



Disability Network Directory – Montgomery County, Maryland

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American Association of People with Disabilities

1030 15th Street, NW, Suite 500E

Washington, DC 20005

202-521-4316 (V)

1-800-840-8844 (Toll Free)

Email: info@aapd.com

www.aapd.com

National nonprofit cross-disability member organization that advocates for disability rights and creates connections among people with disabilities. Aims to improve the lives of people with disabilities by increasing their political and economic power. Issues include policy positions, community integration, education, employment, health, housing, interfaith, international, technology, transportation, veterans, and voting.

American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today (ADAPT) - Capital Area

Email: contactus@adapt.org

www.adapt.org

National grass-roots community that organizes disability rights activists to engage in nonviolent direct action, including civil disobedience, to assure the civil and human rights of people with disabilities to live in freedom. Work on affordable and accessible housing issues to help people coming out of nursing homes or who are at risk of going into nursing home.

Child Welfare League of America

727 15th Street NW, Suite 1200

Washington, DC 20005

202-688-4200 (V)

Email: cwla@cwla.org

www.cwla.org

Coalition of hundreds of private and public agencies serving children and families who are vulnerable. Leads and engages its network of public and private agencies and partners to advance policies, best practices and collaborative strategies that result in better outcomes for children, youth and families that are vulnerable.

Children's Defense Fund

840 First Street NE, Suite 300

Washington, DC 20002

202-628-8787 (V)

Email: cdinfo@childrensdefense.org

www.childrensdefense.org

Advocate nationwide on behalf of children. Offer child advocacy resources, research, data, and publications. Provide the training, support, and resources to make it possible for anyone who is interested to make a difference in the lives of children. Work on policies and programs that lift children out of poverty; protect them from abuse and neglect; and ensure their access to health care, quality education and a moral and spiritual foundation.

Disability Rights Maryland

1500 Union Avenue, Suite 2000

Baltimore, MD 21211

410-727-6352 (V)

410-235-5387 (TTY)

1-800-233-7201 (Toll Free)

www.disabilityrightsmd.org

Private, non-profit organization advocating to improve the lives of Marylanders with disabilities. Federally mandated to advance the civil rights of people with disabilities. Provide free legal services to Marylanders of any age with all types of disabilities (developmental, intellectual, psychiatric, physical, sensory, learning, traumatic brain injury), who live in facilities, in the community or who are homeless. help people with disabilities pursue opportunities to participate fully in all aspects of community life, and champion their rights to self-determination, dignity, equality, opportunity, and freedom from discrimination and harm.

Family Support Center - Division of Specialized Support Services - Special Education Services - Montgomery County Public Schools

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240-753-9487 (Cell)

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www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/special-education/parent-resources/

Family Support Center staff are committed to provide information to parents and families to work as equal partners with MCPS. The Center seeks to increase parental involvement in the early intervention and special education decision making process; increase collaborative relationships through information and training; assist families in resolving concerns and making informed decisions regarding their child's education; and provide information about disabilities and school system and community resources. Resources include advocacy and support, behavior support, child care, citizenship and advocacy, community living, financial and housing, food assistance, healthy living, independent living, meaningful day and employment, medical, mental health, parenting, physical disabilities, recreation, safety and security, social and spirituality, technology and transportation.

Guide Dog Users, Inc.

1-866-799-8436 (Toll Free)

www.guidedogusersinc.org

Strives to promote civil rights and enhance the quality of life for working guide dog teams. Work with public entities, private businesses and individuals to ensure that guide dog users enjoy the same rights to travel, employment, housing, and participation in all aspects of life that people without disabilities enjoy. Also offer Disaster Assistance and Preparedness Program to GDUI members who are struggling to financially cope with a natural disaster or catastrophic event. Members can apply for a stipend to purchase dog food and other essential supplies on behalf of their working dogs.

Independence Now, Inc.

Diane Palmer, Executive Director

12301 Old Columbia Pike, Suite 101

Silver Spring, MD 20904

301-277-2839 (V)

Email: dpalmer@innow.org

Email: info@innow.org

www.innow.org

Part of a nationwide network of Centers for Independent Living providing the following services: information and referral; advocacy; peer support; and independent living skills training. Staff work individually and in group settings with consumers to assist with increasing their advocacy skills and knowledge of their civil rights. Staff interact with local, state, and national legislators and agency leaders on behalf of people

Independence Now Continued

with disabilities to increase and improve transportation, education, programs, personal assistance services, overcoming architectural barriers and employment opportunities. Serve individuals with disabilities in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

Little Lobbyists

<https://littlelobbyists.org/>

Seeks to protect and expand the rights of children who have complex medical needs and disabilities through advocacy, education, and outreach. Advocate for the right to health care, the right to education, and the right to community inclusion.

