## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD - DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY**

### **Montgomery County Public Schools**

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org

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#### Child Find - Montgomery County Public Schools, Department of Special Education Services

English Manor School 4511 Bestor Drive, Room 146 Rockville, Maryland 20853 \*Child Find Clinics will be held in Room 136 240-740-2170 (V) 301-947-6080 (Intake) Email: <u>ChildFind@mcpsmd.org</u> www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/special-

education/programs-services/child-find.aspx

Provides free developmental screenings for children from three years of age until kindergarten. It is also the single point of entry for families moving into Montgomery County whose preschool-aged child has been previously identified with a disability. Nonresident families with developmental concerns about their child who does NOT have an IEP and attends a preschool or childcare center located in Montgomery County may contact Child Find. Parentally placed private school students' parents/guardians with schoolaged students (5 to 21 years of age) may contact Mrs. Anna E. Szilagyi-Weichbrod at 240-740-3855 or via email at <u>anna\_e\_szilagyi-weichbrod@mcpsmd.org</u> for a Child Find referral packet.

**Birth to Age 2 Years, 10 Months:** Parents of children between birth and two years, 10 months of age should contact <u>Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers</u> <u>Program</u> to request an evaluation if they have concerns about their child's development at 240-777-3997. **Kindergarten to Age 21:** Parents of students in kindergarten through age 21 should contact their <u>neighborhood school</u> to request an evaluation.

#### **Department of Special Education Services**

Philip A. Lynch, Director 850 Hungerford Drive, Room 230 Rockville, MD 20850 240-740-3900 (V) E-mail: <u>Philip A Lynch@mcpsmd.org</u>

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/specialed Services for students with disabilities from birth through

age 21. Montgomery County Public Schools provides a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to all students with disabilities in need of special education and related services. Responsible for the Division of Prekindergarten, Special Programs, and Related Services and provides oversight of all school-based special education services for students in prekindergarten through Grade 12. Services are implemented in a continuum of settings ranging from the general education environment, special class placements, public and private day schools, and residential day settings. DSES staff members share the goal of preparing students for employment and postsecondary education.

#### Discrimination Inquiries or Complaints Human Relations

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/nondiscrimination Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) prohibits illegal discrimination based on race, ethnicity, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, immigration status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, family/parental status, marital status, age, physical or mental disability, poverty and socioeconomic status, language, or other legally or constitutionally protected attributes or affiliations. Inquiries, complaints, or requests for accommodations for students with disabilities may be directed to the Khalid D. Walker at 240-740-2888.

# For inquiries or complaints about discrimination against MCPS students:

Student Welfare and Compliance 240-740-3215 (V) Email: <u>SWC@mcpsmd.org</u>

#### **Division of Early Childhood Programs & Services**

Rocking Horse Road Center 4910 Macon Road, Room 200 Rockville, MD 20852 240-740-4530 (V) www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/dtecps/

#### earlychildhood

Provide comprehensive, research-based services to young children, ensuring their school success through partnerships with families, schools, and the community. Resources include information on prekindergarten and head start, kindergarten, school curriculum, early entrance procedures, Judy Centers (early childhood centers promoting school readiness), and Early Childhood Coordinationg Council which works collaboratively to plan, implement and assess activities focused on ensuring that all young children (birth through age five) of Montgomery County arrive at school fully ready to learn.

#### Student, Family and School Services

Rocking Horse Road Center 4910 Macon Road, Room 115 Rockville, MD 20852 240-740-4620 (V)

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/community-engagement

Provide information and resources to families in understanding and negotiating the education and service systems for their children. Resources include the Linkages to Learning program that assists students and their families by connecting them to services and resources that address the social, economic, health, and emotional issues that may interfere with academic success at school and free Parent Academy Workshops held at schools and locations throughout Montgomery County.

#### **Transition Services Unit**

**Office of Special Education Services** 

Patricia Cochrane, Supervisor 11721 Kemp Mill Road Silver Spring, MD 20902 240-740-5900 (V)

#### E-mail: patricia\_cochrane@mcpsmd.org

www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transitionsvcs

Transition services are a student-centered planning process that is designed to meet the students educational, employment and independent living outcomes. These outcomes may include postsecondary education; job training; employment (supported); continuing and adult education; adult services; independent living; and community participation. A student's transition plan becomes a part of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process beginning at age 14 or younger, if appropriate. Transition planning is a process that should include the following: identifying the student's post-high school goals; assessing the student's interests and abilities in relation to identified goals; determining courses, experiences, and programs that will prepare the student to reach his/her

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goals; supporting the student in transition-related activities; determining the student's anticipated adult service needs; and linking the student and parent with potential adult services. Students receive an array of services to help them attain their identified postsecondary outcomes and to prepare them to be college, career and community ready. These services may include, but are not limited to; career education, career exploration, social skills and self-advocacy instruction, career technology education, in-school and community work-based learning experiences, independent living skills instruction, and linkage to community agencies.

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