

# Parent Support and Advocacy Organizations

## All Disabilities

**The Resource Center for Families and Schools**  
**Parent Support in Special Education**  
**Baltimore County Public Schools**  
**Office of Special Education**  
**#410-887-5443**

White Oak School  
8401 Leefield Road, Room 100  
Baltimore, MD 21234  
www.bcps.org

Supports parents of children with disabilities, ages birth to 21. The center activities include but are not limited to the following:

- Maintains a multi-media lending library on a wide range of special education topics.
- Teams with educators to teach free workshops.
- Offers support to parents who need someone to talk to about IEP concerns.

**Abilities Network/Epilepsy Foundation of the Chesapeake Region**  
**#410-828-7700**

8503 LaSalle Road  
Towson, MD 21286  
www.abilitiesnetwork.org

Offers information and referral, support programs, assistance with the IEP process, advocacy and counseling.

**Baltimore County Department of Recreation & Parks**  
**Therapeutic Recreation Services**  
**#410-887-5370**

301 Washington Avenue  
Towson, MD 21204  
www.baltimorecountymd.gov

Offers a variety of recreational opportunities and services countywide. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to participate in all community programs. They will strive to make reasonable accommodations for full participation.

**Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education (MCIE)**

**#410-859-5400 or #1-800-899-8837**  
7484 Candlewood Road, Suite R  
Hanover, MD 21076  
www.mcie.org

An information and advocacy organization to promote the education of students in the least restrictive environment (LRE). Lending library on site and newsletter available to members.

**Maryland Disability Law Center (MDLC)**  
**#410-727-6352**

1800 N. Charles Street, Suite 400  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
www.mdldbaltimore.org

Private, non-profit law center that protects and advocates for the rights of children and adults with disabilities. An intake officer is available to answer questions about special education law, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 am until 12 pm. Also publishes free booklet, "Special Education Rights...and Wrongs"

**Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Office of Special Education**  
**#410-767-0244**

200 W. Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
www.msde.state.md.us

The Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services collaborates with families, local early intervention systems, and local school systems to ensure that all children and youth with disabilities have access to appropriate services and educational opportunities to which they are entitled under federal and state laws.

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## National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)

#1-800-695-0285

P.O. Box 1492  
Washington, D.C. 20013-1492  
www.nichcy.org

An information clearinghouse that provides information on disabilities and disability-related issues. In addition to publications on disability issues they offer:

- personal responses to questions on disability issues
- referrals to other organizations and agencies
- information searches of NICHCY's database and library
- technical assistance to parent and professional groups

## The Parents' Place of Maryland

#410-768-9100

801 Cromwell Park Drive, Suite 103  
Glen Burnie, MD 21061  
www.ppmd.org

A center for families of children with disabilities. It offers parent education courses and workshops, information and referral services as well as advocacy services. They have a quarterly newsletter and an extensive lending library.

## The Resource Network: A Project of Kennedy Krieger Institute

#1-800-390-3372

707 North Broadway  
Baltimore, Maryland 21205  
www.resourcenetworkatkki.org

Provides information about disabilities for consumers, families, and professionals.

## Social Security Administration

#1-800-772-1213

www.ssa.gov

For information on how to apply for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

## Asperger's Syndrome

### Maryland Asperger Advocacy and Parent Support Group

#410-429-5321

www.aspergers.org

Serves families and individuals with Asperger's Syndrome. In addition, they assist individuals who have normal to high intelligence and experience social-communication difficulties and sensory integration problems.

## Attention Deficit Disorder

### Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders (CHADD) of Greater Baltimore

#410-377-0249 or #1-800-233-4050 National Call Center

www.chadd-mc.org

A monthly support group, newsletter and lending library for parents of children and adults with Attention Deficit Disorder.



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## Autism

### Autism Waiver Program

MSDE: Division of Special Education  
Early Intervention Services  
**#410-767-1446 or TTY/TDD: #410-333-0731**  
200 W. Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

The Autism Waiver, through Medical Assistance, will allow eligible children with Autism Spectrum Disorder to receive specific waiver services to support them in their homes and communities.

The Maryland Autism Waiver Registry  
#1-800-417-3480  
The Statewide Registry will notify you when you can apply for an available slot.

