Abilities Network and Project ACT

**Headquarters**
8503 LaSalle Road  
Towson, MD 21286  
410-828-7700 (V)  
1-800-492-2523 (Toll Free)

**Prince George’s / Montgomery Counties**
1738 Elton Road, Suite 205  
Silver Spring, MD 20903  
301-431-7740 (V)  
E-mail: information@abilitiesnetwork.org  
www.abilitiesnetwork.org

Non-profit organization that assists individuals with disabilities in Maryland. Provide individualized support in identifying and securing competitive employment within the individual’s community.

**Supported Employment Services:** Transitioning Youth students approved for ongoing supported employment services through DDA are provided with funding to receive employment support between high school graduation and the final admission into a DDA-funded agency.

**Non-Supported Employment Services:** Provide job development and/or job coaching for a time limited period approved through DORS for individuals throughout Maryland. Services may be/are available to individuals with disabilities who are not eligible for DDA employment support.

**Employee Development Services:** 10-week classroom-style program for job seekers that includes work adjustment training; providing a comprehensive, individualized process that assists people to develop or re-establish skills, attitudes, personal characteristics and work behaviors to achieve positive employment outcomes.

**Student to Employment Services (STEP):** Provides employment services to Howard County students for the three years prior to their graduation year with a focus on employment development, placement, and retention.

**Employment Services through the Office of Blindness and Vision Services:** Provide employment services to those whose primary disability is vision loss.

Anchor Mental Health Association

**Catholic Charities**
1001 Lawrence Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20017-0058  
202-635-5953 (V)  
www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/acs

Provide supported employment for qualified workers who are recovering from mental illness.

**Arc Montgomery County**
Doug Clarke, Director of Employment & Meaningful Day Services  
7362 Calhoun Place  
Rockville, MD 20855  
301-984-5777 x 2214 (V)  
E-mail: DougC@arcmontmd.org  
www.thearcmontgomerycounty.org

**Supported Employment:** 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.

**Community Volunteer:** Community volunteer opportunities provide adults with disabilities resume-building experience and a chance to try different types of work. Volunteers are generally placed at other non-profit agencies in Montgomery County and may be engaged in supporting senior citizens or administrative/clerical work.

**Arc of Prince George’s County**
Office of Employment Services  
7931 Fernham Lane  
Forestville, MD 20747  
240-532-6005 (V)  
E-mail: info@thearcofpgc.org  
www.thearcofpgc.org

Partner with businesses in the Washington DC Metropolitan area to employ people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Provide the education, training and skills necessary to help the people they support obtain and maintain successful employment. Staff provides employment training and support for group employment and 1:1 job placements. In the **Office Skills Program** individuals spend a year getting ready by incorporating flexible processes designed to personalize the employment relationship between candidate and an employer. After mastering curriculum requirements, students are placed in office internships throughout the County.
Ardmore Enterprises, Inc.
3000 Lottsford Vista Road
Mitchellville, MD 20721-4001
301-577-2575 (V)
E-mail: grow@ardmoreenterprises.org
www.ardmoreenterprises.org
Utilizes a structured approach to assist people in exploring, obtaining and maintaining successful employment. Employment team uses the Customized Employment process, which is designed to support a person to identify their ideal conditions for employment and match them with the needs of a local employer. Services are tailored for each job seeker to include one or all of the three phases of our Customized Employment process: Discovery, Job Development, and Follow-Along/Ongoing Supports. Support provided by DDA and DORS funding.

Discovery: Employment Specialists provide a time-limited, community-based personal assessment designed to assist the person and their support team to identify the person’s abilities, interests and ideal conditions of employment.

Job Development: Once a job seeker’s ideal conditions of employment have been identified, a Job Developer can assist in matching a person’s skills and abilities with the needs of a community employer.

Follow-Along and Ongoing Job Supports: Once a person is employed, Ardmore will provide the support needed to maintain that employment. Support is based on the needs of each employee and their employment.

Caroline Center Inc.
15222 Dino Drive
Burtonsville, MD 20866
301-476-9310 (V)
1-800-441-9181 (Toll Free)
E-mail: info@carolinecenterinc.org
http://carolinecenterinc.org
Offers a variety of employment supports that range from discovery and exploration to development and supports. Staff with specialized training work with individuals to identify areas of interest and match those with abilities to assist people in voluntary and paid employment.

