

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD - DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY

Employment - Business Assistance

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Maryland WorkABILITY Loan Program

Maryland Technology Assistance Program

2301 Argonne Drive, Rm T-17

Baltimore, Maryland 21218

410-554-9230 (V)

1-866-881-7488 (TTY)

E-mail: info.mdod@maryland.gov

<http://mdod.maryland.gov/mdtap/Pages/WorkABILITY-Loan-Program.aspx>

Helps Maryland residents with disabilities qualify for low interest loans to buy equipment to support employment, work from home or start small businesses. Equipment includes computers, printers, and related peripheral software, office machines (fax machines, scanners, calculators), office furniture, job-related machinery, home and/or home office modifications for accessibility, assistive technology (any device that enables an individual with a disability to live or work more independently).

Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

Georgette "Gigi" Godwin, President & CEO

51 Monroe Street, Suite 1800

Rockville, MD 20850

301-738-0015 x 208 (V)

E-mail: ggodwin@mcccmd.com

www.montgomerycountychamber.com

Extensive real-world business education and comprehensive one-on-one business counseling, at reduced fees or no charge. Partnered with MontgomeryWorks to provide innovative programs and training grant opportunities that can help employers meet their unique workforce needs.

Montgomery County Department of

Economic Development

1801 Rockville Pike, Suite 320

Rockville, MD 20850

301-216-3832 (V)

<https://choosemontgomerycountymd.com>

Non-profit organization that provides technical advice and guidance on economic development programs and initiatives. Small and Minority Business Manager serves as the key liaison to small and minority business groups, underserved communities, and other key constituents, and develops partnerships and programs to serve them.

Reach Independence Through Self-Employment (RISE) Program – Division of Rehabilitation Services

1110 Benfield Boulevard, Suite B

Millersville, MD 21108

410-863-7213 (V)

1-888-788-7473 (Toll Free)

www.pdgrehab.com/rise

Offers individuals with physical, psychiatric and cognitive disabilities the opportunity to become business owners with the unique support offered by supported business enterprise programs. Program includes a series of seminars and coursework that eliminate the guess work and "trial and error" that can lead to business failure. Assist in the development of a business plan. Provide access to professional counselors for planning marketing, financing and operations. The RISE Program is open to active consumers of the Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) interested in exploring self-employment.