



Disability Network Directory – Montgomery County, Maryland

Autism Resources

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A & C Support Services, Inc.

1602 Belle View Boulevard #3015

Alexandria, VA 22307

301-684-5600 (MD)

703-659-8404 (VA)

Email: info-intake@acssinc.org

www.acssinc.org

Program enables persons served and their primary support system with assistance in developing and/or maintaining independence, productivity and progress towards their definition of a fulfilling life. Maryland DDA Provider for personal supports, respite, support broker and vendor services. Consortium member for the Arc Montgomery County Respite Coordination Program. Serving Maryland, Northern Virginia, and DC.

Life Skills Assistance: These supports are specifically designed to teach life & home skills development as well as community engagement and social skills. This includes assistance with laundry, showering, grooming, finances, medical issues, meal planning and preparation, shopping, travel training and accessing their community. **Support Coordination:** Coordinating and developing and accessing necessary supports on behalf of individuals and their families. **Respite Care:** Planned or emergency temporary care relief. Short notice is accepted. Accept private pay and insurances and work with families with limited income and resources. All supports are provided in families or home or the community.

A & R Comfort Care, LLC

Aileen Carmon, ALM/Owner

19021 North Frederick Road

Gaithersburg, MD 20879

301-793-8127 (V)

Email: acarmon25@yahoo.com

www.anrcomfortcare.com

Specialize in services with children with Autism Spectrum Disorders from ages 6 to 21. Accept Autism Waiver and private pay.

Therapeutic Integration: Located inside Gaithersburg High School. Individualized program that includes music, art, dance, movement, social skills, sharing and turn taking. Weekly outings during the summer to

A & R Comfort Care, LLC Continued

libraries, parks, eateries, bowling, butler's orchard, mini golf, splash pools, aquatic therapeutics at a local pool, trampoline parks and more. **Intensive Individual**

Support Services: One-on-one interventions with the participant provided by a direct care worker. Service is goal-oriented and task-oriented, with interventions developed on an individualized basis based on the treatment plan that has been developed by the Family Consultant assigned to the family. Service may be provided in the participant's home or community environment as a learning experience and opportunity to illustrate and model alternative ways for the participant to behave. Treatment plans are created, implemented and reviewed every six months for accuracy. **Family Consultation:** Participant's family will receive consultation on how to assist your child to acquire, retain or improve skills in a wide variety of areas that directly affect your child's development and ability to reside as independently as possible.

Assisted Living: Operate a 5-bed assisted living facility for adults with disabilities.

Abilities Network

8503 LaSalle Road

Towson, MD 21286

410-828-7700 (V)

www.abilitiesnetwork.org

Support children, adults, families, and seniors who are affected by a variety of at-risk factors, including a diagnosed disability, lack of environmental supports, low-socioeconomic levels, and limited knowledge about resources and/or the capacity to access them.

Project ACT (All Children Together): Provides consultation to support the inclusion of children with developmental delays, mental health, and behavioral challenges in their early education and care settings.

Community Living: Customizes supports in order to address the personal strengths, needs, preferences, and desires of the individuals they assist. Developing a clear understanding of each person's abilities, they expand upon those existing skills to promote independence in problem-solving, social interactions, use of community-based resources, and motivation to achieve identified goals.

Achieving True Self

1-866-287-2036 (V)

www.achievingtrueself.com

Intensive treatment services are data-driven and delivered through the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). Behavioral health treatment with a strong family systems approach proves effective in assessment and treatment of persons with Autism and behavioral health diagnoses in creating sustainable change. Offer the following in homes and community settings where needs are determined: Comprehensive Initial Assessment and Plan Development, Individual Adaptive Behavior Treatment, and Family Support, Training, and Guidance. Social Skills Groups are under development. Accept Maryland Medicaid, many insurance carriers, and private payment. Serve Maryland, Pennsylvania and parts of Northern Virginia and West Virginia.

Acorn Health

Germantown Location

19540 Amaranth Drive
Germantown, MD 20874
240-830-7233 (V)

Silver Spring Location

12164 Tech Road
Silver Spring, MD 20904
240-913-6383 (V)

Email: info@acornhealth.com

<https://acornhealth.com/states/aba-autism-therapy-maryland/>

Provide center-based and home-based applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy services. Treatment is tailored to the individual child, family, and agreed-upon goals.

