

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD - DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY

Advocacy

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American Association of People with Disabilities

2013 H Street, NW, 5th Floor
Washington, DC 20006
202-521-4316 (V)
1-800-840-8844 (Toll Free)
E-mail: communications@aapd.com
www.aapd.com

National nonprofit cross-disability member organization that advocates for disability rights and creates connections among people with disabilities.

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

E-mail: adapt@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.

Child Welfare League of America

727 15th Street NW, 12th Floor
Washington, DC 20005
202-688-4200 (V)
E-mail: cwla@cwla.org
www.cwla.org

Coalition of hundreds of private and public agencies serving vulnerable children and families. 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

25 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
202-628-8787 (V)
E-mail: cdfinfo@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.

Disability Rights Maryland

Robin Murphy, Executive Director
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

Provide services to persons with disabilities such as information and referrals to callers about many different legal topics, investigations of complaints that persons with disabilities are abused, neglected, or mistreated, case advocacy for persons with disabilities to obtain certain services, legal representation, technical assistance and legal information to promote self-advocacy, and public education and training.

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. (IN)

12301 Old Columbia Pike, Suite 101
Silver Spring, MD 20904
301-277-2839 (V)
E-mail: info@innow.org
www.innow.org

Staff works individually and in group settings with consumers to assist with increasing their advocacy skills and knowledge of their civil rights. Staff interacts with local, state, and national legislators and agency leaders on behalf of people with disabilities to increase and improve transportation, education, programs, personal assistance services, overcoming architectural barriers and employment opportunities. Serving 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.

Maryland Attorney General

Health Education and Advocacy Unit

200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202

410-528-1840 (V)
1-888-743-0023 (Toll Free)

E-mail: heau@oag.state.md.us

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. For example, if your health plan has refused to cover a medical procedure or pay for a medical service for a consumer; if you need help resolving a billing dispute with a health care provider, such as a hospital, doctor or dentist; or if you need assistance resolving a dispute about medical equipment that was defective or was never delivered. The Unit also helps 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. Complaints can be filed online or via hard copy.

Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council

217 East Redwood Street, Suite 1300
Baltimore, MD 21202

1-800-305-6441 (Toll Free)

E-mail: info@md-council.org

www.md-council.org

General Inquiries (or if uncertain about who to contact)

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410-767-6249 (V)

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410-767-3669 (V)

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410-767-2914 (V)

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410-767-3671 (V)

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Rachel London, Executive Director

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410-767-3786 (V)

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

Consumer Questions or Complaints about Life, Health, Disability, Long-Term Care Insurance and Annuities:

410-468-2244 (V)

E-mail: lhcomplaints.mia@maryland.gov

Consumer Questions or Complaints about Auto, Homeowners, Business, Property and Casualty Insurance:

410-468-2340 (V)

E-mail: iris.cruz@maryland.gov

Rapid Response Program:

410-468-2340 (V) Option 3, then Option 1

1-800-492-6116 (Toll Free) Option 3, then Option 1

www.insurance.maryland.gov

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. Rapid Response Program is designed to help certain consumers resolve property and casualty claims (such as auto and homeowners claims including those made under commercial lines policies) quickly and without having to file a formal written complaint. Formal complaints can be filed online or submitted by mail - indicate if complaint is regarding Life/Health or Property/Casualty Insurance.

MCneeds

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/MCneeds/info>

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. To join, send an email to McNeeds-Subscribe@yahoo.com.

Mobility International USA

541-343-1284 (V)

www.miusa.org

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 (NCD)

1331 F Street, NW, Suite 850

Washington, DC 20004

202-272-2004 (V)

202-272-2074 (TTY)

E-mail: ncd@ncd.gov

www.ncd.gov

NCD is an 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 (NDRN)

820 1st Street, NE, Suite 740

Washington, DC 20002

202-408-9514 (V)

202-408-9521 (TTY)

E-mail: info@ndrn.org

www.ndrn.org

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. NDRN is the nonprofit membership organization for the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Systems and the Client Assistance Programs (CAP) for individuals with disabilities.

Parents' Place of Maryland

801 Cromwell Park Drive, Suite 103

Glen Burnie, MD 21061

410-768-9100 (V)

1-800-394-5694 (Toll Free)

E-mail: info@ppmd.org

www.ppmd.org

Serve families of children and young adults from birth to age 22 with all disabilities. 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>

Participants, families and advocates for Self-Directed Services. Work with DDA to maintain person-centeredness and family involvement. To join the advocacy network, please e-mail info@marylandsds.org.

**TLC's Outcomes Service –
Transition Advocacy Program**

2092 Gaither Road, Suite 100
Rockville, MD 20850
301-294-9205 (V)
301-424-5203 (TTY)

E-mail: stice@ttlc.org

www.ttlc.org/outcomes_service

Provides support to individuals with developmental disabilities who have a desire to be active in their community. The Transition Advocacy Program helps clients develop an understanding of valuable resources in the community available to help them, from short-term services supporting transition to long-term services that cover the lifetime of the individual. Private pay, fee-for-service. Initial consultation is free of charge.