CarrieOn Coaching, LLC
Carrie L. Morris, PHR, ACC, Certified MBTI Practitioner
10 Leatherleaf Court
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
301-721-7670 (V)
E-mail: carrielmorris1@gmail.com
www.carrieon-coaching.com
Offers a continuum of personal and career development services for young adults and families who struggle with the transition from dependence to independence, ensuring they are career ready and thrive in the workplace. Support services include: foundational life skills management, ADHD/executive functioning coaching, goal setting and achievement, career assessment tools and job search support.

Catholic Charities - Supported Employment for Adults with Developmental Disabilities
1010 Grandin Avenue
Rockville, MD 20851
301-251-2860 ext. 615 (V)
www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/supportedemploymentcc/
Employment specialists work one-on-one with adults with a developmental disability to help identify their strengths and interests, develop the needed skills, place them in a positive work environment, and provide ongoing support to ensure success. Program participants must be referred by Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) or Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA).

CHI Centers
10501 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20903
301-445-3350 (V)
E-mail: info@chicenters.org
http://chiservices.org
Vocational programs for individuals with developmental disabilities that prepare them for supported or competitive work placements, on-the-job training, and on-going consultation and support.

Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind
Employment Services
8757 Georgia Avenue, Suite 805
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-589-0894 (V)
E-mail: info@clb.org
www.clb.org/employment-and-training/employment-services/
Serve all individuals who are living with vision impairment or blindness as well as Veterans from all branches of the military. Train clients who are visually impaired or blind on job readiness skills needed for gainful employment and to achieve success in the workplace. Programs and services include: vocational and situational assessments; resume support; interviewing skills development; job development; job placement and retention services; job coaching services; job accommodation support and employer education; and travel training to navigate public transportation. Bridge to Work offers an employment and training program for service disabled, visually impaired or blind Veterans to assist them in entering or re-entering the workforce.

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Community Services for Autistic Adults and Children (CSAAC)
Oladapo Alagbe, Director of Vocational Supports
8615 East Village Avenue
Montgomery Village, MD 20886
240-912-2251 (V)
E-mail: oalagbe@csaac.org
www.csaac.org

Supported employment program offers a wide range of supports and expertise which allows individuals with autism to succeed at competitive employment. Each transitioning youth and adult is assessed by their own interests, skills and characteristics of autism that will influence employment. The need for auxiliary training, such as social skills, work-place safety and transportation skills, is also assessed. Supported employment personnel help prepare the worksite for the individual, provide task and behavioral support and intervene to overcome obstacles to keeping the job. Additionally, psychological services, applied behavior analysis, counseling, instructional training, and ongoing training of the job coach are all available, as necessary.

Community Support Services (CSS)
9075 Comprint Court
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
301-926-2300 (V)
E-mail: svanderwoude@css-md.org
www.css-md.org

Offers individuals age 21 and older with autism or other severe developmental delays continual support in paid, volunteer and/or self-employment endeavors. Support services include career planning; employment training; on-the-job training; and positive behavior programming. Vocational counselors provide on-site training, teaching the specific skills necessary for the job, as well as providing social skills training, money management and other work-related skills.

Cornerstone Montgomery
2 Taft Court, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20850
301-715-3673 (V)
www.cornerstonemontgomery.org

Assist people living with mental health and co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders to live, work and integrate successfully within the community. Supported employment services and mental health treatment are integrated together. Services include: one-on-one coaching with a Supported Employment Specialist to help determine skills, interests, and long term career goals; help with creating a step-by-step plan to achieve employment-related goals; help with developing resumes, writing the perfect cover letter, and filling out online applications; support with community-based job search activities, such as going into business and speaking to a hiring manager, completing mock interviews with prominent members of the business community, or participating in ‘job try-outs’ to get a feel for a specific job or industry; benefits counseling to learn how work will impact publicly funded entitlements such as SSI or SSDI; on-site job coaching at the new position; and long-term support for keeping the job.