Advancing Beyond the Spectrum (ABS)

3717 Boston Street, Suite 148

Baltimore, MD 21224

443-800-4985 (V)

Email: jsumers@abstherapy.org

www.abstherapy.org

Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) develop and implement individualized treatment plans best suited to allow children to move beyond labels and to reach their full potential. BCBAs and Registered Behavior Technicians are dedicated to meeting the social, behavioral, academic, and communication needs of children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Services provided include assessments, individualized treatment plans, parent training, social skill training, community support, and parent advocacy. ABS accepts LISS (Low Intensity Support Services) funding, grants and private pay. In-network provider of ABA services under Aetna Insurance as well as TRICARE through the Autism Care Demo. ABS can provide ABA services out-of-network for other insurance companies. Serving Montgomery, Frederick, Carroll, Howard, Baltimore, Harford, Prince George's, and Anne Arundel Counties and Baltimore City.

Ally Behavior Centers

1390 Piccard Drive, Suite 100

Rockville MD, 20850

301-327-5199 (V)

Email: info@allybehavior.com

www.allybehavior.com

Year-round center-based treatment program for children ages 18 months to 6 years old, providing services in the DC Metro area. Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) and Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs) help their learners achieve their highest potential. Therapists are trained to recognize learning and teaching opportunities in the natural environment as well as in a structured instructional setting. Provides one-on-one intensive therapy and parent training.

Applied ABC

1386 Lambertson Drive

Silver Spring, MD 20902

1-866-352-5010 (Toll Free)

Email: intake@appliedabc.com

www.appliedabc.com

Provides ABA therapy services to children with autism throughout Montgomery County. Team of ABA therapists, RBTs, and BCBAs provide personalized care in a client's home or at their autism therapy center in Silver Spring. Also offer special education assistance to students with disabilities, which includes building personalized treatment programs, providing classroom personnel, conducting developmental training sessions, and more. Applied ABC accepts Cigna, Aetna, United Healthcare, Optum, and most other insurance providers.

Arc Montgomery County

7362 Calhoun Place

Rockville, MD 20855

301-984-5777 (V)

Email: info@arcmontmd.org

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

Doreen Engel, Director, Children & Youth Services

10611 Tenbrook Drive

Silver Spring, MD 20901

301-984-5777 x 3353 (V)

Email: doreen.engel@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.

Arc Montgomery County Continued After All Program

Doreen Engel, Director, Children & Youth Services
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Kensington, MD 20895
301-984-5777 x 3380 (V)
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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. Program available for ages 11 to 21.

Transitioning Youth Retail (TYRP)

Donna King, Project Director
301-984-5777 x 2212 (V)
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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

301-984-5777 x 1204 (V)
Email: 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. Available for children, youth, young adults, and adults. Respite is funded primarily through a contract with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.

Employment & Meaningful Day Services

301-984-5777 x 2232 (V)
Email: EMD_AdminStaff@arcmontmd.org

Supports adults with disabilities by providing employment opportunities, vocational counseling and career development. These services are designed to enhance each individual's abilities and skills, allowing them to work as independently as possible in the community. Trained job coaches monitor each worker's performance and serve as intermediaries with employers to help workers succeed on the job and to resolve concerns before they become workplace issues. Some examples of work assignments include custodial and lawn care, commercial grounds maintenance, packaging and assembly, and warehouse services.

Personal Supports

Kari Borgealt, Director of Inclusive Living Services
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Maximizing life skills while promoting community inclusion may require different levels of support. Customized, in-home and person-centered support makes it possible for adults with disabilities to live independently or to remain in their family's home. Staff can coordinate with schools, employers, and other program providers to encourage a positive experience

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providing maximum benefit to the individual. The intensity of services provided may range from drop-in support of a few hours to hands-on supervision for several hours each week and may include community connections (links to community resources); independent living (personal/health care, cooking, shopping); finances (budgeting, banking); social/recreational activities (leisure, entertainment, religious and cultural activities); and medical (appointments, benefits coordination).

Community Living Services

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301-984-5777 x 1230 (V)

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Full residential services focused on individualized support can be provided to adults with disabilities at one of 35 single-family homes, townhomes or condos owned or operated by The Arc Montgomery County. Support services may include personal care, medication administration, use of community services, meal preparation, recreation, financial management, and health care coordination. Person must apply to the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration for eligibility and funding approval.

Autism Learning Partners

10770 Columbia Pike, Suite 300
Silver Spring, MD 20901

1-855-805-0759 x 276 (Toll Free)

Email: intake@autismlearningpartners.com
<https://autismlearningpartners.com/locations/maryland/montgomery-county/silver-spring/>

Specialize in the evidence-based practice of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), a targeted intervention for Autism Spectrum Disorder. Offer social skills classes, parent training and provides in-home ABA services in Montgomery and Prince George's County. Accept most major insurance plans.

Autism Outreach, Inc.

46040 Center Oak Plaza, Suite 130
Sterling, VA 20166

703-689-0019 (V)

Email: information@autismoutreach.org
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

6110 Executive Boulevard, Suite 305
Rockville, MD 20852

301-657-0881 (V)

1-800-328-8476 (Toll Free)

Email: info@autism-society.org
<https://autismsociety.org>

Advocacy, information, referral, and support groups.

