



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

## ADVOCACY

### **Enhancing Self-Advocacy and Public Policy Work *People on the Go 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.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

### **Supported Decision-Making Training *Parents' Place of Maryland***



Supported decision-making SDM is a way for adults to get help from other people to make choices for themselves.

This grant helps the Parents' Place of Maryland develop an SDM training. This training is for youth with developmental disabilities, their families, and the professionals who work with them. This will be done in partnership with People On the Go Maryland, Disability Rights Maryland, and The Arc Maryland.



### CRIMINAL JUSTICE



#### **LEADING to Learn: Training on Working with Individuals with Developmental Disabilities for Correctional Supervisors** *Loyola University*

This project is training people who work in Maryland jails and prisons about how to support people with developmental disabilities. Loyola is developing 12- 15 trainings for correctional supervisors.

They will test the training with 300 correctional supervisors in 4 prisons in Maryland. They will use what they learn to make the training better. Then the trainings will be available to correctional supervisors statewide. This will help correctional staff provide better support to people with developmental disabilities in Maryland jails and prisons.

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

#### **Partners in Policymaking®**

##### *The Arc Maryland*



Partners in Policymaking® (Partners) 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.



## The 300 Leaders *Tsinat Institute*



The 300 Leaders is a leadership program for Ethiopian and Eritrean youth with developmental disabilities. It helps them prepare for:

- Future employment,
- More participation in the community, and
- Transition to independent life.

## RESOURCES

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



### Planning Now

Planning Now is an easy-to-use guide for families of children and adults with developmental disabilities. It includes information about government benefits, wills, trusts, taxes, and other things to help people plan. This publication is available in English and Spanish.



### 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.



## Developmental Disabilities Administration Fact Sheets

These 4 fact sheets provide information about the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) that is easy to understand. They include:

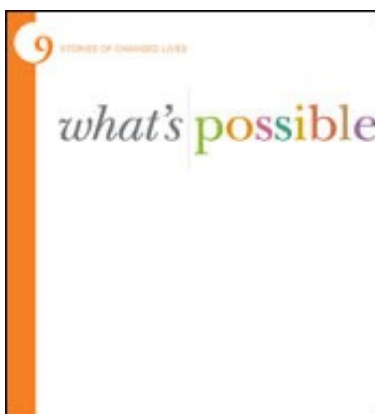
- DDA Overview
- Waiting List
- Coordinators of Community Services
- Person Centered Planning

These fact sheets are available in English, Spanish, and Chinese.



## 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.