



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.

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 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.



Playgrounds for All Website

The Council and the Maryland Department of Disabilities worked together to build a website about inclusive playgrounds. Inclusive playgrounds are playgrounds that allow everyone to play together. Our website is called “Playgrounds for All.” It talks about the benefits of playgrounds where everyone feels welcome. It also has a map of inclusive playgrounds in Maryland.



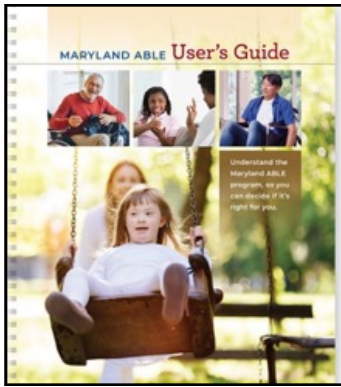
Where is Home? 10 Stories About What Home Means

This is a short booklet. It tells 10 stories of people with disabilities who live in their own home. It shows many of the different housing options that people with disabilities can choose.



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 ABE Guide

This is a guide with a lot of information about the Maryland ABE program. Maryland ABE 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.