therapy**

Lauren Hoffman, M.S., CCC-SLP. Emphasis on children with autism spectrum disorders.

Website: <https://www.gracefulspeechlanguage.com/>

Phone: 443-720-0585, Email: [lauren@gracefulspeechlanguage.com](mailto:lauren@gracefulspeechlanguage.com)

### **Holly A. Nelson Pediatric Occupational Therapy**

Specializes in helping children with extra needs purposefully engage in daily activities by delivering services in their home, school and community. Holly and her team's vision is to help children achieve their maximum potential across all of these settings.

Website: <http://www.hollynelsonpediatricot.com/index.html>

Phone: 410-882-1345, Email: [info@hollynelsonpediatricOT.com](mailto:info@hollynelsonpediatricOT.com)

### **KARINA Association**

Karina Association provides services via two programs: our legacy program of Expressive Arts Therapy provided by Licensed Professionals and Board-Certified therapists, and our new Meaningful Day program for young adults. This program is in Timonium (Baltimore County).

Website: <https://www.karina-association.org/>

Phone: 443-928-0542, Email: [office@karinaassociation.org](mailto:office@karinaassociation.org)

### **Learning and Therapy Corner**

Provides reading instruction, including Orton-Gillingham, speech therapy, occupational therapy, psychoeducational testing, behavioral consulting and music therapy. This business is in Lutherville (Baltimore County).

Website: <http://www.ltcorner.com/>

Phone: 410-583-5765, Email: [info@LTCorner.com](mailto:info@LTCorner.com)

### **Maryland Therapy Network** (Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy)

A pediatric multi-disciplinary clinic which offers speech-language therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy for children and young adults in Bel Air.

Website: <http://www.marylandtherapynetwork.com/>

Phone: 410-515-4900

### **McLaughlin Physical Therapy & Hand Rehabilitation** (Physical Therapy)

Provides physical therapy, including physical therapy to children with significant developmental disabilities. This business is in Jarrettsville (Harford County).

Website: <https://mclaughlin-physical-therapy.com/>

Phone: 410-692-9180

### **Mt. Washington Pediatrics Community Rehabilitation Services**

Located in Forest Hill, they offer physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy. Part of Mt. Washington Pediatrics of Baltimore.

Website: <https://www.mwph.org/locations/community-rehabilitation-in-harford-county>

Phone: 410-367-2222

### **NeuroLogic!**

The HANDLE program at NeuroLogic! offers services for individuals, families, schools and communities to address sensory-motor and neurological concerns commonly labeled as: Hyper/Hypo-Sensitivity, Learning Disability, Anxiety, Attention Deficit, Hyperactivity, Obsessive-Compulsive, Dyslexia, Developmental Delay, and Perplexing behaviors. *A mainstay of the HANDLE (Holistic Approach to Neuro-Development and Learning Efficiency) program is that it views behaviors as forms of communication as opposed to symptoms to be masked or controlled.* Located in Towson (Baltimore County).

Website: <https://neurologichandle.wordpress.com/welcome-to-neurologic/>

Phone: 510-509-5060, Email: [jkowarsky@gmail.com](mailto:jkowarsky@gmail.com)

### **Therapeutic Riding at Normandy Farm (Therapeutic Riding)**

Provides therapeutic horseback riding opportunities to individuals with disabilities. This program is in Street (Harford County).

Website: <http://www.normandyfarm.org/>

Email: [trnfinc@gmail.com](mailto:trnfinc@gmail.com)

### **Towson University Hearing and Balance Center**

It has served the greater Baltimore metropolitan area for nearly 50 years as the clinical training foundation for doctoral students pursuing degrees in Towson University's Applied Doctor of Audiology program. We offer state of the art facilities and professional services supervised by licensed and certified Doctors of Audiology who are experts in their areas of specialty.

Website: <https://www.towson.edu/iwb/centers/hearingbalance/>

Phone: 410-704-3095, Email: [hearingcenter@towson.edu](mailto:hearingcenter@towson.edu)

### **Towson University Occupational Therapy Center**

Provides a variety of services for children, adults, and caregivers to enhance independence and quality of life and provide support. Part of the Department of Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science at Towson University.