Autism Society of Maryland

9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 308
Columbia, MD 21046
410-290-3466 (V)

Email: info@autismsocietymd.org

<https://autismsocietymd.org>

Merged with the Autism Society Montgomery County in September 2022. Serves individuals on the autism spectrum, their families, and their communities by providing information, support, and advocacy; by promoting awareness of autism that values the dignity and uniqueness of each individual; and by working to improve the quality of and access to services and to educational opportunities. Supports meaningful participation and self-determination in all aspects of life for individuals on the autism spectrum and their families. Informs individuals and families directly affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders and local service providers by seeking out opportunities to educate all in best practices in support and treatment. Promotes better awareness and understanding of the autism spectrum. It provides information and resources to the autism community and to the public at large in a manner that is most effective with each target audience. Advocates for public policy and funding that expands educational, vocational, therapeutic, recreational, social, and residential options as well as research opportunities and medical knowledge. Promotes collaborative relationships between individuals on the autism spectrum and their families, and their service providers. Encourages cooperation between schools, agencies, organizations, and other professionals involved in the lives of people within the autism spectrum. Serving Montgomery, Howard and Anne Arundel Counties.

Autism Speaks

1-888-288-4762 (Toll Free)

Email: help@autismspeaks.org

www.autismspeaks.org

Awareness and advocacy. Sponsor charity walks and host fundraising events. Autism Response Team members are specially trained to connect families with information, resources and opportunities.

Blue Runway for Autism

Email: bluerunwayforautism@gmail.com

<https://bluerunwayforautism.com/>

501(c)3 nonprofit organization that encourages inclusion through its fashion shows. Empower people with Autism and other invisible disabilities to believe in their own unique abilities. Also invite others to collaborate, advocate, and educate participants and attendees about the various disabilities and other issues and hot topics within the community. **Dressed in Blue Project** community outreach program educates others about Autism Spectrum Disorder and other invisible disabilities to foster a partnership and comradery while connecting youth with the law enforcement community.

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.

Casey's Special Education Services, LLC

561-353-8336 (V)

Email: caseythespeducator@gmail.com

www.caseythespeducator.com

Licensed special education teachers committed to providing comprehensive support to students aged 2 to 28. Offer in-home, high-quality, one-on-one instruction for individuals across the autism spectrum to unique needs like dyslexia, ADHD, and Down Syndrome. Also offer parent coaching, IEP planning, social skills groups, collaboration with other service providers and more. Serve Maryland, DC, and Virginia areas.

Centria Healthcare

Carol Tatom, Area Operations Director

1-855-772-8847 (Toll Free)

Email: carol.tatom@centriahealthcare.com

Email: referrals@centriahealthcare.com

<https://centriahealthcare.com>

Offer in-home Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services throughout Maryland. Provide comprehensive assessments to evaluate meaningful and achievable goals and create a personalized treatment plan tailored to the child's specific goals. Focus on improving communication and acquiring social and daily living skills to address challenging behaviors. Provide ongoing education and support to parents and caregivers. Insurances accepted include Aetna, CareFirst, Cigna, Humana, Humana Military - Tricare East, Kaiser, Magellan, Optum Medicaid, Optum Commercial, and Quest Behavioral Health.

Children Achieving Maximum Potential (ChAMP)

5850 Waterloo Road, Suite 194

Columbia, MD 21045

301-591-9776 (V)

Email: info@childrenachieving.com

www.childrenachieving.com

Autism Waiver Service Provider in 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.

Communication for Education

Email: info@communicationforeducation.com
www.communicationforeducation.com

Provides communication partner training for individuals who work in educational settings. This training program was developed in collaboration with dozens of professionals and non-speaking students and helps educators support students using text-based multimodal communication in accessing curriculum.

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)

Email: csaac@csaac.org
<http://csaac.org/>

Provides services across the lifespan ranging from intensive early intervention services for young children, to educational services and residential supports for school age children, through adult services including community-based residential and vocational programs.

Community School of Maryland: Non-public school that specializes in educational services for students with autism. This 12-month program is non-graded and provides full day and residential special education and related services. School students range between 6 and 21 years of age. All students are provided with classroom and community-based instruction.

Programming may include functional academics, communication, self-care skills, fine and gross motor skills, interpersonal skills, leisure skills, vocational skills and transitional programming.

Adult Residential Support Services

Sam Asiamah, Director
240-912-2233 (V)

Oversees 68 homes in Montgomery County providing community living to children and adults with autism. Homes are staffed around the clock by counselors who teach independent living skills such as housekeeping, personal hygiene, shopping, money management, communication, telephone use, and leisure activities.