Deaf Reach, Inc.
3722 12th Street NE
Washington, DC 20017
202-832-6681 (V)
E-mail: hello@deaf-reach.org
www.deaf-reach.org

Independent Living Skills (ILS) Day Program works with people who are Deaf and Developmentally Disabled to enhance and maximize their self-sufficiency and quality of life through our pre-vocational and day habilitation activities. The pre-vocational activities are geared towards learning and performing tasks to develop skill sets identified using a person-centered approach to services.
Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)
Assist individuals with physical, emotional, intellectual, developmental, sensory and learning disabilities go to work and keep their jobs by providing services such as career assessment and counseling, assistive technology, job training, higher education and job placement.
www.dors.maryland.gov

Germantown Office
20010 Century Boulevard, Suite 400
Germantown, MD 20874
301-601-1500 (V)
301-200-8083 (Videophone)
E-mail: germantown.dors@maryland.gov

Wheaton Office
11002 Veirs Mill Road, #605
Wheaton, MD 20902
301-949-3750 (V)
301-200-6090 (Videophone)
E-mail: wheaton.dors@maryland.gov

Workforce Technology Center
2301 Argonne Drive
Baltimore, MD 21218
410-554-9108 (V)
1-888-200-7117 (Toll Free)
410-415-9306 (Videophone)
E-mail: wtc.dors@maryland.gov

Services are available to DORS consumers who are referred to WTC by their DORS counselor. Services include: work readiness programs; career training programs; career assessments; academic tutoring and GED; employment services; assistive technology; dormitory services; and health and wellness center.

Office for Blindness and Vision Services – Montgomery County / Western, MD Office
11002 Veirs Mill Road, #605
Wheaton, MD 20902
301-949-3750 (V)
1-866-338-7985 (Videophone)
E-mail: obvs.dors@maryland.gov

Programs and services for individuals whose primary disability is vision loss include career guidance and assessment; assistive technology; vocational or academic education; independent living skills training; orientation and mobility; and job placement.

Easterseals Disability Staffing Network (EDSN)
301-588-8700 (V)
1-855-838-7111 (Toll Free)
E-mail: edsnjobs@eseal.org
www.easterseals.com/DCMDVA/our-programs/employment-training/EDSN.html

EDSN is a non-profit staffing agency helping people with disabilities find long-term, meaningful employment. Serve anyone with a disability including low incidence disabilities, mental health, neurodivergent, medical, physical, learning, intellectual and developmental disabilities. Their dedicated team can help you present the skills you acquired through education, training, volunteerism, internships and work history to achieve your career goals. Self-paced, online training and InterviewStream software will help: translate your experience to the workforce; create an Individual Work Plan (IWP); write a powerful resume; effectively target desired employers; and develop a proactive strategy for social media and face-to-face networking. As a staffing agency with a mission, their job is to match the right candidate to the right job. They have a DC/MD/VA network of employers who are committed to hiring candidates with disabilities and place job seekers at all professional levels. They work with employers in a variety of industries: IT, Logistics, Healthcare, Government, Finance, Nonprofit, Skilled Trades, Administrative, Hospitality, and more!

Easterseals Disability Staffing Network Continued

Emerge
9180 Rumsey Road, Suite D2
Columbia, MD 21045
410-884-4420 (V)
E-mail: info@emergeinc.org
http://emergeinc.org

Not-for-profit organization serving individuals with developmental, physical and mental health disabilities. To assist individuals with obtaining and maintaining employment, Emerge offers interest inventory and work evaluations; training programs for specific task skills and appropriate work behavior; job finding; on the job coaching; transportation; and assistance with coordination of benefits and other rehabilitation services.

Family New Life Community Services
837 Olney Sandy Spring Road
Sandy Spring, MD 20860
301-273-8795 (V)
E-mail: hr@fnlife.life
https://fnlife.life/

Offer job development services, job readiness training, exploratory career assessments, and Pre-ETS (Pre-employment transition services).

Full Citizenship of Maryland
4415 Queensbury Road
Riverdale, MD 20737
301-209-0696 (V)
E-mail: fullciti@comcast.net

Supported employment services for people with autism, intellectual disabilities or other developmental disabilities, and behavior disorders. Provide individualized community living supports and assistance to individuals with developmental disabilities. Funded through the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA).
Head Injury Rehabilitation & Referral Services, Inc.
11 Taft Court, Suite 100
Rockville, MD 20850
301-309-2228 (V)
E-mail: tbi@headinjuryrehab.org
www.headinjuryrehab.org
Serve adults 18 years and older with neurological impairments or traumatic brain injury. Vocational program services include: vocational assessment and program planning; skills development; resume preparation; work adjustment training; work hardening; job development; job coaching; employer and peer education; and development of reasonable accommodations.

Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) - Adult Education and Work Force Development Program
240-627-9400 (V)
E-mail: AEWD@hocmc.org
HOC’s effort to promote self-empowerment, achievement and upward mobility among residents by connecting them to career training educational services. The program is designed to meet residents at their individual levels of need and then pave the pathway for them to achieve their career and educational goals. Through partnerships with Montgomery College and other community organizations, the program offers the following services: tuition assistance and scholarship opportunities; employment and internship opportunities; employment readiness workshops; referrals to ESOL, GED and vocational training; referrals to financial aid counseling and FAFSA application assistance; and referrals for professional clothing.

