

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD - DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY

Financial Counseling

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American Association of Retired People (AARP)

Tax-Aide

1-888-687-2277 (Toll Free)

1-877-434-7598 (TTY)

E-mail: taxaide@aarp.org

www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/

Offers free, individualized tax preparation help to anyone and if you're 50 and older, and can't afford a tax preparation service. AARP membership is not required. Sites are available throughout the County and are open annually from late January/early February to April 15. Locations include senior and community centers and libraries. Online assistance is available year-round to answer your tax questions.

Consumer Credit Counseling Services

1-800-431-8157 (Toll Free)

<https://credit.org>

Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (PST). Non-profit, full service credit counseling agency and debt management service. Help you assess and prioritize your debts, establish a pay-off plan, and develop financial goals. Information on credit and debt, foreclosure prevention, reverse mortgage, and bankruptcy. Online education including videos, webcasts, financial calculators, and a blog. Although most of their services are free, some counseling requires a nominal fee however such fees may be reduced or waived depending on hardship.

Every-Mind - Representative Payee

Amy Fier, Contact

301-424-0656 x 511 (V)

E-mail: afier@every-mind.org

Representative Payee provides money management services to individuals with a disability or mental illness who are unable to manage their own finances – to ensure clients have enough funding for food, clothing, shelter, medication, and other needs. Clients are matched with trained volunteers who manage the bank account, pay bills, and provide spending money. Clients must be age 18 or older, live in Montgomery County, have a disability or mental illness, and receive a federal benefit such as Social Security

Gaithersburg Financial Wellness Coalition

301-258-6300 (V)

www.gaithersburgmd.gov/services/community-services/bank-on-gaithersburg

Offers monthly financial workshops in Gaithersburg that focus on basic banking, spending plans that work, women and money, financial planning, and more. Bank on Gaithersburg works with local community organizations and financial institutions to help Gaithersburg residents gain access to free or low cost bank accounts and take steps toward financial freedom.

Maryland Home Owners Preserving Equity (HOPE)

1-877-462-7555 (Toll Free)

www.mdhope.org

Foreclosure prevention resources. Information on counseling resources, mediation, Attorney General Mortgage Servicing Settlement and how to avoid fraud for homeowners, information on legal rights on landlords facing foreclosure for renters, and resources for housing counselors.

Planned Lifetime Assistance Network (PLAN) of Maryland-DC, Inc.

604 South Frederick Avenue, Suite 411

Gaithersburg, MD 20877

301-740-8444 (V)

E-mail: admin@planofmd-dc.org

www.planofmd-dc.org

Services include counseling, assistance applying for public benefits (Medicaid, social security), budgeting/bill payment/escrow account management, assistance applying for housing and vocational rehabilitation programs, coordinating medical care, and socialization groups and activities. PLAN can act as representative payee for clients and manage escrow accounts for benefit payments and allowances for rent and other personal expenses.

Social Security Administration - Representative Payee Program

1-800-772-1213 (Toll Free)

1-800-325-0778 (TTY)

www.ssa.gov/payee

Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Provide financial management for the Social Security and SSI payments of beneficiaries who are incapable of managing their Social Security or SSI payments.