Vocational Supports: Supported employment program offers a wide range of supports and expertise which allow individuals with autism to succeed at competitive employment. Supported employment personnel help prepare the worksite for the individual, provide task and behavioral support and intervene to overcome obstacles to keeping the job. In cases of unemployment or underemployment, individuals receive a structured, enriched schedule of job training and training in related areas such as social skills for the workplace, until employment is found.

Community Support Network / Montgomery County Aging and Disability Services

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

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Disability/DevDis.html

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** staff coordinate with Montgomery County Public Schools staff and monitor services for children (ages 0 - 21) in the program who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Through the Autism Waiver Program, students and families receive respite care, environmental accessibility adaptations, family training, supported adult life planning, and intensive individual support services in the home and community, therapeutic integration service, service coordination and, in some cases, residential habilitation.
- **My Turn Program** provides support and assistance to families with children ages three to thirteen who have developmental disabilities and are not connected with State of Maryland resources. Services include outreach, assistance with summer camp placements and other programmatic and financial assistance.
- **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.

Community Support Services (CSS)

9075 Comprint Court
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
301-926-2300 (V)

Email: css@css-md.org
www.css-md.org

Support adults with autism and other developmental disabilities during the day, at work, at home or in the community. Provides supported employment services, day habilitation services and residential services. Day program activities are designed to promote opportunity, inclusion and the development of life skills in a safe, structured environment. This includes collaborative

Community Support Services Continued

therapeutic recreational programs and special activities and events for adults with severe cognitive impairments. Services for children with autism and other developmental disabilities include after-school respite services, a Saturday program, and winter, spring and summer break camps.

Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) – Maryland State Department of Education – Autism 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. Currently, Pathways is offered at Montgomery College, Anne Arundel Community College, Community College of Baltimore County, and Howard Community College.

Virtual College Autism Mentoring Program (VCAMP):

Virtual mentoring and support service for consumers on the autism spectrum attending college and not participating in the Pathways program. This program is available to individuals attending either in-state or out-of-state two- or four-year colleges. This is a remote mentoring program to help the student on the autism spectrum transition into and navigate college. The program also focuses on assisting the student with developing and increasing their self-advocacy and social skills in order to be successful in the college environment.

Pre-Employment Autism Support (PEAS): The program provides instruction in Self-Advocacy and social skills training to Pre-ETS students with Autism. Students participate in classroom and other activities that provide them with exposure to the soft skills needed to obtain and maintain employment.

Counseling on Post-Secondary Education

Opportunities: Program provides Counseling on Post-Secondary Education Opportunities to Pre-ETS students

Division of Rehabilitation Services Continued

with Autism. Students will participate in classroom and other activities that will expose them to post-secondary options such as apprenticeships, job training, direct job placement, college, etc. During this program students will also participate in a college tour.

Driver Education: DORS Workforce & Technology Center offers customized driver education for individuals diagnosed with Autism.

Erosun Inc.

Joslyn Cobbins, Assistant Program Director

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Owings Mills, MD 21117

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667-273-5483 (Direct - Joslyn Cobbins)

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www.erosun.org

Provide residential services, supported living, day habilitation, community development services, employment services, personal support services, and respite care - with transportation included for all services - to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Operate homes and provide services in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County, Montgomery County, and Washington County.

- **Residential Services (Community Living – Group Homes):** Provide 24/7 care where individuals can thrive. Focus is on fostering independence, building life skills, ensuring safety, and creating a true sense of belonging in a family-like environment.
- **Supported Living:** Offers personalized support to individuals who choose to live independently in their own homes or apartments. Services are tailored to promote choice, autonomy, community integration, and achieving personal goals while maintaining safety and well-being.
- **Community Development Services:** Program supports individuals in building meaningful community connections. Help participants develop social, communication, and life skills through engaging activities, volunteer opportunities, and experiences that enhance their sense of purpose and belonging.
- **Day Habilitation Programs:** Provide structured daytime programs with meaningful activities designed to promote learning, creativity, socialization, and community participation. Individuals explore their interests, build new skills, and connect with peers in a supportive environment.
- **Employment Services:** Includes Job Development, Follow-Along, and Ongoing Support. Assist individuals in preparing for, securing, and maintaining competitive employment. Team works closely with participants to identify their strengths and interests, develop resumes, practice interviews, and ensure workplace success with continuous support.

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- **Personal Support Services:** Provide one-on-one assistance to support individuals with daily living activities, health and wellness routines, and achieving goals at home or in the community. Services are personalized to encourage independence and meaningful engagement.
- **Respite Care:** Offers short-term care services to provide families and caregivers with relief and peace of mind.