Humanim
6355 Woodside Court
Columbia, MD 21046
410-381-7171 (V)
E-mail: info@humanim.com
https://humanim.org/what-we-do/workforce-development/
Nonprofit organization providing career training, job placement and job support services for individuals who have encountered challenges to employment. Prepare individuals for the workplace and provide on-going supports to ensure that employment outcomes are successful for both employees and employers.

Workforce Readiness Training program provides participants with the skills necessary to obtain and maintain employment. Participants learn valuable workplace traits and behaviors, as well as effective job search skills, including resume building and interview techniques. Job placement professionals work with statewide network of employers to place individuals in careers. Once employed, clients receive intensive follow-up services including job coaching, case management, additional training and career advancement opportunities, and participant/employer advocacy. The Student to Employment Program (STEP) is designed for young adults between between the ages of 18 and 21 who are in need of comprehensive career development and support services in Howard County.

Independence Now, Inc.
Denise Sosbe, Employment Services Coordinator
12301 Old Columbia Pike, Suite 101
Silver Spring, MD 20904
240-898-2188 (V)
E-mail: dsosbe@innow.org
www.innow.org/employment-ticket-to-work
Provide non-supported employment services and employment development services to persons with disabilities. Serve people receiving services from DORS and those who would like to assign their Ticket to Work to INNOW and live in Montgomery or Prince George's County. Employment services involve the development and implementation of an individual employment development plan. All service plans and services provided are developed with the consumer, with the staff in a guiding or supporting role.
Jewish Council for the Aging  
www.accessjca.org/senior-employment/  
The Career Gateway  
301-255-4215 (V)  
Offers intensive training, take-home materials, a long-term mentor and individual attention for computer-savvy jobseekers age 50+.  

Senior Community Service Employment Program  
240-395-0918 (V)  
The SCSEP program provides on-the-job training for low-income men and women age 55 and older who live in Montgomery and Frederick Counties. Trainees receive minimum wage while working at charities and government agencies to build their skills and resumes while delivering valuable community service.  

WorkSource Montgomery  
240-283-1522 (V)  
Seniors can learn about SCSEP program eligibility requirements, use phones and computers for free, and discover resources to help them with their job search.  

50+ Employment Workshops  
301-255-4200 (V)  
Jobseekers network with area employers and community resource organizations, get a free resume review and learn new job-search skills at annual 50+ Employment Expos, held in both Maryland and Virginia. Expos are free to jobseekers and no pre-registration is required.  

Jewish Social Services Agency  
Specialized Employment Services for Job Seekers  
Tom Liniak, Director  
301-610-8405 (V)  
E-mail: tliniak@jssaa.org  
www.jssaa.org/get-help/specialized-employment/  
Provide job development and training and on-going workplace support for individuals with special needs. Assist with career assessment and establishing career goals, identifying strengths, skills, career interests and aptitudes while addressing potential barriers to employment; job training by developing appropriate workplace skills and participate in highly interactive, individualized one-on-one or classroom trainings; and job development through customized technology and “real world” based approaches established network of diverse employers; assist with completing job applications and researching appropriate workplace accommodations; assess and implement necessary on-site job support systems through coaching, orientation and job onboarding, peer and supervisor communications, follow-up and retention support and workplace advocacy; and build confidence and enhance social skills through monthly social outings.  

Job Accommodation Network (JAN)  
1-800-526-7234 (Toll Free)  
1-877-781-9403 (TTY)  
E-mail: jan@askjan.org  
http://askjan.org  
Free, expert, and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations and disability employment issues. Offer one-on-one guidance on workplace accommodations, the ADA and related legislation, and self-employment and entrepreneurship options for people with disabilities.  

Madison Fields- Madison House Autism Foundation  
21355 Big Woods Road  
Dickerson, MD 20842  
301-349-4007 (V)  
http://madisonfields.org/services/job-readiness/  
Community-based agricultural resource center. Job Readiness Program provides structured opportunities for adults with physical, cognitive, or developmental disabilities and other challenges to discover interests in agriculture, expand knowledge, gain experience, and develop skills that assist them as they explore the possibility of future employment. Madison Fields offers six-week and eight-week sessions which meet twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-2pm. Throughout the session, participants learn soft skills like teamwork, communication, flexibility with tasks, problem-solving and self-management.  

