

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD – DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY

## Autism Resources

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### Abilities Network and Project ACT Montgomery County Office

8503 LaSalle Road  
Towson, MD 21286  
410-828-7700 (V)  
1-800-492-2523 (Toll Free)

[www.abilitiesnetwork.org](http://www.abilitiesnetwork.org)

The **Project ACT** program offers a unique opportunity through Therapeutic Integration for children ages 5-14 on the autism spectrum to play and learn valuable social and leisure skills within after-school and summer camp settings with their typically developing peers. A specially trained Inclusion Specialist supports these children in the program and works on personalized goals according to each child's treatment plan. Individualized plans are centered round the strengths and needs of each child participating in the program. Through the **CEP (Community and Employment Partners)** program, they support adults with disabilities, including those on the autism spectrum, to live and work as independently as possible in their communities. CEP supports individuals interested in gaining essential life skills to live and/or work independently. Once personalized needs and skills are identified, each person receives a specific plan to guide the location and maintenance of jobs, homes, health, safety and happiness.

### Arc of Montgomery County

11600 Nebel Street  
Rockville, MD 20852  
301-984-5777 (V)  
E-mail: [info@arcmontmd.org](mailto:info@arcmontmd.org)  
[www.thearcmontgomerycounty.org](http://www.thearcmontgomerycounty.org)

Programs for children, youth and adults with developmental disabilities include employment and day programs, community living programs, recreation and leisure, and respite care.

### Karasik Family, Infant & Child Care Center

Sharon Cyr, Program Administrator  
10611 Tenbrook Drive  
Silver Spring, MD 20901  
301-984-5777 x 3353 (V)  
E-mail: [sharonc@arcmontmd.org](mailto:sharonc@arcmontmd.org)

Inclusive, family-centered child care program integrating typically-developing children, children with developmental disabilities and children with chronic medical conditions. Program available for ages 6 weeks to 3 years and 3 years to 10 years.

### After All Program

Sharon Hedgepeth, Program Administrator  
4140 Wexford Drive  
Kensington, MD 20895  
301-984-5777 x 3380 (V)  
E-mail: [sharonh@arcmontmd.org](mailto:sharonh@arcmontmd.org)

Program is a structured and closely supervised after-school and summer program for pre-teens and adolescents. Program activities vary and include computer skills development, arts and crafts, outdoor recreation, indoor games, supervised homework assistance during the school year and swimming.

### Transitioning Youth Retail (TYRP)

Donna King, Project Director  
301-984-5777 x 1226 (V)  
E-mail: [donnak@arcmontmd.org](mailto:donnak@arcmontmd.org)

Rigorous training program that prepares young adults (ages 18 to 24) with mild intellectual and developmental disabilities to work successfully in the retail sector. Over the course of 10 weeks, students will develop the self-confidence, qualities and skills that retail partners want.

### Respite Care for Children & Youth

301-816-9647 (V)  
E-mail: [respite@arcmontmd.org](mailto:respite@arcmontmd.org)

Provide short-term relief for a few hours, a day, a weekend, or sometimes longer, for families who take care of their loved ones at home. Income-based program for children and youth age 17 and under.

### Autism Outreach, Inc.

21680 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 100  
Sterling, VA 20166  
703-689-0019 (V)  
E-mail: [information@autismoutreach.org](mailto:information@autismoutreach.org)  
[www.autismoutreach.org](http://www.autismoutreach.org)

Assessments, social skills groups and programs, and camps. Applied Behavior Analysis programs based on each child's specific needs using discrete trial teaching, fluency teaching, and verbal behavior.

### Autism Society of America

#### National Headquarters

4340 East-West Highway, Suite 350  
Bethesda, MD 2081  
301-657-0881 (V)  
1-800-328-8476 (Toll Free)  
E-mail: [info@autism-society.org](mailto:info@autism-society.org)  
[www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org)

Advocacy, information, referral, and support groups.

### **Autism Society Montgomery County**

301-652-3912 (V)

E-mail: [autismmontgomerycounty@yahoo.com](mailto:autismmontgomerycounty@yahoo.com)

Advocacy, information and referral, support groups, and financial aid. Parent Support Group meets the second Thursday of every month during the school year.

