

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. Although most of their services are free, some counseling requires a nominal fee however such fees may be reduced or waived depending on hardship.

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 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.

Representative Payee Program – Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213 (Toll Free)

1-800-325-0778 (TTY)

www.ssa.gov/payee

Provide financial management for the Social Security and SSI payments of beneficiaries who are incapable of managing their Social Security or SSI payments.

Senior Connection – Money Monitors Program

3950 Ferrara Drive

Silver Spring, MD 20906

301-962-0280 (V)

E-mail: info@seniorconnectionmc.org

www.seniorconnectionmc.org

Volunteers can offer the following support services while working with the client, on a monthly or bi-monthly basis: organization; budgeting; bill paying; account reconciliation; debts; money-saving; annual taxes; and scams/fraud. Eligibility: Montgomery County residents aged 60 or older. Incomes may not exceed \$47,520.00 per year for individuals or \$64,080.00 for couples. Income verification required. Assets may not exceed these amounts (houses, cars, and retirement accounts are not included). Clients must be able to make all financial decisions and must have a bank account.