

How can my family access the My Turn Program?

- Any family residing in Montgomery County who is caring for a child (or children) with a diagnosed developmental disability may call for an intake interview. The child must be between the ages of 3 and 18 years, and not receiving any long term funded programs through Montgomery County or the State of Maryland.
- Referrals to the My Turn Program are also accepted from school personnel or professionals currently working with the family.

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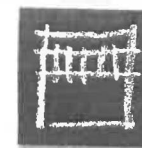
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My Turn Program



planning
a future



building
bridges

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finding
capacities



building
circles



changing
systems

"My parents always had a dream for my brothers and sisters for when they grew up, but nobody had a dream for me, so I never had a dream for myself. You can never have a good life if nobody ever has a dream for you, unless you learn to have a dream for yourself."

Connie Martinez

Supporting Children with Developmental Disabilities

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What is the My Turn Program?

- The My Turn Program provides education, information and resources to families with children with developmental disabilities ages 3 to 18 years.
- The program works with families to identify their child's needs and to provide support for community integration.
- These services are designed to address the needs of the child outside of services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Public Law 94-142.
- My Turn Program Staff assist the family with accessing information, linking to other resources in the community, designing individual support services, and provide limited financial assistance with services and products such as medical equipment, augmentative devices, and other possible identified needs.

What is the definition of a Developmental Disability?

- The Community Support Network follows the State of Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration's definition of a developmental disability.

Developmental Disability means a severe chronic disability of an individual that:

- Is attributed to a physical or mental impairment, other than the sole diagnosis of mental illness, or to a combination of mental and physical impairments;
- Is likely to continue indefinitely;
- Is manifested in an individual younger than 22 years old;
- Results in an inability to live independently without external support or continuing and regular assistance; and
- Reflects the need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services that are individually planned and coordinated for the individual."

What types of services does the My Turn Program Offer?

- Services through the My Turn Program include, but are not limited to:
 - Identifying and prioritizing the child's needs
 - Individualized support services
 - Limited financial assistance for services and products such as medical equipment, augmentative devices, behavioral consultation, and other possible identified needs
 - Camps
 - Referrals to other resources
 - Educational seminars
 - Linkages to other community services (ie. Social Security Administration, Working Parents Assistance, and Developmental Disabilities Administration).



"Sometimes dreams need a little help"

—Anonymous