Additional services include:

- **Nursing Services:** On-site nursing team provides oversight to ensure that all health and medical needs are effectively met.
- **Behavioral Supports:** Provide positive behavioral interventions and support to promote emotional wellbeing, personal growth, safety, and improved quality of life for each individual.
- **Assistive Technology Services:** Provide access to assistive devices and technologies that promote independence, communication, safety, learning, and enhanced daily living.

Ethiopian and Eritrean Special Needs Community

240-476-5908 (V)

Email: eesncdmv@gmail.com

www.eesnc.org

Nonprofit organization whose mission is linking a support group of parents, educators, and professionals in the DMV community to provide support, education, and guidance to families raising children with special needs so they can become effective advocates for their children. Monthly support group meetings and quarterly workshops, an active community via Facebook and Viber, and other activities and outreach.

Foundation for Autism Support and Training (FAST)

801 Norwood Road
Silver Spring, MD 20903
301-260-2777 (V)

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. Assist 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)

Email: fullcit@comcast.net

Provide individualized community living supports and assistance to individuals with developmental disabilities. Funded through the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). Serve Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

Healthy Families Montgomery - Sheppard Pratt

Ruth Rivas, Program Director
640 East Diamond Avenue, Suite D
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
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www.sheppardpratt.org/care-finder/healthy-families-montgomery

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

Helping Hands Family

Alesha Seternus, Relationship Liaison
4701 Randolph Road
Rockville, MD 20852
240-656-2402 (Clinic)
484-965-9966 (Admissions)

Email: alesha@hhfamily.com

www.hhfamily.com

Uses Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) practice to help children with autism reach life-changing milestones. Uses a child-led and play-based approach to ABA. Goal is to foster data-backed continuous improvement over the course of the patient's autism treatment. Offers 1:1 ABA support in-clinic, in-home, and in preschool and daycare setting. Accepts most commercial insurances, Medicaid, and private pay options. Serve MD, PA, CT, NJ and NY.

Infants and Toddlers Program – Montgomery County Children, Youth and Family Services

Mary Manning-Falzarano, Director
1401 Rockville Pike, 2nd Floor
Rockville, MD 20852

240-777-3997 (V) - Child birth through 34 ½ months

301-929-2222 (V) - Children older than 34 ½ months

Email: mary.manning-falzarano@montgomerycountymd.gov

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/infantsandtoddler

Online Referral: <https://referral.mditp.org>

Children are eligible if they meet the following criteria: demonstrate a 25% delay in one of the developmental areas, have atypical development or have a high probability condition that would likely result in developmental delays. The program includes a developmental assessment; a review of family concerns; priorities and resources; meetings with the family to develop an individualized family service plan; service coordination to ensure that the individual and

Infants and Toddlers Program Continued

his or her family receive needed services which may include but are not limited to physical therapy, occupational therapy, audiology, health/medical services, nursing services, nutrition services, psychological services including specialized play groups or therapy sessions, counseling, speech and language assistance, special instructional services, transportation, and parenting skills development; and ongoing evaluation of the child's progress and his or her changing enrichment needs. These services are provided in a family centered practice model where families participate with service providers to learn skills and strategies to support their children's development. All services are provided at no cost.

Infants and Toddlers Program - Early Screening, Diagnosis and Intervention Program - Montgomery County Children, Youth and Family Services

- Jennifer Arnaiz, Manager III/Acting Administrator
240-777-3055 (Direct)
240-618-0497 (Mobile)
240-777-4769 (Main)
Email: jennifer.arnaiz@montgomerycountymd.gov
- Jill Lyons, Program Manager II
240-777-1112 (Direct),
240-777-3997 (Main)
Email: jill.lyons@montgomerycountymd.gov
- Johanna Pineda, Medical Outreach Coordinator
240-777-1381 (Direct)
240-777-3997 (Main)
Email: johanna.pineda@montgomerycountymd.gov

The initiative's multi-prong approach includes the promotion of an electronic screening and data management tool among area pediatricians and County clinics, expansion of efforts at the Montgomery County's Infants and Toddlers Program to quickly diagnose infants and toddlers screened positive for developmental conditions such as autism, and the adoption of electronic tools and new strategies to expedite referrals to MCITP and to evidence based interventions after the identification of a developmental delay.

Infants and Toddlers Program - Family Support Network, Montgomery County Children, Youth and Family Services

1401 Rockville Pike, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20850
240-777-4809 (V)

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/CYF/MCITPSN/index.html

Helps families with children who have special needs to access resources and services to achieve the best possible outcomes for each child and family. The Network works to increase the involvement of parents and guardians in the early intervention and special education decision-making process; develop collaborative relationships between Family Support

Infants and Toddlers Program – Family Support Network Continued

Network and Montgomery County's Infants and Toddlers Program staff, families, and community members by providing information and training; connect parents and children to local resources and agencies who can help them; establish supportive networks among parents in local communities; provide information about disabilities and school system resources; and help families resolve concerns and make informed decisions about their child's education.

