

**Howard County  
Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs  
Resource List**

Case Management			
Healthy Start <i>(Nurse home visiting for at-risk children 0-2)</i>	410.880.5888	Infants & Toddler Program <i>(Service coordination for children 0-3 with developmental delays)</i>	410.313.7017
Howard County Health Department	410.880.5888	Service Coordination Inc <i>(Resource Coordination for individuals with developmental disabilities)</i>	410.772.8774 TTY 410.772.8781 <a href="http://www.servicecoordinationinc.org">www.servicecoordinationinc.org</a>
Childcare			
Abilities Network/Project ACT <i>(Support for inclusive childcare)</i>	1.800.492.2523 x 1850 <a href="http://www.abilitiesnetwork.org/services/act">www.abilitiesnetwork.org/services/act</a>	Child Care Subsidy <i>(Purchase of Care)</i>	410.872.8700 x 6020
Child Care Resource Center <i>(services &amp; info regarding finding childcare)</i>	410.313.1940 <a href="http://www.co.ho.md.us/childcareresourcecenter">http://www.co.ho.md.us/childcareresourcecenter</a>	LOCATE: Child Care <a href="http://www.mdchildcare.org/mdcfc/for_parents/specialneeds.html">www.mdchildcare.org/mdcfc/for_parents/specialneeds.html</a>	1.800.999.0120
Child Development/Therapy Services/Screening Programs			
Audiology Associates <i>(hearing)</i>	410.313.9100	Howard County Diagnostic Center	410.313.7046
ENTAA Care <i>(hearing)</i>	410.964.8283	Infants & Toddler Program	410.313.7161
Education Services (Special Ed, Schools, School Nurses)			
Child Find	410.313.7046	Interpretation Services <i>(ESOL Family &amp; Community Outreach Liaison)</i>	410.313.6667
Family Support Services-Special Education Network <i>(Family Support Network, Preschool Partners, Partners for Success)</i>	410.313.7161	MD Department of Rehabilitative Services (DORS)	410.480.7820 TTY 410.480.7830
Howard County Dept. Of Special Education <a href="http://www.hcpss.org/special/">www.hcpss.org/special/</a>	410.313.6656	Project Access/Howard Community College	410.992.4800 x 4625
Head Start	410.313.6440	School Health	410.313.6812
Home & Hospital Instruction Coordinator	410.313.6653	NOTES:	
Health Insurance/Financial Assistance			
Autism Waiver <i>(Services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders)</i>	410.313.6796	MD Technology Assistance Program	1.800.832.4827 <a href="http://www.mdtaf.org">www.mdtaf.org</a>
Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Central MD Regional Office <a href="http://www.ddamaryland.org">www.ddamaryland.org</a>	410.902.4500	Medbank of Maryland	410.821.9262 <a href="http://www.medbankmd.org">www.medbankmd.org</a>
Children's Medical Services <i>(Specialty care for low income, chronically ill children without insurance)</i>	1.800.638.8864 <a href="http://www.cms.fhamd.org">www.cms.fhamd.org</a>	Medical Assistance Programs/ Medicaid <a href="http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/mmahome.html">www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/mmahome.html</a>	410.872.8700 x 6020
Howard County Mental Health Authority <i>(Core Service Agency)</i>	410.313.7350 <a href="http://www.hcmha.org">www.hcmha.org</a>	Model Waiver <i>(Services for chronically ill children that would require hospitalization without assistance)</i>	1.410.987.1048
Jill Fox Memorial Fund <a href="http://www.jillfoxfund.org">www.jillfoxfund.org</a>	410.727.4828	Parent to Parent of Howard County <i>(Mentoring program for parents of special needs children)</i>	443.562.4772 <a href="mailto:parenttoparent@att.net">parenttoparent@att.net</a>
MD Children's Health Program (MCHIP) <a href="http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/mchip/">www.dhmh.state.md.us/mma/mchip/</a>	410.313.7500 1.866.313.6300	Social Security Administration Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	1.800.772.1213 TTY 1.800.325.0778 <a href="http://www.socialsecurity.gov">www.socialsecurity.gov</a>
MD Health Insurance Plan <i>(High risk insurance program)</i>	1.866.780.7105 <a href="http://www.marylandhealthinsuranceplan.state.md.us">www.marylandhealthinsuranceplan.state.md.us</a>	The Family Support and Resource Center <i>(information, training &amp; support to families caring for children with special needs)</i>	410.313.7161
MD Hearing Aid Loan Bank	410.767.0739 1.800.535.0182	United Health Care Children's Foundation <i>(financial assistance toward cost of medical services)</i>	1.800.328.5979 x24459 <a href="http://www.uhccf.org/">www.uhccf.org/</a>
Home Care Services/Medical Equipment/Durable Medical Goods			
Chesapeake Rehab Equipment <a href="http://www.cherhab.com">www.cherhab.com</a>	1.800.777.6981	Maxim Healthcare Services	410.910.1500 <a href="http://www.maximhomecare.com">www.maximhomecare.com</a>
Choice Medical Supply	410.552.9595 1.888.552.9599	Medi-Rents & Sales	1.800.540.7252 <a href="http://www.medirents.net/">www.medirents.net/</a>
Information, Support, or Advocacy			
Autism Society of America <i>(Howard County Chapter)</i>	410.879.4643	MD Coalition for Inclusive Education <a href="http://www.mcie.org">www.mcie.org</a>	1.800.899.8837
ARC of Howard County	410.730.0638	MD Coalition of Families for Children's Mental Health <a href="http://www.mdcoalition.org">www.mdcoalition.org</a>	1.800.607.3637
Asperger's Syndrome Support Group	410.730.068	MD Department of Disabilities <a href="http://www.mdod.state.md.us">www.mdod.state.md.us</a>	1.800.637.4113

