



# TRANSPORTATION NETWORK DIRECTORY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND ADULTS 50+ MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

## DRIVER EDUCATION, EVALUATION AND REHABILITATION

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### Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland – Driver Rehabilitation Program

Provide a clinical evaluation which includes an assessment of vision, visual perception, cognition, reaction time, and motor skills related to driving. Also provide a behind-the-wheel evaluation, which is done in a vehicle equipped with an instructor brake so the therapist can gain control of the car if needed. Vehicle is equipped with adaptive controls (i.e. brake, accelerator, etc.). Training is provided if it is determined the client needs special equipment or adaptive strategies. A prescription for a driving rehabilitation evaluation is needed from a doctor. This program is unable to accommodate new drivers or those who will need to drive from a wheelchair. Clients must be able to transfer in and out of a car and tolerate sitting in a car. Medicare and secondary insurances do not pay for driving rehabilitation evaluations, training or equipment needed for the client's vehicle. If applicable, Worker's Compensation or the Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services may pay for evaluations. Services are provided by Brant's Driving School.

**Adventist Outpatient Rehabilitation** ..... 240-864-6000 (V)

[www.adventisthealthcare.com/services/rehabilitation/occupational-therapy/](http://www.adventisthealthcare.com/services/rehabilitation/occupational-therapy/)

**Brant's Driving School** ..... 1-877-395-7011 (Toll Free)

[www.brantsdrivingschool.com](http://www.brantsdrivingschool.com) • Email: [info@brantsdrivingschool.com](mailto:info@brantsdrivingschool.com)

### Ascension Saint Agnes - Driver Rehab Program

Driving evaluations for people with disabilities or age related issues. A pre-driving clinical assessment is conducted to determine if an individual has the skills needed to be a safe driver. An On-Road Evaluation is recommended following successful completion of the pre-driving screening and is conducted by a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist. Assessment is conducted in a vehicle equipped with a variety of adaptive controls to accommodate drivers with a variety of disabling conditions. A driving education component is included in all aspects of the driver rehab program including counseling, support, instruction in the use of a variety of adaptive equipment and community resources if return to safe driving may not be possible. A physician's prescription is required in order to participate in the program. Valid driver's license or eligibility for a license with restrictions is required. Referral may be initiated by the driver, family member, MVA or other agency. Service is not typically covered by Medicare or other insurance agencies.

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<https://healthcare.ascension.org/locations/maryland/mdbal/baltimore-ascension-saint-agnes-hospital-rehabilitation-services/driver-rehabilitation>

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### Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) – Workforce & Technology Center

#### Drivers Assessment and Adapted Driving

Certified driving instructors evaluated individuals with disabilities to determine their ability to drive motor vehicles. Staff also determine what adaptive equipment individuals with disabilities will need to get a driver's license and then provide training on how to use the adaptive equipment. DORS Counselors will discuss whether a special license is required, the time needed to obtain a license, the role of the MVA Medical Advisory Board, what help DORS can provide in preparing an individual for the Learner's Permit and/or the

driving test, where testing and/or training can take place, and what type of testing is administered.

**Driver Education: Deaf and Autism Spectrum Disorder**

Customized driver education for individuals who are Deaf or are diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. This includes the MVA 30-hour Driver’s Education classroom course and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel training. After students complete the course, staff can assist in transporting them to the MVA to take the learner’s permit examination.

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**Wheaton Office:** ..... 301-949-3750 (V)  
..... 210-240-9113 (Videophone)

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[www.dors.maryland.gov/consumers/WTC/RTS/Pages/driving.aspx](http://www.dors.maryland.gov/consumers/WTC/RTS/Pages/driving.aspx)

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**Explore Older Driver Resources in Montgomery County – Montgomery County Government**

Provides information and resources including driver skills refresher courses, driver evaluations, safe driving strategies and screening tools, driver mobility programs, and other transportation options.

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/senior/older-driver-resources.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/senior/older-driver-resources.html)

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**MedStar National Rehabilitation Network – Driver Training Program**

For individuals with disabling injuries or illnesses or who want to return to driving or learn to drive for the first time. Program is also open to older drivers and people who may not drive but require transfer and safety training. Program offers services ranging from pre-driving evaluations and education to assistance with purchasing adaptive equipment and vehicles. Services include: pre-driving evaluation to assess day and night vision, strength and coordination of the driver’s arms and legs, ability to think and react quickly on the road and basic knowledge of the most up-to-date driving rules and laws; on-the-road evaluation held in your car or fully-equipped, wheelchair-accessible van to assess the driver’s ability to get in and out of the vehicle and to drive safely in different types of traffic; training with the most up-to-date adaptive equipment to improve driving skills; complete preparation for the state road test; provision of a vehicle or special equipment for use in taking the state road test; advice on how to adapt a vehicle to include special equipment such as hand controls, ramps, lifts or special steering wheels; advice on finding a place to buy special driving equipment and getting it installed correctly; advice on financial assistance to adapt cars and vans to meet the driver’s needs; assistance with filling out forms to apply for a driver’s license or changing a license to one that permits special equipment; and consultation with family members about the driver’s abilities. **Eligibility:** stable health; a current driver’s license or be eligible for a learner’s permit; a desire to return to or begin safe driving; and a doctor’s order that specifies “OT/PT rehab engineering driver evaluation and training”. Serve Maryland and the D.C. area.