Jacob's Promise

8701 Georgia Avenue, Suite 411
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-392-7075 (V)

Their promise is to create a harmonious environment so their families will flourish. Serve children ages 0 to 12 with developmental disabilities, including Autism. Services include assessment, ABA therapy, family training, generalization and maintenance, and early intervention services. Private insurance accepted.

Kennedy Krieger Institute – Center for Autism Services, Science and Innovation

443-923-7630, Option 2 (Appointments)
443-923-7630, Option 4 (Speak to a nurse/clinician)
Email: info@kennedykrieger.org
www.kennedykrieger.org/patient-care/centers-and-programs/center-for-autism-services-science-and-innovation

Multifaceted, interdisciplinary program serving children, families and professionals in the autism community. The center combines clinical services, research and training programs to unlock the potential autistic children and teens, enrich their life experiences, empower parents and promote the well-being of families through evidence-based practices. Treatment programs include medical services, speech-language intervention, occupational therapy, psychological services, child and family psychotherapy, social skills groups, social work services, and medication management.

Kids Enjoy Exercise Now (KEEN) Foundation

301-770-3200 (V)
Email: info@keengrdc.org
www.keengreaterdc.org

National, nonprofit volunteer-led organization that provides one-to-one recreational opportunities for children, teens and young adults with developmental and physical disabilities at no cost the participant or their family. Opportunities include sports, music, swimming, clubs, tae kwon do, bowling and fitness.

Kliens' Educational and Health Care Services, Inc.

301-879-7980 (V)

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.

Little Leaves Behavioral Services

Germantown Office

20410 Observation Drive, Suite 107

Germantown, MD 20876

Silver Spring Office

10750 Columbia Pike, Suite 101

Silver Spring, MD 20901

202-420-8359 (V)

Email: info@littleleaves.org

www.littleleaves.org

Early intervention ABA provider servicing Maryland, the DC area, and Northern Virginia. Current services fall into two different categories: center-based and home- and community-based. Center-based programs are full-time program for children between the ages of 1 and 6 who have not yet transitioned into kindergarten and are designed to be therapeutic programs in a preschool-like environment, with each child having their own individualized treatment plan. Centers are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Loving Support Center, Inc.

Headquarters

Stacey Ibekweh, Program Director

1 Olympic Place, Suite 900

Towson MD 21204

410-940-7400 (V)

Email: lscmaryland@gmail.com

www.lovingupportcenter.com

Loving Support Center (LSC) offers Personal Supports, Community Development Services and Supported Living services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Approved ages for service are 18 and above. LSC is a DDA approved healthcare agency committed to helping individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities thrive through compassionate care, family support, and meaningful community involvement. Approved to provide services across Central and Southern Maryland.

Madison House Autism Foundation

611 Rockville Pike, Suite 150

Rockville, MD 20852

240-246-7140 (V)

Email: info@madisonhouseautism.org

www.madisonhouseautism.org

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.

Maryland HealthChoice Provider Directory

<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/provider-finder.aspx>

Search for providers based on Managed Care Organization (MCO) and by county, zip code and distance. Providers include applied behavioral analysis, speech/language pathologists, and those who accept Autism Waiver.

Meaningful Futures, LLC

9309 Linden Avenue

Bethesda, MD 20814

301-641-6199 (V)

Email: info@meaningfulfutures.org

<https://meaningfulfutures.org>

Autism Waiver service provider in Maryland that provides family training and consultation, intensive individual support services, adult life planning, and respite services to children diagnosed with Autism and other disabilities, ages birth to 21 years, who are currently enrolled in the Autism Waiver program. Other funding sources and private clients may also be accepted. Care is provided by trained, certified care workers in the family's home or community.

Mission Autism Clinics

Gaithersburg Office

9250 Gaither Road

Gaithersburg, MD 20877

301-337-8811 (V)

Silver Spring Office

11921 Bournefield Way, Suite A

Silver Spring, MD 20904

301-578-2300 (V)

Email: info@missionautismclinics.com

www.missionautismclinics.com

Provides Autism services including applied behavioral analysis for children and teens with autism. Day Program provides tailored, intensive therapy for 2 to 6 year olds with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

National 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)

Email: contact@nationaltherapycenter.com
www.nationaltherapycenter.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.

