



Connecting School and Adult Life

Guidance for youth with developmental disabilities, families and the professionals who support them

Prior to age 21, children are eligible for:

- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Job Training
- Behavioral Management
- Physical Therapy
- Community-based Instruction
- Special Education Services

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No later than the fall of the graduating year, the student will need:

- Birth certificate**
- State ID card**
- Social Security Card**
- Health Insurance Card**

A student may not have more than \$2,000 in assets and resources in his/her name when applying for government benefits such as SSI and Medical Assistance.

Families should begin financial planning when the student turns 13 years old.

Social Security and Medical Assistance can look back at a student's financial records for 5 years.

It is critical that families make sure that a student meets the financial eligibility requirements for government benefits.

FIND US ONLINE

baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/planning/disabilities

Baltimore County Department of Planning
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
The Jefferson Building, Suite 201

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Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)

Apply by age 14. Keep a copy of the application for your files and send the original to DDA. The date the application is received could be critical in determining whether your child is eligible for services in the future.
410-234-8200 dda.dhmh.maryland.gov

Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)

DORS can assist individuals in reaching vocational goals. Ask about pre-employment training services.
410-321-2394 dors.maryland.gov

Housing Vouchers

Apply for a housing voucher when the young adult turns 18 years old. The waiting list is long, so apply early.
410-853-3000 baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/housing/dsssec8.html

Low Intensity Support Services

Money from DDA can be used for camp tuition, home modifications, and other expenses related to your child's disability.
410-234-8200 dda.dhmh.maryland.gov

Parent Workshops

Attend parent workshops sponsored by the Baltimore County Public Schools Parent Resource Center.
410-887-5443 bcps.org

MD state ID card

Apply for a Maryland State ID card from the Motor Vehicle Administration, when student turns 16 years old.
1-800-950-1682 mva.maryland.gov/drivers/apply/id-card.htm

Legal and Financial Planning

Contact the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council for a copy of PLANNING NOW.
410-767-3670 md-council.org

Respite Care

Get information about respite care so you can get a break from the demands of parenting. Call Respite Care Services.
410-296-2272 thearcbaltimore.org

Leisure

Subscribe to LEISURE RESOURCES, the newsletter of the Baltimore County Dept. of Recreation and Parks.
410-887-5370 baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/recreation/programdivison/therapeutic/index.html

Register with Selective Service System

Help your son register with the Selective Service System when he turns 18 years old. Visit a local Post Office or online.
sss.gov

Register to Vote

800-222-8683 elections.state.md.us

Supplemental Security Income

At 18 years old, a young adult will be evaluated on his/her own income and assets, not the family's.
800-772-1213 socialsecurity.gov/ssi

Transportation Programs

Apply for all available Maryland Transportation Authority (MTA) and local transportation programs prior to graduation.
410-767-3441 mta.maryland.gov/mobility

Medical Assistance

Apply for Medical Assistance when your child turns 18 years old. This is mandatory as part of the eligibility process for DDA-funded adult services. If your child receives SSI, Medical Assistance is provided.
410-853-3000

IMAGE Center

Contact the IMAGE Center about benefits counseling and programs for teens and young adults.
410-982-6311 imagemd.org

