

# **Disability Network Directory – Montgomery County, Maryland**

# **Housing – Home Modification & Design Consultation**

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#### Design for Life Property Tax Incentive Program - www.montgomerycountymd.gov/design

Provides tax credits to builders and homeowners for including features in new and existing residential housing to improve accessibility for persons of all ages, including seniors and those with disabilities.

- Property tax credit of up to \$2,500 for installing accessibility features in an existing residence;
- Property tax credit of up to \$3,000 for making a new or existing, attached or detached, single-family home
- Level I (Visitable) (barrier-free entry, interior pathway, visiting space and powder room);
- Property tax credit of up to \$10,000 for making a new or existing, attached or detached, single-family home
- Level II (Liveable) (barrier-free entry, interior pathways, living spaces, kitchen, bedroom and bath); and
- Impact tax credit against the Development Impact Tax for Public School Improvements for meeting a Level I
  accessibility standard in single-family attached and detached homes.

## **Download Design for Life Property Tax Incentive application:**

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/design/Resources/Files/PDF/DesignForLifeApplicationforTaxCredit.pdf

# **Building Codes**

#### **Montgomery County Dept. of Permitting Services**

2425 Reedie Drive, 7th Floor Wheaton, MD 20902 311 (In County) 240-777-0311 (Out of County)

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/permittingservices

Responsible for issuance of building permits and provide technical assistance on local building codes, ADA, parking requirements, restrooms, and accessibility. Manages and certifies the Design for Life Property Tax Incentive Program.

# Access Board - U.S. Architectural & Transportation Barriers Compliance Board

Sachin Dev Pavithran, Executive Director 1331 F Street NW, Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20004 202-272-0080 ext 3 (Technical Assistance)

Email: ta@access-board.gov www.access-board.gov

Independent federal agency devoted to accessibility for people with disabilities. Technical assistance available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to

5 p.m. EST. Accessibility specialists are available to answer questions on accessibility as it relates to the built environment, outdoor sites, streets and sidewalks, transportation vehicles and vessels, information and communication technology, and medical diagnostic equipment.

# Maryland Building Codes Administration Dept. of Labor, Division of Labor and Industry

10946 Golden West Drive, Suite 160 Hunt Valley, MD 21031 410-767-2227 (V)

Email: <a href="mailto:dldlibuildingcodes-labor@maryland.gov">dldlibuildingcodes-labor@maryland.gov</a>
https://labor.maryland.gov/labor/build/buildstatecodes.shtml

Maryland building codes information. Provide technical assistance to local governments, industry and the public to ensure that buildings are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

# **Assessment & Consultation**

# Accessible and Universal Home Consulting (U-Home)

Andrew Myers, Owner, Occupational Therapist, CAPS

Email: andrew@uhomeconsulting.com

www.uhomeconsulting.com

Perform a medical, functional assessment of you in your home. Collaborate with trusted remodeling teams or handymen (for big or small jobs) to develop project scope and plants to maximize your safety and access for the long term. Connect you with local healthcare providers and community resources to promote quality of life in your home and community. After modifications are made, a reassessment is completed of your daily function at home. Provide on-site training of your new modifications to ensure your safety and satisfaction.

#### **Accessible Home Solutions**

Kathy Kirchner, OT, CAPS

703-864-6036 (V)

Email: kathy@accessiblehomesolutions.com

www.accessiblehomesolutions.com

Home safety and functional assessments. Analysis of activities of daily living. Advice on products, physical layout specifications, and design individualized renovation plans for optimizing individual abilities and long-term needs.

## Accessible Living Interiors Design & Consulting

Tonya Gilchrist, CAPS, LGSW, Associate Kitchen & Bath Designer 703-447-6169 (V)

Email: tonyagilchrist@msn.com www.houzz.com/pro/tonyakgilchrist

Aging in place home assessment and plan. Resource referral. Accessible kitchen and bath design development and space planning. Serving older adults, adults and children with physical, visual, developmental or autism needs.

#### Independence Now - Home Modification Program

Jake Clark, Assistive Technology Specialist 12301 Old Columbia Pike, Suite 101 Silver Spring, MD 20904 240-898-2188 (V)

Email: jclark@innow.org www.innow.org/assistivetech

Program assists eligible individuals with significant physical and mental disabilities living in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties to live independently at home in the community. Architectural modifications to a residence of an eligible individual may be authorized to the extent necessary to facilitate entry and exit to the residence, access to bathroom facilities, and access within the residence. Modifications are provided to a consumer no more frequently than once every two year. There is a funding limit of \$7,500 per request. Consumers are required to contribute 20% of the cost. Proof of income is required to determine eligibility.