Children's Resource Line (MD Department of Health & Mental Hygiene)	1.800.638.8864 <a href="http://www.childlink.fhamd.org">www.childlink.fhamd.org</a>	MD Developmental Disability Council	410.767.3670 1.800.305.6441 <a href="http://www.md-council.org">www.md-council.org</a>
Caring Hands, Inc.	410.575.7125	MD Disability Law Center	1.800.233.7201 <a href="http://www.mdclbalto.org">www.mdclbalto.org</a>
Cerebral Palsy Parent Support Group of Howard	410.992.4599	MD Technology Assistant Program	1.800.832.4827 (TTY) 1.866.881.7488 <a href="http://www.mdtpa.org">www.mdtpa.org</a>
Cochlear Implant Information	1.800.458.4999	MD Society for Cleft Lip and Palate (support, info, training & referrals for families)	410.244.7171
Developing Services Group, Inc (Brain Injury Group Support BIG)	410.381.7171	Parent's Stress Line	1.800.243.7337
Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Central MD Regional Office	410.902.4500 <a href="http://www.ddamaryland.org">www.ddamaryland.org</a>	The Family Tree (Howard County) (provides family education and support)	410.313.1948 <a href="http://www.familytreemd.org">http://www.familytreemd.org</a>
Down Syndrome Resource Network of Howard County	410.730.0638	The Parents Place of Maryland	1.800.394.5694 <a href="http://www.pppmd.org">www.pppmd.org</a>
Family Advocacy & Parent Education Program (FAPE)	410.465.1193 <a href="mailto:FamilyAdvocacy@comcast.net">FamilyAdvocacy@comcast.net</a>	The Resource Finder	1.800.390.3372 <a href="http://www.resourcefinder.kennedykrieger.org">www.resourcefinder.kennedykrieger.org</a>
Legal Aid	410.480.1057 <a href="http://www.mdlab.org">www.mdlab.org</a>	NOTES:	
<b>Medical &amp; Dental Services</b>			
Howard County Health Department	410.313.5152	NOTES:	
<b>Mental Health Services</b>			
Family & Children's Services of Central MD	410.997.3557	MD Public Mental Health System Hotline	1.800.422.0009
Howard County Mental Health Authority (Core Service Agency)	410.313.7350 <a href="http://www.hcmha.org">www.hcmha.org</a>	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)	410.772.9300
Howard County Substance Abuse Services Office	410.313.3784	Sheppard Pratt at Ellicott City	410.465.3322
<b>Public Health Services or Local Health Department</b>			
Children's Health Programs (Immunizations, lead, etc)	410.273.5626	Office of Children's Services	410.313.1940 <a href="http://www.co.ho.md.us/OCS/CS_ChildrensServices.htm">http://www.co.ho.md.us/OCS/CS_ChildrensServices.htm</a>
Howard County Health Department	410.313.6300	NOTES:	
<b>Recreation</b>			
Boy Scouts of America, Baltimore Area Council (opportunities for individuals with disabilities as young as 7)	410.573.2500 <a href="http://www.baltimorebsa.org">www.baltimorebsa.org</a>	Howard County YMCA	410.465.4334 <a href="http://www.ymcamd.org/Branches/Howard">http://www.ymcamd.org/Branches/Howard</a>
Girl Scouts of Central MD	410.358.9711 <a href="http://www.gscm.org">www.gscm.org</a>	Special Olympics	410.740.0500 <a href="http://www.somdhc.org">www.somdhc.org</a>
Howard County Parks and Recreation (provides opportunities for all ages with developmental disabilities)	410.313.4700	NOTES:	
<b>Respite Care</b>			
Abilities Network (funding)	410.828.7700	1.800.492.2523	Creative Options (funding, facility) 410.780.4095 TTY 1.800.735.2250
ARC of Baltimore (funding)	410.296.2273		Howard County Health Department (funding) (Give Me A Break Project) 410.313.7161
ARC of Howard County (funding)	410.730.0638	1.800.735.2258	Humanim (funding) 410.381.9200
Bello Machre (funding, facility)	410.255.3805		Jewish Family Services (funding) 410.466.9200
Change Inc. (funding, facility)	410.876.2179		TTY 410.466.7237
<b>Social Services</b>			
Child Protective Services	410.872.4203	Emergency Food Assistance Program	410.313.6440
Howard County Department of Social Services (Child care subsidy, temporary, energy assistance, emergency food, cash assistance, etc)	410.872.8700	Women Infants & Children (WIC)	410.313.7510
<b>Specialty Care Hospitals/ Specialty Clinics</b>			
Children's National Medical Center	1.202.476.5000	Sheppard Pratt at Ellicott City	410.465.3322
<b>Transition Services: Medical, Education, Employment &amp; Independent Living</b>			
Developmental Disability Administration Central Regional Office	410.902.4500 <a href="http://www.ddamaryland.org">www.ddamaryland.org</a>	Office for Genetics & Children with Special Health Care Needs	1.800.638.8864
Making Choices for Independent Living	410.444.1400	Maryland Interagency Transition Council	<a href="http://www.mdtransition.org">www.mdtransition.org</a>
Maryland Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) Bel Air	410.836.4590	NOTES:	
<b>Transportation</b>			
Howard Transit (schedule & route information) (HT Ride information and to schedule trips)	1.800.270.9553 410.313.1921	NOTES:	