### **Autism Speaks**

1-888-288-4762 (Toll Free)

E-mail: [familyservices@autismspeaks.org](mailto:familyservices@autismspeaks.org)

[www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)

Awareness and advocacy. Sponsor charity walks and host fundraising events. Autism Response Team (ART) members are specially trained to connect families with information, resources and opportunities. They are available to answer calls and emails from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. local time.

### **BMA Healthcare Services, Inc.**

4030 Blackburn Lane

Burtonsville, MD 20866

301-421-0044 (V)

Approved Autism Waiver service provider. Services include respite care, family training, support services and therapeutic integration services.

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

2275 Research Boulevard, Suite 500

Rockville, MD 20850

301-591-9776 (V)

E-mail: [info@childrenachieving.com](mailto:info@childrenachieving.com)

[www.childrenachieving.com](http://www.childrenachieving.com)

Autism Waiver Service Provider in Maryland that provides Family Training, Individualized Intensive Support Services (IISS), and Respite Services. Other funding sources may also be accepted. A Family Trainer can provide one-on-one training to the family in the use of interventions individualized for their child, including habilitation, self-direction, behavior management, daily living skills, socialization, mobility and money management. IISS provides one-on-one therapeutic services consistent with the treatment plan developed by the family trainer. IISS may target communication, socialization and behavior goals. Respite provides one-on-one caretaking for the child by trained staff. ChAMP may provide ABA therapy for children who receive coverage through Tricare, the military health insurance company.

### **Community Support Services (CSS)**

9075 Comprint Court

Gaithersburg, MD 20877

301-926-2300 (V)

E-mail: [css@css-md.org](mailto:css@css-md.org)

[www.css-md.org](http://www.css-md.org)

**Child Services:** Provides a variety of services and special programs to Montgomery County children with autism and other developmental disabilities. This includes after-school respite services; the Saturday program; winter, spring and summer break camps; as well as the Marcia D. Smith school.

**Adult Services:** Provides supported employment services, day habilitation services and residential services. This includes collaborative therapeutic recreational programs and special activities and events for adults with severe cognitive impairments.

### **Community Services for Autistic Adults and Children (CSAAC)**

The Jane Salzano Center for Autism

8615 East Village Avenue

Montgomery Village, MD 20886

240-912-2220 (V)

E-mail: [csaac@csaac.org](mailto:csaac@csaac.org)

<http://csaac.org>

Provides information and referral services as well as residential, vocational, and community services for adolescents and adults. Services include assessment, pre-employment training, job referral and development, on the job training and supported employment. Intensive Early Intervention Program provides children ages 18 months – 7 years with structured behavioral intervention based on the principles of applied behavior analysis. In-Home Program provides therapy in the home, school, or day care setting. Preschool Program provides therapy at their on-site classroom. One-to-one positive behavioral intervention focuses on building language, communication, social skills, academic skills, and self-help/daily living skills. Diagnostic Evaluation Services provided for children with autism spectrum disorder or those suspected of having an autism spectrum disorder. Available services include diagnostic evaluations, behavioral assessments, psychological assessments, and psycho-educational evaluations.

## Community Support Network / Montgomery County Aging and Disability Services

Kim Mayo, Administrator  
1401 Rockville Pike, 2nd Floor  
Rockville, MD 20852  
240-777-1216 (V)  
240-777-1217 (TTY)

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs)

Assist children and adults with developmental disabilities access public and private services, and provide professional support and guidance to families needing assistance in caring for their family member with a disability. Summer camp scholarships.

- **Autism Waiver** provides service coordination to children diagnosed with severe autism, ages birth to 21 years, who are currently enrolled in the Autism Waiver program.
- **Individual Support Services** monitors funding provided by the State of Maryland's Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) for family and individual support services for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- **My Turn Program** provides programmatic and financial assistance to families with children with developmental disabilities ages 3 to 13 years and to assist caregivers of children with developmental disabilities with accessing information, linking to other community resources, designing individual support services, and financial assistance with one-time only purchases.
- **Targeted Case Management / Coordination of Care Services** (formerly Resource Coordination) assists individuals with developmental disabilities who receive funding from the DDA in obtaining the best quality and most appropriate services and supports with available resources within the community. Resource Coordinators provide case management and advocate for individuals receiving services.
- **Respite Services** provides short-term temporary relief to unpaid live-in caregivers/families who are providing full-time care to children with severe medical conditions, children/adults with disabilities, or frail seniors. Care is provided by trained, certified care workers in the family's home or in a respite care facility.
- **Transitioning Youth** assists students with developmental disabilities, ages 14 to 21 years, and their families in the process of graduating from the school system and entering the adult service system.

## Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) – Maryland State Department of Education Autism Spectrum Disorder Services

Workforce and Technology Center  
2301 Argonne Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21218  
410-554-9442 (V), 1-888-554-0334 (Toll Free)  
443-798-2840 (Videophone)

<http://dors.maryland.gov/consumers/specialized/Pages/autism.aspx>

**The Autism Program Planning Success for Employment** assists individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder with self-determination and employment readiness skills. Includes worksite visits and interactive learning sessions that focus on self-advocacy, decision making, career interests and skills, job exploration, work expectations and responsibilities, employer expectations, employee responsibilities, and job readiness.

**Pathways** provides educational support services for people with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Program is a collaboration between DORS and two- and four-year colleges throughout the state. Students must register with the Disability Support Services at their college. Program includes adjustment to college life, career guidance, counseling and exploration activities, assessment services, employment and communication skills, and individual and group sessions.

Offer **Driver Education** for individuals diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

## Foundation for Autism Support and Training (FAST)

801 Norwood Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20905  
301-260-2777 (V)

E-mail:

[info@foundationforautismsupportandtraining.org](mailto:info@foundationforautismsupportandtraining.org)

[www.foundationforautismsupportandtraining.org](http://www.foundationforautismsupportandtraining.org)

Provide autism awareness, guidance and consultation to parents and family members of adults on the autism spectrum and other pervasive developmental disabilities to develop long-term, life-care plans for their adult children. (FAST will assist these caregivers with a step-by-step road map for developing and managing their own community residential homes and other assisted living options for adults with autism, as well as day programs as well as day programs and vocational training services.) Provide advice, consultation and education to professionals in the field of autism and other developmental disabilities thus improving the care, education and autism treatment methods used with adults on the autism spectrum.

### **Full Citizenship of Maryland**

4910 Decatur Street  
Hyattsville, MD 20781  
301-209-0696 (V)  
E-mail: [fullcit@comcast.net](mailto:fullcit@comcast.net)

Provide individualized community living supports and assistance to individuals with developmental disabilities. Funded through the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA).

### **Healthy Families Montgomery - Family Services Agency, Inc.**

610 East Diamond Avenue, Suite 100  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877-5323  
301-840-2000 (V)  
[www.familyservicesagency.org](http://www.familyservicesagency.org)

Developmental screenings of infants and children. Education on infant and toddler development. Assistance with access to medical care. Links to community resources.

### **Interactive Autism Network**

[www.ianresearch.org](http://www.ianresearch.org)

Complete online study questionnaires collecting important information about Autism spectrum disorder diagnosis, treatments, services, and other related topics. Receive special notices about local, regional and national studies looking for families. Maintained by the Kennedy Krieger Institute.

### **Jewish Social Service Agency – Center for Autism Through the Lifespan**

200 Wood Hill Road  
Rockville, MD 20850  
301-838-4200 (V)  
E-mail: [contactus@jssa.org](mailto:contactus@jssa.org)

[www.jssa.org/get-help/individuals-with-special-needs/center-for-autism-through-the-lifespan/](http://www.jssa.org/get-help/individuals-with-special-needs/center-for-autism-through-the-lifespan/)

Needs assessment and behavioral evaluations, creation and coordination of an integrated plan of care, counseling, support groups, workshops, parent training, psychiatric evaluations and medication management, neuropsychological, psychological and psycho-educational testing, life skills, advocacy and future planning services. Autism Waiver provider.

### **Karma Dogs**

E-mail: [goodkarma@karmadogs.org](mailto:goodkarma@karmadogs.org)  
[www.karmadogs.org](http://www.karmadogs.org)

Canine assisted intervention-based therapy program designed to help children on the autism spectrum improve their communications and social skills, fine and gross motor, vestibular and proprioceptive senses. All participants must have an intake with the Coordinator before enrollment.

