



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 work with people with developmental disabilities. More than 300 correctional supervisors will learn how to better support people with developmental disabilities who are in jail or prison.



EDUCATION

Inclusive Teacher Development Abilities Network - Project Act

Early childhood educators want and need training and support so they can better support children with and without disabilities. Project ACT will create a program to teach early childhood educators about inclusion. The educators will also get individual coaching.



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 teaches people how to advocate for what they need in their lives. It also teaches them to be leaders that bring about change that helps other people.



OTHER COUNCIL PROJECTS

Playgrounds for All - Inclusive Playground Website ***Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council and*** ***Maryland Department of Disabilities***

Maryland needs more playgrounds where all children and their families can play. Fully inclusive playgrounds are physically, socially and emotionally welcoming to everyone.

In 2023, the Council and the Maryland Department of Disabilities created a Framework and Toolkit for Inclusive Playgrounds in Maryland. It explained why inclusive playgrounds were important. It also talked about how to build inclusive playgrounds in Maryland. Now, we are making a full interactive website for this project. It will have more information about inclusive playgrounds and a map of where to find them in Maryland.



Housing Publication

Maryland Developmental Disabilities ***Council***

This publication will highlight the stories of Marylanders with developmental disabilities who have moved into their own homes. Their stories will show different housing options available for people with developmental disabilities.



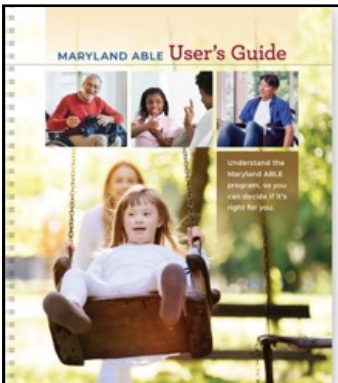
RESOURCES

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.