NeuroSpice Girls

Amanda Levin, Founder

Email: amanda@neurospicegirls.net
<https://neurospicegirls.net/>

Peer support group and social club for moms of neurodiverse children in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington DC. No membership fee to join. Interested individuals are required to fill out an intake form to join the group. With form completion, members are added to the private Facebook group and can opt in to a private What's App chat and email listserv. Offers a live play date match form to connect moms with children of similar ages, interests, and diagnoses. Provides a virtual space to get personal referrals for services, offer resources, and share the challenges and wins of raising neurodiverse children. Hosts monthly events that provide self care such as hikes and brunch and educational programming ranging from Individual Educational Programs (IEPs), neuropsych testing, and relationships between neurodiverse and neurotypical siblings.

Opportunities, Inc.

902 Wind River Lane, Suite 200
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
301-731-4242 (V)

www.opportunities-inc.com

Advocate for, empower and support full inclusion of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Supported and customized employment services include discovery, ongoing job support, job development, follow along support, co-worker employment support, career exploration, community development, day habilitation, and virtual services. Funded by Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) or Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS).

Optimal Beginnings, LLC

6010 Executive Boulevard, Suite 400
Rockville, MD 20852
301-718-1716 (V)

Email: OBAdmin@optimalbeginning.com
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

235 Schilling Circle, Suite 103
Hunt Valley, MD 21030
443-330-5370 (V)
443-330-5341 (Helpline)

Email: info@pathfindersforautism.org
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. 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. BE SAFE is an interactive training for individuals 13 years old and up with Autism and other Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. It uses video modeling and role playing to show viewers how to interact with the police in everyday encounters. Crucial safety skills are clearly demonstrated through an interactive movie. Topics range from following instructions to the right to remain silent. In each scene, real police interact with special needs individuals, giving BE SAFE true authenticity.

Positive Development

6931 Arlington Road, Suite 210
Bethesda, MD 20814
833-857-1784 (Toll Free)

Email: hello@positivedevelopment.com
www.positivedevelopment.com

Model is an alternative to the traditional ABA/behavioral model and focuses on very specific developmental capacities that are the foundation of all future learning and development for children. Developmental relationship-based interventions. Mental health services include individual child/adolescent psychotherapy (both play therapy and talk therapy), parent/child therapy and family psychotherapy, and parent education and support. Also offer occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, and child-led, play-based therapy.

Proud Moments Therapy, PLLC

Rockville Office

15245 Shady Grove Road, Suite 320
Rockville, MD 20850
301-882-6060 (V)

Silver Spring Office

12210 Plum Orchard Drive, Suite 216
Silver Spring, MD 20904
240-202-4205 (V)

Email: info@proudmomentsaba.com

www.proudmomentsaba.com

Provides ABA services to individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder via Telehealth and in person (home, school, clinic, and community) through private insurance. Board Certified Behavior Analysts create individualized treatment goals, which are implemented by their team of Behavior Technicians, to improve social, communication, and functional skills and decrease challenging behaviors. They conduct parent training sessions and strive to promote independence among our clients. Serve individuals ages 2 through 21 in Maryland and DC. Most major insurances are accepted. Call or email today to check for eligibility of services. Accepting new clients and are not on a waitlist.

Reach Every Voice

800 S. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
240-630-1785 (V)

Email: info@reacheveryvoice.org

www.reacheveryvoice.org

A practice of educators with experience working with nonspeaking and minimally speaking autistic students. Many staff are state-certified teachers. Provide direct instruction to teach individuals who are nonspeaking or have unreliable verbal abilities to express themselves with alternative communication. Also work with families and schools to help them collaboratively find ways to meet the needs of these students in their home and school learning environments.

Readability Corp

11200 Willowbrook Drive
Potomac, MD 20854
202-355-8855 (V)

Email: admin@readabilityus.org

www.readabilityus.org

Non-profit run by Montgomery County Public Schools students who design and create multi-sensory books and offering storytelling sessions for intellectually disabled and neurodivergent preschool and elementary age children with the DC Metro area, at no cost to groups, libraries, events and individual children and their families. Events are posted on website calendar. Email or call with inquiries about booking a fun and engaging multi-sensory storytelling session for your group or individual children.

Renoxx Caregivers

Silver Spring Therapeutic Center & Day Program

11900 Bournefield Way, Suite 140
Silver Spring, MD 20904
301-658-1986 (V)

Clarksburg Therapeutic Integration Center

22610 Gateway Center Drive, Suite 200
Clarksburg, MD 20871
301-691-1148 (V)

Email: info@renoxxgroup.com

www.renoxxcaregivers.com

Licensed home and community-based provider of services to individuals with disabilities in the state of Maryland. Offer services in their centers and participants' homes under their ABA, Autism Waiver, and DDA programs. Offer transportation and personalized care plans for all of their centers.