Website: <https://www.towson.edu/iwb/centers/occutherapy/>

Phone: 410-704-3095, Email: [occupationaltherapycenter@towson.edu](mailto:occupationaltherapycenter@towson.edu)

### **Towson University Speech and Language Center**

Offers screening, evaluation, and treatment services to improve communication for children and adults with a variety of communication concerns. Students assess and treat clients under the direct guidance of our licensed and certified professional staff.

Part of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and the Institute for Well-Being. Outreach programs offer a wide range of clinical opportunities that demonstrate the best evidence-based practices in the profession.

Website: <https://www.towson.edu/iwb/centers/speech/>

Phone: 410-704-3095, Email: [speechlanguagecenter@towson.edu](mailto:speechlanguagecenter@towson.edu)

## **Bass Educational Services**

Offers comprehensive college planning services for students with learning differences, beginning as early as freshman year. This company is in Montgomery County.

Website: <https://www.basseducationalservices.com/>

Phone: 301-774-5211

## **Blind Industries and Services of Maryland**

Offers workshops for transitioning youth who are blind or low vision. The emphasis in their programs is on preparation for college, work, and independent living. Located in Baltimore.

Website: <https://www.bism.org/rehabilitation.html#Youth>

## **Club 1111**

A nightclub and spa run by the League for individuals with disabilities.

Website: <https://www.leagueforpeople.org/club1111/home/learn-more>

## **College Living Experience**

Provides post-secondary supports to students with autism, Asperger's Syndrome, ADHD, and other varying exceptionalities. This program is based in Montgomery County.

Website: <https://experiencecle.com/>

Phone: 800-486-5058, Email: [info@experiencecle.com](mailto:info@experiencecle.com)

## **Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS), Bel Air Office**

Promotes leadership and support for successful employment, economic self-sufficiency, and independence of individuals with disabilities and offers a vocational evaluation, skills training, academic preparation, job placement assistance, and independent living programs. This office serves Harford County.

Website: <https://dors.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Phone: 410-836-4590, Email: [belair.dors@maryland.gov](mailto:belair.dors@maryland.gov)

## **Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS), Pre-Employment Services age 14-21**

If you are looking for help to make the transition from high school to jobs, careers, higher education or job training you have come to the right place.

Website: <https://dors.maryland.gov/crps/Pages/Pre-ETS.aspx>

## **Employment Resource Guide**

This guide outlines a series of exercises to prepare students for graduation and the choice to move into competitive integrated employment.

Website: [https://mn.gov/deed/assets/employment-resource-guide\\_tcm1045-290595.pdf](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/employment-resource-guide_tcm1045-290595.pdf)

### **Harford Community College Disability Support Services**

Disability Support Services is dedicated to helping students with documented disabilities access all of the educational opportunities and services offered by the college. Harford Community College is in Bel Air.

Website:

<https://www.harford.edu/student-services/Disability%20and%20Student%20Intervention%20Services.aspx>

Phone: 443-412-2402

### **The Image Center**

The IMAGE center is a non-profit organization that promotes independent living skills for students and adults with disabilities that reside in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Harford County. Offers an array of services which include but are not limited to; Peer Mentoring, Teen Programs, Travel Training, Independent Living Skills Training, Benefits Planning Assistance, Information and Referral, Advocacy, Education Transition programs, Assistive Technology, and our Out and About Program.

Website: <https://imagemd.org/>

Phone: 410-982-6311, Email: [info@imagemd.org](mailto:info@imagemd.org)

### **Maryland Transitioning Youth**

Maryland Department of Disabilities website with information and resources to assist with transitioning from high school to adult services.

Website: <https://mdtransitions.org/>

### **National Center for College Students with Disabilities (NCCSD)**

NCCSD is the only federally-funded national center in the U.S. for college and graduate students with any type of disability, chronic health condition, or mental or emotional illness.

Website: <http://www.nccsonline.org/>

NCCSD Clearinghouse website of resources <https://www.nccsdclearinghouse.org/>

### **Pacer Center - Transitioning to Life after High School**

The website has helpful links and resources related to employment and continuing education.

Website: <https://www.pacer.org/students/transition-to-life/>

### **Secondary Transition Toolkit**

Contains resources and assessment tools to use with students for transition planning. Transition assessment should serve as the foundation to identify transition goals and determine transition services. These assessments facilitate a “planned, continuous process of gathering and organizing information on the student’s strengths, needs, preferences and interests in relation to the demands of current and future living, learning, and working environments”.