Marriott Foundation for People with Disabilities  
Bridges … from School to Work  
10400 Fernwood Road  
Bethesda, MD 20817  
301-380-7771 (V)  
www.bridgestowork.org  
Staff work one-on-one with enthusiastic and capable young adults with disabilities upon exiting high school, helping them to successfully enter the workforce in a job that fits their interests and ability, while planning for long term vocational growth. Provide businesses with customized job placement and workforce development solutions.
Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration
Employed Individuals with Disabilities Program
Division of Eligibility and Waiver Services
6 St. Paul Street, 4th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21202
410-767-7090 (V)
http://mdod.maryland.gov/employment/Pages/eid-program.aspx
Provides Medical Assistance (Medicaid) to working Marylanders with disabilities. Must meet eligibility requirements. Program is administered by the Maryland Department of Health.

Transitioning Youth
http://mdod.maryland.gov/education/Pages/transitioningyouth.aspx
Transition planning is when a student with a disability, along with family members, the school system, and service providers, begin to plan for life after high school including planning for college, work, transportation, housing, health care, and daily living. Offer handbooks, guides, and fact sheets on postsecondary education, youth employment, health and behavioral health care transition, and transition planning.

Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) – Employment First
201 W. Preston Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
1-844-253-8694 (Toll Free)
http://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Employment.aspx
The principle of Employment First is that all individuals who want to work can work and contribute to their community when given opportunity, training, and supports that build upon their unique talents, skills and abilities. Career exploration and planning will be supported when assisting individuals in making informed choices in designing their unique pathway to increased independence, integration, inclusion, productivity, and self-determination.

Governor’s Transitioning Youth Initiative
Nicole Sheppard, Southern MD Regional Office
301-362-5100 (V)
E-mail: nicole.sheppard@maryland.gov
http://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/TY.aspx
Coordinates with local school systems and DORS in identifying students with developmental disabilities who will be graduating and who appear to be eligible for the program. Provide outreach and information to families and students about applying to the DDA for services. Assist eligible individuals in accessing the most appropriate vocational supports and commit funding for those services.

Maryland State Department of Education
Career and Technical Education (CTE)
Division of Career and College Readiness
Marquita Friday, Director of Career Programs
200 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
410-767-0186 (V)
E-mail: marquita.friday@maryland.gov
http://marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/CTEprograms.aspx
Pairs academic knowledge with technical skills to prepare students for in-demand, high-skilled, and high-wage jobs. CTE programs of study provide the opportunity for students to earn industry-recognized certificates, acquire college credit, and gain work experience.

Maryland Works, Inc.
10270 Old Columbia Road, Suite 100
Columbia, MD 21046
410-381-8660 (Columbia)
410-551-3130 (Baltimore)
410-381-1612 (TTY)
E-mail: info@mdworks.com
www.mdworks.com
Statewide membership association that expands employment and business ownership opportunities for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. Members include non-profit community service organizations and individual workforce development professionals who specialize in creating workforce and economic opportunities for thousands of motivated and qualified Marylanders with disabilities and other barriers to employment.

Melwood - Workforce Development and Guidance Programs
5606 Dower House Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
301-599-8000 (V)
www.melwood.org
Vocational Support Employment Services program provides work support to individuals with functional, psychological, developmental, cognitive, physical and emotional impairments/disabilities. Services include job development and placement services, job coaching and retention, and resume support, interview skill development. Professional Development Program equips individuals with the tools they may need to enter/re-enter the workforce. Over a 12-week period, individuals begin job exploration to discover both traditional and non-traditional careers and aspirations. Participants learn how to build their resume, conduct proper job searches, master the art of job interviewing, and gain knowledge on how to professionally conduct themselves within the workplace. Pathways is a three-year program designed to assist individuals with transitioning from high school into the adult life path of their choosing. Pathways offers a variety of career, education, and life exploratory options.

Montgomery County Conservation Corps
7361 Calhoun Place, Suite 350
Rockville, MD 20850
240-428-1825 (V)
240-428-1830 (V)
E-mail: info@metierinc.org
www.metierinc.org

Not-for-profit that works to enhance the opportunities for economic and personal independence of people who are blind and visually impaired through the creation and sustainment of dedicated employment opportunities for the blind community.