## Resources

### National Autism Association (Helping Hands Program):

- Covers biomedical treatments, supplements or therapies only for families in dire financial need.
- Maximum request \$1,500 (money is paid directly to the vendor)
- Applications accepted June 2010 at: [www.nationalautismassociation.org](http://www.nationalautismassociation.org)

### National Autism Association (Family First Program):

- Provide couples that have a child with an Autism Spectrum Disorder financial assistance for counseling.
- Applications accepted June 2010 at: [www.nationalautismassociation.org](http://www.nationalautismassociation.org)

### Autism Family Resources:

- One time grant of \$500 (money is paid directly to vendors)
- Covers therapy equipment, safety equipment or respite only
- Annual income cannot exceed \$50,000
- Visit their website for more information: [www.autismfamilyresources.org](http://www.autismfamilyresources.org)
- Email application requests to: [info@autismfamilyresources.org](mailto:info@autismfamilyresources.org)

### ACT Today:

- Covers effective treatments and needed assessments
- Grants of \$100-5,000
- No income requirement
- Accepting applications in Spring 2010 at: [www.act-today.org](http://www.act-today.org)

### Sports for Kids Foundation:

- Provides funding for items that will increase the treatment or quality of life for the child who is the intended recipient.
- Awards range from \$50-500
- Complete Beneficiary Nomination Form at: [www.sportsforkids.org](http://www.sportsforkids.org) (under the "Recipients" tab)

### Zepp Children's Foundation:

- Provides grants for anything that improves the quality of life for your loved one with Fragile X Syndrome, Autism, Asperger's Syndrome or PDD.
- Grants usually range from \$100-500
- Visit their website for more information and an application: [www.zcfcare.org](http://www.zcfcare.org)