Website: <https://marylandlearninglinks.org/secondary-transition-toolkit-career-interest-inventories/>

### **Social Security Administration The Red Book**, A Summary Guide to Employment Support for Person with Disabilities

The Red Book serves as a general reference source about the employment-related provisions of the Social Security Disability Insurance and the Supplemental Security Income Programs for educators, advocates, rehabilitation professionals, and counselors who serve people with disabilities.

Website: <https://www.ssa.gov/redbook>

### **Susquehanna Workforce Centers**

Centers, located in Bel Air and Aberdeen, provide an array of free employment and training services to job seekers. While these services are geared towards the population at large, they do provide auxiliary aids and reasonable accommodations to meet the needs of job seekers with disabilities.

Website: <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/county/susq/>

Phone: (Bel Air Office) 410-836-4603, Email: [dlwdalbelairjsoffice-LABOR@maryland.gov](mailto:dlwdalbelairjsoffice-LABOR@maryland.gov)

Phone: (Aberdeen Office) 410-272-5400

### **Ticket to Work**

Ticket to Work connects you with free employment services to help you decide if working is right for you, prepare for work, find a job, or maintain success while you are working. If you choose to participate, you will receive services such as career counseling, vocational rehabilitation, and job placement and training from authorized Ticket to Work service providers, such as Employment Networks (EN) or your State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agency. The service provider you choose will serve as an important part of your "employment team" that will help you on your journey to financial independence.

Website: <https://www.ssa.gov/work/>

### **Understood**

Provides information about disability services for college students.

Website: <https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/choosing-starting-school/leaving-high-school/7-things-to-know-about-college-disability-services>

### **Volunteer Harford**

Website includes a variety of volunteer opportunities throughout Harford County. It is not specifically designed for individuals with disabilities, but many of the opportunities listed would be appropriate for individuals with disabilities.

Website: <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/735/Volunteer-Harford>

### **Youth Leadership Forum**

This week-long program is for high school juniors and seniors with disabilities. Thirty students are chosen to participate each year. Delegate selection will be based on their accomplishments and leadership potential/qualities. The 2021 event will be held virtually.

Website: <https://www.innow.org/mdylf/>

Phone: 301-277-2839, Email: [info@innow.org](mailto:info@innow.org)



### **Canine Partners for Life**

The mission is to increase the independence and quality of life of individuals with physical, developmental, and cognitive disabilities or who are in other situations of need. We achieve our mission by providing and sustaining professionally trained service and companion dogs.

Website: <https://k94life.org/>

Phone: 610-869-4902

### **Cecil County Resource Guide**

The Community Services & Resource Directory is provided as a service to the visitors of the Cecil County Government website who would like information on local businesses and services. We do not represent or warranty the goods or services of businesses or resources listed in this directory. This directory is intended only to provide contact information for local services.

Website: <https://www.ccgov.org/government/community-services/community-services-resource-directory>

### **Disability Legal Resources**

Pathfinders for Autism has a list of attorneys and organizations in Maryland for help with various aspects of disability law, such as disability rights, special education, and guardianship.

Website: [https://pathfindersforautism.org/business-directory/wpbdp\\_category/attorney-special-education/](https://pathfindersforautism.org/business-directory/wpbdp_category/attorney-special-education/)

**Electronic Auditory Stimulation Effect (EASe) Training.** Sells downloadable products and CD's that are intended to improve sensory processing for individuals on the autism spectrum.

Website: <https://vision-play.com/>

### **First Maryland Disability Trust**

This is a nonprofit organization which manages a pooled special needs trust fund.

Website: <https://www.firstmdtrust.org/>

Phone: 410-296-4408

### **Future Planning – Arc of the United States**

The Center for Future Planning aims to support and encourage adults with intellectual or developmental disability (I/DD) and their families to plan for the future. Planning ahead can help guide a person with an I/DD to lead a good life as independently as possible. A plan is important throughout all stages of life and especially in the future, after the parent or caregiver is no longer able to provide support.

Website: <https://futureplanning.thearc.org/>

### **Guardianship and Its Alternatives: A Handbook for Maryland Law**

This handbook by the Callegary law offices explains adult guardianship and legal alternatives.

Website: <https://callegaryl原因.com/guardianship-alternatives-maryland-law/>

### **Harford County Commission on Disabilities**

Advocates and acts as a catalyst for positive change for citizens with disabilities by assessing needs, investigating opportunities for improvements in quality of life and supporting community participation.