Baltimore County Families:  
Local Contact: #410-887-4130

### Baltimore-Chesapeake Chapter of the Autism Society of America

**#410-665-7933**  
[www.bcc-asa.org](http://www.bcc-asa.org)

For anyone needing help and support raising, working with and/or advocating for a child with autism or PDD. Provides monthly meetings, a newsletter, library, and seminars on autism related topics.

### Pathfinders for Autism Resource Center

**#410-769-9500 or #1-866-806-8400**  
120 Allegheny Avenue  
Towson, Maryland 21204  
[www.pathfindersforautism.org](http://www.pathfindersforautism.org)

The Pathfinders for Autism Resource Center offers a caring, knowledgeable staff person to take calls and respond to email inquiries; and an on-line, searchable database with information on services and programs throughout Maryland.

## Developmental Disabilities

### Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)

**#410-767-5600 or 1-877-463-3464**  
201 w. Preston Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201  
[www.ddamaryland.org](http://www.ddamaryland.org)

Provides a range of services to individuals with developmental disabilities through an application process.

## Down Syndrome

### Chesapeake Down Syndrome Parent Group, Baltimore County

**#410-321-5434**  
P.O. Box 20127  
Baltimore, MD 21284-0127  
[www.cdspg.org](http://www.cdspg.org)

The purpose of this group is to serve families of individuals with Down Syndrome by providing information and support.

## Mental Retardation

### The Arc of Baltimore

**#410-296-2272**  
7215 York Road  
Baltimore, MD 21212-4499  
[www.baltimorearc.org](http://www.baltimorearc.org)

Provides advocacy and resources for people with developmental disabilities.

### The Arc of Maryland

**#410-974-6139 (Baltimore line)**  
**#410-571-9320 (Annapolis line)**  
**#1-888-272-3449 (Toll-free)**  
49 Old Solomon's Island Road, Suite 205  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
[www.thearcmd.org](http://www.thearcmd.org)

Information and advocacy for individuals with mental retardation.

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## Learning Disabilities

### The Jemicy School Outreach Program

**#410-356-7656**

10724 Park Heights Avenue  
Owings Mills, MD 21117  
[www.jemicyschool.org/outreach.html](http://www.jemicyschool.org/outreach.html)

Provides training for teachers in reading methods, written expression, comprehension, and phonemic awareness. They offer study skills training for middle school students. Provides individualized educational consultative services for students in first thru eighth grades and a tutor referral service is also available.

### The Learning Disabilities Association of Maryland

**#1-800-673-6777**

[www.ldanatl.org/Affiliates/MD/md.html](http://www.ldanatl.org/Affiliates/MD/md.html)

### Dyslexia Tutoring Program, Inc.

**#410-889-5487**

The Rotunda, Suite 310  
711 W. 40th Street  
Baltimore, MD 21211-2109

Offers tutors trained in the Orton-Gillingham reading method, referrals, and support groups.

### The International Dyslexia Association

**#410-296-0232**

The Chester Bldg.  
8600 LaSalle Road, Suite 382  
Baltimore, MD 212086-2044  
[www.interdys.org](http://www.interdys.org)

Offers research and information for children and adults with dyslexia and tutor referrals.



## Mental Health

### Maryland Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health / Central Office

**#410-730-8267 or #1-888-607-3637**

**Fax: 410-730-8331**

10632 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Suite 119  
Columbia, MD 21044  
[www.mdcoalition.org](http://www.mdcoalition.org)

A coalition of family and advocacy organizations dedicated to improving services for children with mental health needs and their families.

### Mental Health Association of Maryland

**#410-235-1178**

The Rotunda  
711 West 40th Street, Suite 460  
Baltimore, MD 21211  
[www.mhamd.org](http://www.mhamd.org)

Dedicated to working for America's mental health and victory over mental illness.

### NAMI Metropolitan Baltimore

**#410-435-2600**

5210 York Road  
Baltimore, MD 21212  
[www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org)

A grassroots education, support and advocacy organization serving consumers of mental health services, their family members and the community. We offer free support groups, programs, lectures, workshops, helpline, resources and opportunities to advocate for research and systems change.

## Transition

### The Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS):

**#1-800-554-0334**

[www.dors.state.md.us](http://www.dors.state.md.us)

Helps individuals with disabilities discover their interests and abilities and keep jobs in careers of their choice.