## Innovative Inclusive Design, LLC

Deborah A. Rozell, ECHM, CAPS, President 301-602-3414 (V)

Email: deborah@iidesigner.com www.innovativeinclusivedesign.com

Home safety assessments, hospital-to-home transition assessments, and universal design assessments. Provide hourly consultation offering the following services: review of assessment with contractors, gathering estimates, design, resources, selection of materials, drawings, design development and project management. Also provide apartment and commercial building assessments for accessibility. We work with clients, families, professional and organizations to determine eligibility and support in securing tax credits, grants and other funding sources.

# Maryland Technology Assistance Program (MDTAP) Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD) **Home Modifications**

410-554-9230 (V)

1-800-832-4827 (Toll Free)

Email: mdtap.general@maryland.gov

https://mdod.maryland.gov/mdtap/Pages/consultations .aspx

MDTAP provides both in-person and virtual consultation opportunities to meet with staff, discuss needs, review settings where the technology is needed, and explore AT that can help each person achieve the goal to live, work, and learn more independently. Provide an opportunity for consumers to try out equipment, hands-on or virtually, and explore a variety of like-devices to see what is most useful. Demonstrations are consumer-driven, meaning that we will never tell a client what device to use, but will rather help that person find the device that is most useful, useable, and comfortable.

# **Assistive Technology Loan Program**

https://mdod.maryland.gov/mdtap/Pages/ATlowloan.aspx Helps Maryland residents with disabilities and their families qualify for low-interest loans to buy equipment, including home modifications, that will help them live, work, and learn more independently.

#### **Home Modification Directory**

http://mdod.maryland.gov/mdtap/Pages/Home-Modifications-Directory.aspx

Provides useful information on home modification resources throughout Maryland. Categories include equipment supplies, funding sources and loan programs, home assessment / equipment evaluations, information and referral, licensed home improvement contractors, and volunteer organizations.

#### Massa Medical LLC

Maher Kharma, Occupational Therapist, Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS)

202-378-7558 (V)

Email: info@massa-medical.com https://massa-medical.com/

Assess home barriers (entrances, doorways, stairs, bathtubs, etc.) and propose solutions and modifications (ramps, stairlifts, walk-in showers, etc.) that you need to create an accessible home environment that will foster independence and safety. General contractors will complete the recommended modifications or staff can collaborate with your contractor to complete the needed modifications. Provide training on using installed equipment to assure satisfaction. Serve clients throughout the state of Maryland of all age groups with physical, visual, sensory and intellectual disabilities.

# **Architects**

#### IK Architecture, LLC

6015 Kirby Road Bethesda, MD 20817 202-930-5056 (V)

Email: contact@ikarch.com

www.ikarch.com

Specialize in commercial and residential design projects, including multi-family housing and religious facility design. ADA analysis.

#### Stevens, Rebecca, RA, AIA

240-446-9571 (Cell)

Email: <a href="mailto:contact@architravepc.com/www.architravepc.com/rebecca-stevens">contact@architravepc.com/www.architravepc.com/rebecca-stevens</a>
Designs accessible home renovations.

# Universal Designers & Consultants, Inc.

Matthew Tierney, AIA, President John P. S. Salmen, FAIA 6909 Laurel Avenue, Suite 5749 Takoma Park, MD 20913 301-442-6437 (V)

Email: contactus@udconsultants.com

www.udconsultants.com

Architects and design professionals who assist business owners and companies in improving customer access and making their establishments compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and/or the Fair Housing Act, and assist homeowners in enhancing the livability of their homes - making changes that will improve the safety and comfort of a home for years to come.

# Renovation / Construction

#### Bath Planet of Southern MD & Northern VA

2640 Crain Highway Waldorf, MD 20601 301-250-1246 (V)

# www.bathplanet.com/southernmaryland

Bathroom remodeling. Products include bathtub and shower replacement, walk-in tubs, tub-to-shower conversions, step-through inserts, and barrier-free shower bases.

# Case Architects and Remodelers Maryland Design Studio

4701 Sangamore Road North Plaza, Suite 40 Bethesda, MD 20816 301-229-4600 (V)

www.casedesign.com

Design and remodeling of interior and exterior residential projects, including additions, baths, and kitchens.