Maryland Attorney General - Health Education and Advocacy Unit

200 St. Paul Place

Baltimore, MD 21202

410-528-1840 (Hotline)

1-888-261-8807 (Toll Free)

Email: heau@oag.state.md.us

<https://oag.maryland.gov/our-office/Pages/heau.aspx>

Hotline Hours: Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Offers mediation services to consumers who have a billing dispute with their healthcare provider or a coverage dispute with their HMO or health insurance company (if your health plan has refused to cover a medical procedure or pay for a medical service for a consumer; need help resolving a billing dispute with a health care provider, such as a hospital, doctor or dentist; or need assistance resolving a dispute about medical equipment that was defective or was never delivered). Help consumers who have been denied enrollment in a Qualified Health Plan or denied Advanced Premium Tax Credits or Cost-Sharing Reductions by Maryland Health Connection. Maryland law also allows providers to file complaints against insurance carriers on behalf of consumers.

Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council

217 East Redwood Street, Suite 1300

Baltimore, MD 21202

1-800-305-6441 (Toll Free)

Email: info@md-council.org

www.md-council.org

Advocate for the inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life. Design and fund innovative initiatives that promote community inclusion and improve services and supports.

Maryland Insurance Administration

Attn: Consumer Complaint Investigation
200 St. Paul Place, Suite 2700
Baltimore, MD 21202
Email: agcomplaints.mia@maryland.gov
<https://insurance.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
Consumer Questions or Complaints About Life, Health, Disability, Long-Term Care Insurance and Annuities: 410-468-2244 (V)
Consumer Questions or Complaints About Auto, Homeowners, Business, Property and Casualty Insurance: 410-468-2340 (V)
Medical Necessity & Emergency Appeal Hotline: 1-800-492-6116 (Toll Free – 24/7)
Investigate complaints consumers have about their insurance coverage, including life, health, automobile, homeowners, etc. Investigate acts of insurance fraud. Protect Maryland consumers by regulating the State's insurance companies and producers. Formal complaints can be filed online or submitted by mail - indicate if complaint is regarding Life/Health or Property/Casualty Insurance.

MCneeds

<https://groups.io/g/MCneeds>
MCneeds is a grassroots organization that advocates for the improvement in the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and their families in Montgomery County, Maryland. Its membership includes parents, advocates, lawyers, teachers and many others. While its focus is primarily special education, MCneeds advocates for and addresses other issues that impact the lives of individuals with disabilities.

Mobility International USA

Email: clearinghouse@miusa.org
www.miusa.org
Disability-led non-profit organization. Promote the value of disability rights and inclusion globally to people with disabilities. Create opportunities to join other disability leaders in the broader cross-disability and international community. Conduct inclusion training and information resources to understand responsibilities and learn directly from people with disabilities. National Clearinghouse on Disability and Exchange empowers people with disabilities to take advantage of the same international exchange opportunities as everyone else, navigating any access barriers along the way.

National Council on Disability

1331 F Street, NW, Suite 850
Washington, DC 20004
202-272-2004 (V)
Email: ncd@ncd.gov
www.ncd.gov
Independent federal agency charged with advising the President, Congress, and other federal agencies regarding policies, programs, practices, and procedures that affect people with disabilities.

National Disability Rights Network

820 First Street, NE, Suite 740
Washington, DC 20002
202-408-9514 (V)
202-408-9521 (TTY)
Email: info@ndrn.org
www.ndrn.org
Nonprofit membership organization for the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy Systems and the Client Assistance Programs for individuals with disabilities. Work to improve the lives of people with disabilities by guarding against abuse; advocating for basic rights; and ensuring accountability in health care, education, employment, housing, transportation, and within the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Does not provide direct legal services or advice to individuals.

Parents' Place of Maryland

802 Cromwell Park Drive, Suite H
Glen Burnie, MD 21061
410-768-9100 (V)
1-800-394-5694 (Toll Free)
www.ppmmd.org
Serve families of children and young adults from birth to age 22 with all disabilities and special health care needs. Serving as Maryland's Parent Training and Information Center and Family-to-Family Health Information Center. Staff help families obtain appropriate education, health care, and services for their children with disabilities; work to improve education and health care for all children; train and inform parents and professionals on a variety of topics; and connect children with disabilities to community resources that address their needs.

Self-Directed Advocacy Network of Maryland, Inc.

<http://marylandsds.org>
Mission is to advocate for participant choice, control, flexibility, and the sustainability of self-directed services and supports. Communicate with legislators at the local, state, and Federal level representing the needs of individuals who self-direct their services and regarding concerning DDA changes. State-wide outreach through social media, community and public events.