



Current Projects

These are the projects the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council is funding.

Advocacy



Enhancing Self-Advocacy and Public Policy Work *People On the Go of Maryland (POG)*

People on the Go of Maryland (POG) is a self-advocacy group led by people with developmental disabilities. This grant makes it possible for POG to:

- Advocate for change with state agencies, the state legislature, and the community.
- Provides training, assistance, and support to a network of local self-advocacy groups.

This helps them be strong advocates.



Project Learn *The Arc Central Chesapeake Region*

This project is training 20 middle and high school students with developmental disabilities. It is also developing resources that will be available online and in different languages. The project will help students with developmental disabilities and

their families advocate for what they want and need. This will help them learn and succeed.



Child Care



Learning the Basics: Strength-Based Training on Developmental Disabilities *Abilities Network, Project ACT*

This project is training people who work in child care about how to support children with developmental disabilities.

Project Act is developing 6 trainings about different developmental disabilities. They will test the training with 20 to 40 child care professionals. They will use what they learn to make the training better. Then the trainings will be available to child care providers statewide. As a result, more children with developmental disabilities will get the support they need. They will be able to learn, play, and grow in child care programs with children who do not have disabilities.

Community Supports

time for change

Rebuilding DDA Providers with Technical Assistance *Penn-Mar Human Services and TransCen Inc.*

This project will improve the way community service provides support people with developmental disabilities. This will make it possible for more people to live their lives the way they

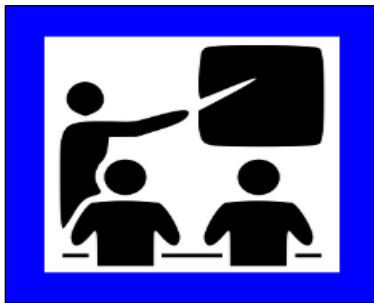
want. Two agencies with a lot of experience will help 5 service providers. They will:

- Provide assistance and training,
- Help the staff at the agencies learn from each other,
- Help the providers develop plans to make the changes they want, and



- Train and support people with developmental disabilities and family members to tell the providers what they need and want.

Other providers in Maryland will learn from this project. This will help them change how they support people.



TerpsEXCEED Peer Mentoring Training and Certification Program

Center for Transition and Career Innovation, University of Maryland – College Park

The Center for Transition and Career Innovation developed a new college program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). It is called TerpsEXCEED. Peer mentors (students without disabilities) help the students with I/DD. Peer mentoring is important to the success of the students in TerpsEXCEED. This project will create the TerpsEXCEED Peer Mentoring Training and Certification Program. Peer mentors will get college credit and a certificate showing they completed the program.

More students without disabilities will help students with I/DD to:

- Take classes and do activities with students that do not have disabilities.
- Have jobs in the community that they choose.



Leadership Development



300 Leaders *Tsinat Institute*

This is a leadership program for youth with developmental disabilities. They are from Ethiopian communities in Montgomery County and nearby areas. Youth are developing

skills so they can:

- Contribute to their communities.
- Be better prepared for employment when they get older.

Leaders in their community will also learn about how to support youth with developmental disabilities.



Partners in Policymaking *The Arc Maryland*

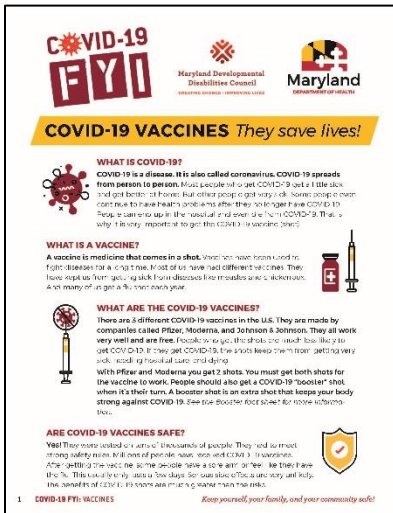
This is a leadership program for people with developmental disabilities and their families. It is teaching people how to advocate for what they need in their own lives. It also is

teaching them to be leaders that bring about change that helps other people.



Resources

The following resources were developed by the Council. They are available on the Council's website or by contacting the Council.



COVID Fact Sheets

With the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), the Council created 9 fact sheets in plain language about COVID. They are:

- Testing
- High Risk Health Conditions
- Vaccines
- Vaccinations at Home
- Vaccines for Children Ages 6 months to 5 Years

- Vaccines for Children Ages 5-11
- Monoclonal Antibody Treatment
- Booster Shots
- Second Booster Shots

Planning Now



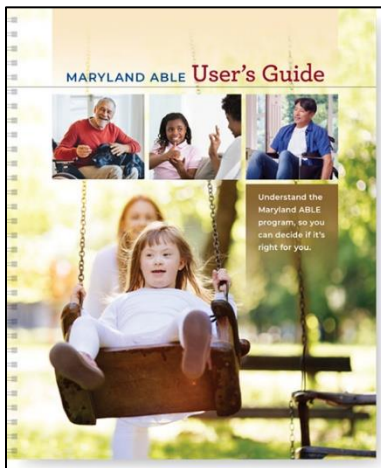
This is a guide for families of people with developmental disabilities. It helps people with disabilities and their families plan for the future.



Developmental Disabilities Administration Fact Sheets

These 4 fact sheets have information about the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). The information is easy to understand. The fact sheets are about:

- DDA
- The DDA waiting list
- Coordinators of Community Services
- Person Centered Planning



User Friendly ABLE Guide

This is a guide with a lot of information about the Maryland ABLE program. Maryland ABLE is a savings program. It helps people with disabilities and their families save money. They can use the money to improve their health, independence, and quality of life.



What Matters

This is a short booklet. It tells the stories of 9 people with disabilities. Their stories show how planning and the right supports help them live good lives.



What's Possible: 9 Stories of Changed Lives

This is a short booklet. It tells the stories of 9 people who used to live at Rosewood Center. Rosewood was an institution for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Their stories show how their lives got better when they moved to the community.