### **Kennedy Krieger Institute – Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)**

707 North Broadway  
Baltimore, MD 21205  
443-923-9200 (V)  
1-800-873-3377 (Toll Free)

E-mail: [info@kennedykrieger.org](mailto:info@kennedykrieger.org)  
[www.kennedykrieger.org/patient-care/patient-care-centers/center-autism-and-related-disorders](http://www.kennedykrieger.org/patient-care/patient-care-centers/center-autism-and-related-disorders)

Multifaceted, interdisciplinary program serving children, families, and professionals in the autism spectrum disorders (ASD) community. CARD combines research, clinical service, a therapeutic day program, and training programs to unlock the potential of children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), enrich their life experiences, empower patients, and promote the well-being of families through evidence-based practices.

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

P. O. Box 341590  
Bethesda, MD 20827-1590  
301-770-3200 (V)  
E-mail: [info@keengreaterdc.org](mailto:info@keengreaterdc.org)  
[www.keengreaterdc.org](http://www.keengreaterdc.org)

National, nonprofit volunteer-led organization that provides one-to-one recreational opportunities for children and young adults with developmental and physical disabilities. Opportunities include sports, music, swimming, clubs, tae kwon do, bowling and fitness.

### **Kliens' Educational and Health Care Services, Inc.**

13439 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20904  
301-879-7980 (V)  
301-879-7981 (V)  
E-mail: [klienseducation@yahoo.com](mailto:klienseducation@yahoo.com)  
[www.kliensedu-hcs.com](http://www.kliensedu-hcs.com)

Autism Waiver Services including Family Training, Therapeutic Integration Services, Intensive Individual Support Services, and Respite Care. Therapeutic and Recreational Services provided to individuals with Autism and other related disorders include, but are not limited to: Group Therapy/ Activities, Language Based Program, Speech and Language Services, Community Outing and Integration, Horseback Riding, and Therapeutic Swimming. Educational services include tutoring, educational assessments and placement tests, service coordination, speech and language services, and behavior management.

### **Madison House Autism Foundation**

15201 Shady Grove Road, Suite 200  
Rockville, MD 20850  
240-246-7140 (V)  
E-mail: [info@madisonhouseautism.org](mailto:info@madisonhouseautism.org)  
[www.madisonhouseautism.org](http://www.madisonhouseautism.org)

Mission is to create awareness of the lifespan challenges autistic adults and their families face. Work to enable community collaborations by hosting conversations, educating families and first responders, hosting Arts for Autism events, researching and developing sustainable solutions, and creating tools, models and templates to help families and communities support autistic adults.

### **National Speech/Language Therapy Center, Inc.**

#### **Bethesda Office**

5606 Shields Drive  
Bethesda, MD 20817  
301-493-0023 (V)

#### **Germantown Office**

20400 Observation Drive, #104  
Germantown, MD 20876  
301-540-0445 (V)

E-mail: [contact@nationalspeech.com](mailto:contact@nationalspeech.com)  
[www.nationalspeech.com](http://www.nationalspeech.com)

Specialize in the evaluation and treatment of pediatric speech and language disorders, gross and fine motor delays, learning differences and behavioral challenges. Provides services for ages birth to 21 for the following disorders: articulation, auditory processing, augmentative/alternative communication, autism spectrum disorder, behavior concerns, feeding, gross and fine motor delays, reading difficulties, receptive/expressive language delay, social skills and social language, and stuttering/cluttering. Provides services to adults in the Stuttering Clinic as well as those who have reading and learning difficulties.

### **Optimal Beginnings, LLC**

5272 River Road, Suite 300  
Bethesda, MD 20816  
301-718-1716 (V)  
E-mail: [OBAdmin@optimalbeginning.com](mailto:OBAdmin@optimalbeginning.com)  
[www.optimalbeginning.com](http://www.optimalbeginning.com)

Provides the following services through a person-centered approach: Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) programming; speech and language pathology; occupational therapy; social skills dyads, triads and groups; psychometric, academic and skill testing across multiple cognitive, communication and social functioning domains; one-on-one therapist, in-office, in-home, in-school and in-community; family resources and support; client advocacy and resource network; family social services support, parenting education; sibling groups / programs; and parent and family groups / programs.