Montgomery College Student Employment Services
Germantown Campus
Patricia McGlone, Job Opportunity Coordinator
240-567-1970 (V)
E-mail: Pat.McGlone@montgomerycollege.edu

Rockville Campus
Beth Reilly, Job Opportunity Coordinator
240-567-4449 (V)
E-mail: Beth.Reilly@montgomerycollege.edu

Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
Joseph O’Hare, Job Opportunity Coordinator
240-567-1630 (V)
E-mail: Joseph.O’Hare@montgomerycollege.edu

Teach students the skills necessary for a successful job search. Assist students in matching career goals to employment openings. Successfully place students into cooperative education and internship experiences related to their major. Provide employers a valuable resource to post jobs and find quality prospects.

Montgomery County Conservation Corps
Latin American Youth Center
Tina Brown, Case Manager
8700 Georgia Avenue, Suite 500
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-495-0441 x 240 (V)
E-mail: tinarose@layc-dc.org
www.layc-dc.org/our-programs/job-readiness/montgomery-county-conservation-corps/

Provide out-of-school youth ages 17 to 24 opportunities to earn their GED and gain hands-on experience while completing projects in regional parks designed around conservation principles. MCCC aligns with Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers workforce programs and provides services in four areas: academic enrichment, job readiness, family support and at-risk behavior. Corps members attend GED classes three days per week and conduct work in the county and state parks two days per week. Funded by the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services in partnership with the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families, Inc.

Montgomery County Office of Human Resources (OHR)
Employment Initiatives for People with Disabilities, Veterans & Veterans with Disabilities
Shawn Stokes, Director
101 Monroe Street, 7th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850
240-777-0311 (V)
E-mail: mcg.ohr@montgomerycountymd.gov
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HR/Recruitment/DisabilityInitiative.html

Hiring Preference for People with Disabilities, Veterans and Veterans with Disabilities
E-mail: hiring.preference@montgomerycountymd.gov
A hiring preference / priority consideration is given to the following persons in the following order: 1. a Veteran with a disability; 2. An equal preference for a Veteran without a disability and for a person with a disability. If you wish to claim a preference for a Montgomery County merit system position, you must answer the Hiring Preference online questions as part of your application.

Non-Competitive Hiring Process
E-mail: special.accommodations@montgomerycountymd.gov
If you have a permanent, severe physical, psychiatric or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity and are certified by Maryland Department of Education Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) (or an equivalent out of State Agency), you may meet the eligibility requirements under the Non-Competitive Hiring Program. You must create an online profile in the Hiring Initiative Registration for Employment Database: https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/OHRDisability

Customized Employment Public Intern Project
Willamae Williams, Employment Consultant
443-402-5189 (V)
E-mail: wwilliams@transcen.org

Applicants must have a significant disability and be registered with MontgomeryWorks. Participants serve as paid interns in department positions based on their individual job interests, skills and competencies. Interns gain valuable work experience by developing on-the-job skills to help them compete for County merit positions or opportunities in other organizations.

Project Search – Internship Program
Karen Hochberg, Targeted Recruitment Specialist
E-mail: karen.hochberg@montgomerycountymd.gov
30-week transition-to-work program combining job and community readiness education with a rotation through three 10-week unpaid internships. Program provides education and training to young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through an innovative workforce and career development model that benefits the individual, the workplace and the community. The primary goal of the program.

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Montgomery County Volunteer Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Suite 1600
Germantown, MD 20874
240-777-2600 (V)
E-mail: volunteer@montgomerycountymd.gov
www.montgomeryserves.org
A central clearinghouse for volunteers which recruits and matches volunteer jobs and activities in County government and in nonprofit agencies.

National Children’s Center – Job Readiness
6200 Second Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011
202-722-2300 (V)
www.nccinc.org
Offer a range of employment support services that considers each person’s unique strengths, interests, preferences and needs. Services include: career assessment; job development and placement; intensive on-the-job training and support; and follow along job support. The Career Academy is a post-secondary certificate program that provides career training in Culinary Arts and Hospitality. Offers job readiness, job training and retention to people with disabilities to assist them with gaining and maintaining employment.

National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH) Vocational Rehabilitation Services
102 Irving Street, NW
Washington, DC 20010
202-877-1198 (V)
www.nrhrehab.org
The Vocational Rehabilitation department at MedStar National Rehabilitation Hospital offers a monthly information and support group to assist patients with meeting their vocational goals. Group participation is encouraged so that individuals can share experiences and resources with each other. Meets the 1st Wednesday of every month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the MedStar NRH Auditorium.