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[www.medstarnrh.org/our-services/specialty-services/services/driver-training-services](http://www.medstarnrh.org/our-services/specialty-services/services/driver-training-services)

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**Montgomery College Driver Education – Additional Supports**

Montgomery College's Driving School and its instructors are Maryland MVA licensed and certified. Additional support instructors are dually certified in Special Education. This course, in a small classroom environment, prepares rookie drivers to test for a Maryland driver’s license. Their 36-hour course consists of 10 three-hour classroom sessions, and 3 two-hour individual sessions using our own cars. This course provides the exact same MVA curriculum as SFT-043 Driver Education, but with built-in supports. Rookie drivers MUST be accompanied by mentor (parent, guardian, etc.) at the first class / orientation and MUST bring a learner’s permit to the first class / orientation. Montgomery College educates mentors on how to manage the learning-to-drive experience through their mentor / parental involvement expectations, our 12 driver readiness indicators with self-assessments, and a collaborative approach between mentor and instructor(s). Additional Supports include, but are not limited to: differentiated instruction, supplemental aides and supports including a multi-

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sensory approach to learning; behind the wheel is one-on-one instruction with a dually certified MVA and MSDE Special Education Educator; smaller class size; quizzes and tests are read aloud; extra time is granted to students for quizzes and tests; manipulatives (toy cars) are used to better explain situations; and a copy of all powerpoints and instructor notes is provided to student. Contact Natalie Martinez, Disability Supports Services Counselor, at least four weeks prior to the start of class to arrange for accommodations and/or assistive technology. If this procedure is not followed, services may be delayed.

**Natalie Martinez, Disability Supports Services Counselor** ..... 240-567-4118 (V)

[www.montgomerycollege.edu/workforce-development-continuing-education/transportation-safety/drivers-ed.html](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/workforce-development-continuing-education/transportation-safety/drivers-ed.html)

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### **Rehabilitation of Frederick, Inc. – Driver Evaluation and Drivers Education**

**Adaptive Driver Evaluation:** Services include a clinical and behind-the-wheel evaluation in adaptive vehicles to evaluate an individual’s potential to drive. Driving evaluation assesses the individual’s vision, visual perception state, physical disability, and cognitive functioning for the task of driving. Offer three different adaptive vehicles for evaluation. Services can be provided at consumer’s location with appropriate travel reimbursement.

**Driver Safety Evaluations:** Evaluate a consumer’s ability to continue or resume driving. Consists of clinical and behind the wheel testing to determine if community mobility is an achievable goal. Driver safety evaluations are provided for individuals who are experiencing mild cognitive impairment, recovery of stroke/TIA, recent hospitalization, or a number of disabilities including vision, visual perceptual, neuromuscular, and cognitive disabilities. Identifies if a consumer can continue to drive or resume driving following a hospitalization or rehabilitation stay.

**Drivers Education for Individuals with Disabilities:** Maryland MVA Certified Drivers Education program. Licensed and certified to teach the Maryland standardized curriculum for novice drivers with special requirements. Provide adaptive behind-the-wheel drivers education for all disabilities including adaptive car, adaptive van, and adaptive truck needs. A restricted Learners Permit is required to provide services as part of the graduated license system requirement for the state of Maryland. Serve MD, VA, and WV.

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### **Sinai Hospital - Driver Evaluation and Training Program**

Assessment consists of a pre-driving clinic evaluation and a behind-the-wheel evaluation. The clinic evaluation includes assessment of vision, reaction time, cognition, memory, physical function and possible need for adaptive equipment. The behind-the-wheel evaluation and training is completed in a Sinai Hospital–owned and –insured vehicle. Adaptive equipment may be added to this vehicle and used if needed. The driving route is designed to assess the driver’s skills under normal driving conditions. If needed, training will be provided on the use of adaptive equipment. Results of the evaluation will be discussed with you. Recommendations will be made regarding driving safety, the need for further training or the application of new driving techniques. A written copy of the evaluation will be forwarded to you, your primary care physician and, if applicable, to the Motor Vehicle Administration. Medicare and most health insurance plans do not cover the cost of evaluation or training. These evaluations are charged by the hour and most evaluations are completed in two to three hours. Driver training is usually one to two hours in duration.

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**University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center – Safe Driver Assessment Program**

In-house clinical assessment program. Program targets individuals who are coping with the side effects of aging, amputations, arthritis, diabetes, dementia, low vision, multiple sclerosis, parkinsonism, stroke, brain injury, or memory loss. Program consists of standardized tests which provide a comprehensive analysis of an individual’s cognitive, perceptual, emotional, and physical capabilities. Feedback is given concerning an individual’s readiness for driving and a recommendation for further on-the-road evaluation and training if necessary. A physician order is required for “OT Driver Evaluation”. An individual, family member or a physician may request this service. Cost is not covered by medical insurance.

..... 410-337-1349 (V)  
[www.umms.org/sjmc/health-services/rehabilitation/safe-driver-program](http://www.umms.org/sjmc/health-services/rehabilitation/safe-driver-program)

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**VA Maryland Health Care System – Driver Rehabilitation Program**

Program helps veterans with a variety of disabilities and age-related health conditions learn to drive again. Additionally, veterans with prosthetic arms or legs and those who suffered brain injuries or stroke can also regain their independence through this program. The program coordinator evaluates individual limitations and needs with the use of adaptive driving equipment, driver simulator training, and a series of driving evaluations on the simulator and behind the wheel of a car. A veteran’s vehicle can also be fitted with a variety of adaptive equipment from strategically placed mirrors to digital steering devices for amputees. Services offered at the Washington DC VA Medical Center, 50 Irving Street, Washington, DC 20422.

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