### **Pathfinders for Autism**

303 International Circle, Suite 110  
Hunt Valley, MD 21030  
443-330-5341 (V)  
1-866-806-8400 (Toll Free)  
E-mail: [info@pathfindersforautism.org](mailto:info@pathfindersforautism.org)  
[www.pathfindersforautism.org](http://www.pathfindersforautism.org)

Founded by parents of children with autism to support and develop lifespan services and provide information and resources for families of children with autism. The Autism Resource Center offers knowledgeable staff available to take calls and respond to e-mail inquiries. Website features an online searchable database with information on services and programs throughout Maryland. Host Autism-Friendly and free family fun events throughout the year in partnership with local area attractions.

### **Pieces of the Puzzle, LLC**

6030 Daybreak Circle, Ste. A-150, #283  
Clarksville, MD 21029  
1-800-531-8795 (Toll Free)

Work directly with children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum and related disorders to provide highly individualized consultative and other services.

### **Rehabilitation Opportunities, Inc.**

#### **Montgomery County Office**

19548 Amaranth Drive  
Germantown, MD 20874  
240-686-0866 (V)  
[www.roiworks.org](http://www.roiworks.org)

Help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities learn the skills necessary to thrive in the workplace. Services include job placement, counseling, supported employment, sheltered employment, individual casework, and residential, educational, recreational and social opportunities. Transportation to and from work sites.

### **TLC's Outcomes Services**

2092 Gaither Road, Suite 100  
Rockville, MD 20850  
301-424-5200 (V)  
E-mail: [stice@tlic.org](mailto:stice@tlic.org)  
<http://tlic.org/tlic-programs/learning-differences/autism-related-services/>

Provide a wide range of services for individuals with autism spectrum disorders including: diagnosis; early intervention; speech-language therapy; tutors that specialize in working with students of all ages that have been diagnosed with a specific learning disability, including autism; the Katherine Thomas School serves students with mild to moderate autism and/or language and learning disabilities in preschool through 12th grade; and the Outcomes Service provides employment support and independent living skill services for adults with disabilities, including autism.

### **Verbal Beginnings**

1-888-344-5977 x 1 (Toll Free)

E-mail: [begin@verbalbeginnings.com](mailto:begin@verbalbeginnings.com)

[www.verbalbeginnings.com](http://www.verbalbeginnings.com)

Provide home and community based services to children between the ages of 2 and 21 who are diagnosed with Autism. Families are trained to implement ABA teaching strategies to insure the continuation of therapy at times when therapists are not present in the home. Coordinates therapy with school systems to insure the consistency of treatment and promote skill development. Accept insurance. Social Beginnings is a social skills program that provides both therapeutic and recreational opportunities for children to learn and develop socialization among peers. Accept insurance.

### **VisAbility Art Lab - VisArts**

155 Gibbs Street

Rockville, MD 20850

301-315-8200 (VisArts)

240-246-7140 (Madison House Autism Foundation)

E-mail: [Mliniger@madisonhouseautism.org](mailto:Mliniger@madisonhouseautism.org)

[www.madisonhouseautism.org/visibility-art-lab/](http://www.madisonhouseautism.org/visibility-art-lab/)

Entrepreneurial program for adults on the autism spectrum. Studio program provides an arts-oriented career path for participating artists, professional quality art making and resources, community involvement, and life skills advancement. Professional arts facilitators provide guidance, support, and direction. Joint project of VisArts and the Madison House Autism Foundation.

### **Whole Self Center**

Stephen C. Hartman, LCSW-C, Executive Director

331 Gambrills Road, Suite 4A

Gambrills, MD 21054

410-923-1100 (V)

E-mail: [schartman@wholeselfcenter.com](mailto:schartman@wholeselfcenter.com)

[www.thewholeselfcenter.com](http://www.thewholeselfcenter.com)

Family training, intensive individual support services, respite care, therapeutic integration, adult life planning and transitioning youth. Autism Waiver provider.