Potomac Job Corps Center
No. 1 D.C. Village Lane, SW
Washington, DC 20032
202-574-5000 (V)
1-800-733-5627 (Toll Free)
http://potomac.jobcorps.gov
No-cost education and career technical training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps young people ages 16 through 24 improve the quality of their lives through career technical and academic training. Offers career planning, on-the-job training, job placement, residential housing, food service, driver’s education, health and dental care, a bi-weekly basic living allowance and clothing allowance. Some centers offer childcare programs for single parents as well. Most students live on campus at Potomac Job Corps, but they do serve nonresidential students as well.

Red Wiggler Community Farm– Grower Program
Ovid Hazen Wells Park
23400 Ridge Rd.
Germantown, MD 20876
E-mail: info@redwiggler.org
https://redwiggler.org/growerprogram/
Provides inclusive work experiences in all parts of farm operations for 16 adults with developmental disabilities. Through the meaningful work of growing and distributing healthy food to the community, Growers gain a professional identity as farmers, as well as vocational, social, and life skills that set them up for success.

Rehabilitation Opportunities, Inc. (ROI) Production and Program Site
19548 Amaranth Drive
Germantown, MD 20874
240-686-0866 (V)
Corporate Office and Production Site
5100 Philadelphia Way
Lanham, MD 20706
301-731-4242 (V)
www.roiworks.org
Help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities learn the skills necessary to thrive in the workplace. Services include counseling, job training, supported employment, transportation to and from supervised worksites, and a paycheck every week. At the worksites, adults receive counseling, participate in personal development programs, and engage in vocational training and employment opportunities.

Rock Creek Foundation
12120 Plum Orchard Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20904
301-586-0900 (V)
www.rockcreek.org
Provide services to people with developmental disabilities, specializing in serving those individuals who also have emotional disorders, psychological and psychiatric services. Career Designs Supported Employment is community-based competitive and supportive employment placements that match the client’s interests, values, and skill level. Assessment, career planning, work adjustment training, job development, mentoring, and job coaching.

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Sunflower Bakery Continued

The Cafe Sunflower training program provides job training and work experience for young adults with learning differences. The goal of the program is to prepare young adults for jobs working in ‘front of the house’ environments. If successful in the 3 month formal instructional phase of this program, trainees are then hired for 6 months of paid employment. In the last 3 months of employment, we work with employees on their resume and job search skills, helping to put them on the path to employment.

The After-School Teen Exposure Program (ASTEP) is a once-a-week after-school, 5-session baking and work exposure program.

The Summer Teen Exposure Program (STEP) offers a 5-day baking and work exposure program. Both programs are for students in high school ages 14 to 21 (9th grade through graduation), with a variety of learning disabilities, ADHD, high-functioning Autism or Asperger Syndrome. Students will be introduced to “soft skills” desired by employers in the food industry, such as following directions, sharing equipment/tools, appropriate communication, focus and being a team member. The ASTEP and STEP programs are approved under the Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) program of the Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS).

Target Community & Educational Services

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www.targetcommunity.org

Supported employment program provides comprehensive and individualized job training, placement and on-going support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Partners with local businesses to provide competitive, integrated work experiences. Also coordinate volunteer placement for clients that not only provides valuable training that improves their employability, but also provides a means for these individuals to contribute positively to the community in which they live.

Ticket to Work Program
1-866-968-7842 (Toll Free)
1-866-833-2967 (TTY)
www.ssa.gov/work

Free and voluntary program that can help Social Security beneficiaries go to work, get a good job that may lead to a career, and become financially independent, all while they keep their Medicare or Medicaid. Individuals who receive Social Security benefits because of a disability and are age 18 through 64 probably already qualify for the program.

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TLC’s Outcomes Services
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Rockville, MD 20850
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301-424-5203 (TTY)
E-mail: stice@ttlc.org
www.ttlc.org/outcomes_service

Supported Employment is a long-term program funded by DDA. Each person is assigned an Employment Specialist who helps to identify a vocational goal and develop an individualized plan.

Community Learning Services are activities, special assistance, support, and education to help individuals whose age, disability, or circumstance currently limit their ability to be employed and/or participate in activities in their communities.

Employment Discovery and Customization provide assessment, discovery, customization, and training activities for a limited period of time. Staff will assist an individual in gaining competitive paid employment at an integrated job site where the person serving is receiving comparable wages and where most of the employees do not have a disability.

Career Assessment Services identify strengths and barriers to employment and is often the first step in the vocational rehabilitation process. Provide vocational rehabilitation consumers with information useful in making the important decisions they will encounter while navigating their career.

