

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD - DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY

## Advocacy

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### **American Association of People with Disabilities**

2013 H Street, NW, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20006  
202-521-4316 (V)  
1-800-840-8844 (Toll Free)  
E-mail: [communications@aapd.com](mailto:communications@aapd.com)  
[www.aapd.com](http://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](mailto:adapt@adapt.org)  
[www.adapt.org](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20005  
202-688-4200 (V)  
E-mail: [cwla@cwla.org](mailto:cwla@cwla.org)  
[www.cwla.org](http://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: [cdinfo@childrensdefense.org](mailto:cdinfo@childrensdefense.org)  
[www.childrensdefense.org](http://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](http://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](http://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 GDOI 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](mailto:info@innow.org)  
[www.innow.org](http://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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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@yahoogroups.com](mailto:McNeeds-Subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

### **Mobility International USA**

541-343-1284 (V)

[www.miusa.org](http://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](mailto:ncd@ncd.gov)

[www.ncd.gov](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NE, Suite 740

Washington, DC 20002

202-408-9514 (V)

202-408-9521 (TTY)

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

[www.ndrn.org](http://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](mailto:info@ppmd.org)

[www.ppmd.org](http://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](mailto: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@tlic.org](mailto:stice@tlic.org)

[www.tlic.org/outcomes\\_service](http://www.tlic.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.