### Maggie's Light (Community Works Program):

- Connects college and graduate students studying in the health and disability related fields to families seeking caregivers for their children and young adults.
- Visit their website for more information: [www.maggies.light.org](http://www.maggies.light.org)

### Maggie's Light (Respite Funding):

- Provides respite funding for families on a first come, first serve basis.
- No income requirement
- Visit their website for more information and to request an application: [www.maggies.light.org](http://www.maggies.light.org)

### Jill Fox Fund:

- Provides grants to individuals with unmet medical and healthcare needs not paid for by insurance or other resources.
- Applications must be made by degreed social workers or healthcare professionals.
- To view application requirements and to request an application visit: [www.jillfoxfund.org](http://www.jillfoxfund.org)

NeighborHeart:

- Offers grants for families to help offset costs for supports or services that help improve the quality of life for their loved one.
- Family income requirement of less than \$30,000 a year.
- Applications will be posted online starting 8/28/10 at: [www.neighborheart.org](http://www.neighborheart.org)

Mikel Foundation:

- Grants are awarded to families having a child with a genetic disorder who demonstrate a financial need for the purchase of wheelchairs, orthotics, adaptive equipment and necessary supplies or educational related materials.
- For more information and an application visit: [www.themikelfoundation.com](http://www.themikelfoundation.com)

LEAP Grant:

- Provides grant money for individuals ages 14-25 that have a disability. The funding must go towards something that will assist the individual through some sort of transition.
- For more information call 301-431-7740 x 1507 or email [leapgrant@abilitiesnetwork.org](mailto:leapgrant@abilitiesnetwork.org)

UnitedHealthcare:

- Provides grants for families who have children with medical needs not fully covered by their health insurance plan.
- Financial need of the family will be evaluated
- For more information and to view the application procedures visit: <http://uhccf.org>

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf:

- Funding to pay for intervention, educational and/or rehabilitation services for children under 6 with moderate to profound hearing loss.
- Funding is also available for children with hearing loss between the ages of 5 and 19 to attend art or science courses during the summer, weekends, or after school.
- For more information visit: <http://www.agbell.org/financialaid.cfm>

Disabled Children's Relief Fund:

- Focuses on helping children throughout the U.S. that do not have adequate health insurance. Grants may be used for modest awards for assistive devices, rehabilitative services, arts and humanities projects.
- Applications are available between April and September at: [www.dcrf.com](http://www.dcrf.com)

HIKE Fund, Inc.:

- Provides hearing impaired individuals between the ages of newborn to 20 with funding for a hearing aid..
- For more information visit: <http://www.thehikefund.org>

M.O.R.G.A.N. Project, Inc. (Quality-of-Life Grant Program):

- Provides grants for children under 18 who are medically fragile with lifetime physical needs.
- Visit: [www.themorganproject.org](http://www.themorganproject.org)

Multiple Sclerosis Foundation (Brighter Tomorrow Grant Program):

- Provides award of up to \$1,000 for individuals diagnosed with MS to provide goods or services that will help improve their quality of life.
- Visit: [http://www.msfocus.org/programs\\_events/prog\\_grants\\_bwmq.html](http://www.msfocus.org/programs_events/prog_grants_bwmq.html)

Multiple Sclerosis Society:

- Provides partial grants to individuals with MS for assistive technology and durable medical equipment. A prescription is needed.

-Contact: 410-527-1770 or visit [www.nmss.md.org](http://www.nmss.md.org)

Muscular Dystrophy Association:

-Provides grant money to individuals with muscular dystrophy or one of 42 other neuromuscular disorders for costs associated with OT evaluations, augmentative communication devices, wheelchairs, etc.

-Contact 1-888-484-7072 or visit [www.mdausa.org](http://www.mdausa.org)

United Cerebral Palsy Equipment Fund:

-Provides grants to individuals with Cerebral Palsy and physical disabilities.

-Call directly for an application: 410-574-7696 ext. 217

Inside Out Performance:

-Offers personalized sports training and fitness classes

-Contact Michelle Campbell: 240-305-6988

Ballet Royale (Expressions Program):

-Offer arts and crafts, dancing, music and other expressive activities for students with Autism.

-Contact: 410-997-8443 or visit: <http://balletroyale.com/expressions>

Sibshops:

-Support groups and recreational opportunities for siblings of children with special needs.

- For more information visit: <http://abilitiesnetwork.org/services/support/sibshops.html>