Employee Development Services is a DORS funded vocational program designed to assist job seekers in expanding their job development and retention skills, and prepare them to gain meaningful employment. This program offers intensive training in the development of appropriate workplace behavior and skills leading to competitive training.

Community Employment Services assist individuals in obtaining jobs that match each consumer's interests and abilities. Job development, placement, job-site training and job coaching are provided.

Speech-Language Services are available to individuals participating in the Outcomes program to help improve communication barriers that may negatively impact job potential.

Pre-Employment Transition Services workforce development for high school juniors and seniors to prepare for work or post-secondary education. Services include: career assessments; job preparation; social skills training; self-advocacy; basic literacy skills; basic computer skills; employer expectations; job searching; workplace readiness; transition services; and counseling on opportunities for in transition or post-secondary education.

TransCen, Inc.
12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 350
Rockville, MD 20852
301-424-2002 (V)
E-mail: darrell@transcen.org (Workshops)
E-mail: mparker@transcen.org (SYEP)
www.transcen.org

Offer a series of employment-focuses workshops presented to rising upperclassmen with intellectual, learning, physical, and emotional disabilities in Montgomery County Public Schools. Students engage in activities relating to topics ranging from self-advocacy and assertive communication to career exploration and disability employment law throughout the school year.

Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) assist youth with job search and placement services, short-term job coaching services, outreach to employers, and uses customized employment techniques to target employers based on each youth’s interests, skills, and abilities. Youth interns receive on-site, post-placement job supports, and follow-up services.

Upcounty Community Resources
240-614-0444 (V)
E-mail: JennLynn@ucresources.org
www.ucresources.org

Private, non-profit that offers innovative programs, events, and social opportunities for members of the community with developmental and intellectual differences. Offer skill building work programs for adults with I/DD in the community, in public restaurants, retail, and outdoor areas. Members learn social tolerance, task completion and vocational skills/responsibilities and community members see potential and desire to work. Attendees must exhibit minimal behaviors and no personal care is provided. Weekend enrichment / respite program features vocational training held three Sundays per month. Respite Hours and DDA funding accepted for this program. Therapeutic programs incorporate drawing, painting, collage, sculpture and crafts, and singing, playing, moving and creating music. Community inclusion programs include a walking workout club, rock band jam nights, and a social skills night out for young adult males with Autism. Social activities include community outings, sporting events, dances, bingo night, and more.
Vocational Support Systems
8 Russell Avenue #107
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
301-740-7448 (V)
E-mail: vssi@verizon.net
http://vssi4jobs.com/index.html
Supported employment services for adults living with mental health disabilities. Services include assessment and career planning, benefits counseling coordination, job development, job coaching, and service coordination. Eligibility: An adult over the age of 18; have a diagnosed psychiatric disability; receive Social Security Disability benefits or receive Medicaid or PAC; and live in Montgomery County, MD.

Work Opportunities Unlimited, Inc.
11510 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20902
301-929-4350 (V)
301-960-4694 (V)
www.workopportunities.net
Supported employment services include the development of community-based employment, supplemental training, and long-term job site supports. Job site training will be in addition to the training the employer naturally provides. Vocational Rehabilitation Service is provided to those individuals who have been found eligible for state Vocational Rehabilitation funding and services. Serve Montgomery, Prince George’s, Anne Arunel, Baltimore, and Calvert Counties, and Baltimore City.

Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP)
E-mail: wrp@dol.gov
https://wrp.gov
Recruitment and referral program that connects federal sector employers nationwide with highly motivated college students and recent graduates with disabilities who are eager to prove their abilities in the workplace through summer or permanent jobs. Program is managed by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) and the U.S. Department of Defense’s Office of Diversity Management & Equal Opportunity (ODMEO).

WorkSource Montgomery – American Job Centers
Germantown
Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road
Germantown, MD 20874
240-406-5485 (V)
Wheaton
11002 Veirs Mill Road, 1st Floor
Wheaton, MD 20902
301-929-6880 (V)
www.worksourcemontgomery.com
Provide accessible employment and training opportunities. Career center services include assessment, job-search tools, job preparation skills, placement, and on-the-job training. Dislocated Worker Program assists eligible job seekers who have lost their jobs as a result of company closings or layoffs. Job centers are operated through a coalition of providers: WorkSource Montgomery, Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Division of Rehabilitative Services, and other local non-profits and agencies to provide a comprehensive, quality service to county job seekers.