Sandra's Nursing Services, LLC

2098 Gaither Road, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20850
301-212-7106 (V)

www.sandrasnursingservicesllc.com

Approved provider of the State of Maryland's Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver Program. Offer therapeutic integration services at Kingsview Middle School in Germantown, Maryland, and at various sites and activities in the community. Primarily serve children from ages 13 through 21. Also provide Intensive Individualized Support Services (IISS), Intensive Therapeutic Integration Services, Family Consultation Services, Respite Services, and Adult Life Planning Services. Program is led by state certified special educators who are employed part-time with Montgomery County Public Schools. Programs are tailored to child's individual needs and are person-centered. Consortium member of The Arc Montgomery County and provide respite services to children through Montgomery County.

Skillful Steps ABA

1-866-788-0051 (Toll Free)

Email: intake@skillfulstepsaba.com

www.skillfulstepsaba.com

Neurodiversity affirming ABA program founded by neurodivergent BCBA's. Utilize person-centered, trauma-informed, child-led, values-based approaches to support children from ages 1 to 21. Home and community-based provider who can also support your child's school or daycare. Therapy hours range from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Services include comprehensive assessment, intensive or focused treatment, caregiver coaching, and social groups. Accept BCBS, Aetna, Cigna, and Medicaid.

SPARK (Simons Powered Autism Research)

1-844-547-7275 (Toll Free)

Email: info@sparkforautism.org

<https://sparkforautism.org>

The Interactive Autism Network (IAN) partnered with SPARK to build a research community of tens of thousands of individuals with autism and their families. SPARK participants are asked to share medical and

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genetic information with scientists and agree to be contacted about other research studies. The information participants share with SPARK researchers powers important new autism research that aims to advance the understanding of autism and provide meaningful information and resources to the community.

Treatment & Learning Center (TLC) - Katherine

Thomas School (KTS)

9975 Medical Center Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

301-738-9691 ext 200 (Lower/Middle School)

301-738-9691 ext 126 (High School)

<https://tlc.org/services/the-katherine-thomas-school/>

Educational experience for children with language and learning disabilities, Autism, intellectual disabilities, and/or other health impairments. Serve students, preschool through 12th grade, at their Rockville, Maryland day school. Use a team model that includes highly-trained, energetic and experienced teachers, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, social workers, and physical therapists. We work together to find and utilize our students' strengths to teach, support, and reinforce learning. Continually expand our services and programs to better serve our students and lay the foundation for them to successfully begin independent adult lives. KTS has a rolling admissions policy. Admission applications may be submitted at any time for the following school year or for any openings that may occur during the current school year. Qualifying families may apply for financial aid.

Verbal Beginnings

1-855-866-9893 (Toll Free)

Email: begin@verbalbeginnings.com
www.verbalbeginnings.com

In-home Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) company that provides services to children diagnosed with Autism and other developmental disabilities from ages 2 to 18. Programs focus on behavior management, communication, feeding, self-help skills, and social skills. Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) lead each case, and ABA technicians provide one-on-one therapy under the BCBA's supervision. Parent training is incorporated into programming. Accept insurance.

VisAbility Art Lab – VisArts

Elaine Parks, Director

155 Gibbs Street

Rockville, MD 20850

301-315-8200 (VisArts)

Email: eparks@visartscenter.org

www.visartscenter.org/artists/visability-art-lab

Entrepreneurial program for young 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.

Vista Choice Supports

1500 Pointer Ridge Place #1721

Bowie, MD 20715

240-472-2846 (V)

Email: linda@vistachoice.org

www.vistachoice.org

Support brokerage services for people who choose self-direction through DDA for the delivery of disability services and supports. Provide information and guidance to individuals and their families approved by the CMS Waiver to self-direct support and services. Assist the individual with human resources management, including staff recruitment, training, evaluating staff, budget allocation and spend plans. Provide advice in the planning phase to help identify the person's goals and needs. Serve Montgomery, Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Howard and Charles Counties.

Whole Self Center

Jessica Thompson, Director's Assistant

331 Gambrills Road, Suite 4A

Gambrills, MD 21054

410-923-1100 (V)

Email: jthompson@wholeselfcenter.com

<https://wholeselfcenter.com/>

Autism Waiver provider. Family training, intensive individual support services and respite care. Respite can occur at the individual's home or a community in the state of Maryland. Overnight respite is also available.

xMinds - Partnership for Extraordinary Minds

301-444-5225 (V)

Email: info@xminds.org

www.xminds.org

Non-profit dedicated to improving education for students on the Autism spectrum in Montgomery County, Maryland. Offer a collaborative and solution-oriented approach to educational success by partnering with families, educators, school administrators, professional service providers, self-advocates and students. Empowers parents to be educational advocates by giving them resources and guidance, supports educators through trainings and educational grants, and provides students with workshops to promote self-advocacy, life skills and acceptance – all while providing opportunities for parents and students to connect with each other.