Website: <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/826/Commission-on-Disabilities>

### **Harford County Resource Guide**

The Harford County Department of Community Services has created this guide to help citizens access a wealth of services and opportunities provided by county agencies and non-profit organizations.

Website: <https://harfordcountymd.gov/414/Resource-Guide>

### **Harford Transit Link Para-Transit Services**

Provides transportation within Harford County to individuals with disabilities by appointment. Schedule transportation by calling up to 60 days in advance. Services are scheduled on a first come, first served basis and appointments are subject to change by transit services. Individuals needing assistance may bring a registered aide on board without paying an additional fee, call ahead to register.

Website: <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/2277/Commute-Accessible>

Phone: 410-612-1620

### **Hearing Aid Loan Bank**

Program loans hearing aids to infants and toddlers up to age of three with hearing loss whose family may have financial difficulty purchasing aids, or those who are waiting to receive their personal hearing aids or cochlear implants. This program is in Parkville (Baltimore County).

Website: [https://maaudiology.org/Hearing\\_Aid\\_Loan\\_Bank.asp](https://maaudiology.org/Hearing_Aid_Loan_Bank.asp)

Phone: 410-767-0248, Email: [marni.helfrich@maryland.gov](mailto:marni.helfrich@maryland.gov)

### **Kennedy Krieger Institute (KKI)**

KKI has a variety of programs for children and adults with disabilities, most of which are in Baltimore City. Programs include medical care, a variety of therapies, special education programs, and community outreach programs.

Website: <https://www.kennedykrieger.org/>

Phone: 888-554-2080

### **LifeCourse Tools**

The Charting the LifeCourse framework was developed by families to help individuals with disabilities and families at any age or stage of life develop a vision for a good life, think about what they need to know and do, identify how to find or develop supports, and discover what it takes to live the lives they want to live.

Website: <http://www.lifecoursetools.com/>

### **Linking All So Others Succeed (LASOS)**

Assists non-English speaking residents with the resources they need during the integration period. Includes at-risk youth mentoring. LASOS is in Bel Air in Harford County.

Website: <http://lasos.org/index.html>

Phone: 410-836-0333

### **Maryland ABLE**

Maryland ABLE accounts are a new way to help individuals with disabilities save money and pay for qualified disability-related expenses without jeopardizing state or federal means-tested benefits such as SSI or Medicaid.

Website: <https://www.marylandable.org/>

### **Maryland Higher Education Commission Community College Tuition Waiver for Students with Disabilities Receiving SSI or SSDI**

Exempts individuals receiving SSI or SSDI from paying tuition at community colleges in Maryland for up to 12 credits per semester if taking classes as part of a degree or a certificate program designed to lead to employment. The waiver is limited to 6 credits if enrolled in community college credit courses for any other reason. A course must have at least 10 enrolled students for the waiver to apply. Information and instructions on how to apply are at the website below.

Website:

[https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog\\_disabilities.aspx](https://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_disabilities.aspx)

### **Maryland People's Law Library**

This website has helpful information about topics such as Advance Directives and Power of Attorney. Below are the links to each of these topics.

Website: <https://www.peoples-law.org/advance-directives>

<https://www.peoples-law.org/powers-attorney>

### **Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital**

Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital is in Baltimore City and has a variety of programs for children with disabilities including medical care, psychological testing, a variety of therapies, and sibshops.

Website: <http://www.mwph.org/>

Phone: 410-578-8600

### **People on the Go Maryland**

POG is a group of advocates with intellectual and developmental challenges who use their voices to be heard and recognized. POG is currently a partnership between the Maryland Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council and the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities (MCDD) at Kennedy Krieger Institute.

Website: <https://www.peopleonthegomaryland.com/>

### **Sibling Support Project**

A national program dedicated to the life-long and ever-changing concerns of millions of brothers and sisters of people with special health, developmental, and mental health concerns. They offer online sibshops for children ages 8 to 13 who have a sibling with a disability.

Website: <https://siblingsupport.org/>

### **Wings for Autism/Wings for All**

Provides an opportunity for disabled individuals to practice potentially difficult aspects of air travel, including going through security and getting on an airplane, with specially trained staff.

Website: <https://thearc.org/our-initiatives/travel/>



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