# Community Reach of Montgomery County Senior Reach Program

Will Mohan, Program Manager 301-637-0171 (V)

Email: wmohan@cmrocks.org www.cmrocks.org/senior-reach

The program partners with contractors and volunteers to provide a wide range of services, such as plumbing and electrical repairs, replacement of necessary household appliances, annual HVAC inspections, minor repairs, as assistive devices, and delivery of food from nonprofit food services to eligible clients. Additionally, Senior Reach installs safety devices such as railings. ramps, grab bars, hand-held shower nozzles, and bathroom assist devices. Eligibility requirements: you are a City of Rockville resident over the age of 60, or a disabled adult 50 years or over; you live alone or with someone who is also in need of care; you live in a single family, townhouse, or apartment/condo, outside of a rehabilitation, or assisted living facility; the annual income for all individuals in a household of two or more is \$52,813 or less, and for one person living alone is \$48,318 or less.

#### FineCraft Contractors, Inc.

104 Summit Hall Road Gaithersburg, MD 20877 301-679-7757 (V)

www.finecraftcontractors.com

Remodeling and home improvement including kitchens, bathrooms, and additions.

#### **Gardener's General Contractors**

9607 Dr. Perry Road, #107 Ijamsville, MD 21754 301-831-8130 (V)

Email: <a href="mailto:service@gardenergeneral.com">service@gardenergeneral.com</a>

https://gardenergeneral.com/

Full service general contractor, specializing in home improvements, renovations, carpentry, general repair, maintenance, and many other general contracting needs.

#### Glickman Design | Remodel | Build

Russ Glickman, MCR, CAPS, Founder 15757 Crabbs Branch Way Rockville, MD 20855 301-444-4663 (V)

Email: russ@glickmandesignbuild.com

www.glickmandesignbuild.com

Home design, remodel and building firm with a focus on creating homes for life. Specialized experience with aging-in-place, accessible and universal design that accommodate clients' day-to-day needs.

#### **Habitat for Humanity of Metro Maryland**

8380 Colesville Road, Suite 700 Silver Spring, MD 20910 301-990-0014 (V)

www.habitatmm.org

Provides low-cost home repairs and weatherization services to address health and safety issues, energy efficiency improvements and/or code violations to qualified Montgomery County and Prince George's County homeowners. Applicants must earn less than 80% of area median income (see application for current limits and other qualification requirements), are required to participate in the work day and must provide post-work feedback. Services include but are not limited to exterior paint (whole house, trim, shutters); accessibility modifications; installation or extension of plumbing, electrical or HVAC systems; roof repairs / gutter, soffit, and fascia repair; air sealing; insulation; and appliance replacement. Also offer homeownership opportunities. Program CAPABLE serves older adults who are experiencing challenges with Activities of Daily Living (ADL's) by providing a more holistic approach to the idea of aging in place.

# Merrick Design and Build Inc.

10605 Concord Street, Suite 301 Kensington, MD 20895 301-946-2356 (V) www.remodelwithmerrick.com Home renovation and remodeling.

# Rebuilding Together Montgomery County, Inc.

18225-A Flower Hill Way Gaithersburg, MD 20879 301-947-9400 (V)

Email: info@rebuildingtogethermc.org

www.rebuildingtogethermc.org

Perform home repairs and home modifications such as the installation of wheelchair ramps and grab bars to improve safety and accessibility. Repairs can include minor plumbing and electrical work; roofing, floor, wall, and ceiling repairs; energy efficiency and weatherization; some (limited) interior and exterior painting, installation of grab bars and building of ramps; trash removal and yard work. Where necessary, they provide referral to social service providers to address other issues the homeowner is experiencing. All services are provided free of charge to eligible homeowners, primarily the elderly, disabled, and families with children who live in Montgomery County.

# Strategies for Independent Living, LLC

Stephen R. Hage, CR 1007 Elm Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912 301-585-5738 (V)

Email: <u>steve.strategies@gmail.com</u>

https://strategiesforindependentliving.com/

Work with people of all ages and abilities as informed consumers to create independence and safety in their homes. Services include design and feasibility, assistive equipment such as wheelchair lifts, stair lifts, ramps, grab bars, handrails, and shower seats, and remodeling of kitchens and bathrooms.

#### Tenenbaum, Louis, CAPS, Independent Living Strategist

P.O. Box 60027 Potomac, MD 20859 301-983-0131 (V)

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www.louistenenbaum.com

Consults, trains and speaks on aging in place and universal design. Homeowner/builder/developer consultant.

#### Total Mobility Services of Frederick, MD

Anne Masci, Mobility Consultant 5411 Yukon Court Suite B Frederick, MD 21703 240-490-7841 (V)

Email: annem@tmservices.com

www.tmservices.com

Provides, installs and services ADA compliant aquatic lifts, customized and straight stairlifts, elevators, and railing and ramping systems for your home accessibility solutions.

#### **Unique Enterprises**

301-473-8580 (V)

https://remodel-unique.com/

Residential remodeling services, renovations, and home improvements.