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\*Resources are subject to funding availability. Please call the organization to ensure the programs and/or resources are still available.

## Housing Assistance

**Bridges to Housing Stability.** 9520 Berger Road, Suite 311, Columbia, MD 21046. 410-312-5760.

Provides a path to self-sufficiency to prevent and end homelessness through affordable housing solutions and advocacy in Howard County.

Visit <https://bridges2hs.org/bridges-housing-stability-programs/> for more information.

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints,** 301-490-3660 or 410-715-0875.

Offers Rent Assistance.

**Community Action Council.** 9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, MD, 410-313-6440.

First Month's Rent – assists with paying the first month's rent, in advance, when moving into a new home. Eligibility is based upon income and you must be able to demonstrate the ability to continue to pay rent after assistance is provided.

One Month's Rent – a private community organization which partners with CAC to assist with paying past due rent. Eligibility based upon income and evidence of crisis. Must be currently employed and able to demonstrate the ability to continue to make rent payments after assistance has been provided.

Eviction Prevention – assists with paying past due rent. Offers one-time financial grant. Eligibility is based upon income and evidence of crisis such as a judgment of restitution. You must be able to demonstrate the ability to continue to pay rent after assistance is provided.

Visit <https://cac-hc.org/programs-services/housing-assistance-2/> for more information.

**Emergency Assistance to Families with Children (EAFC).** 311 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, MD. 1-800-332-6347.

Provides emergency cash assistance to families who need emergency help paying rent, utilities, or other emergency bills. This is offered to families with children under 21 living with them.

**Gabriel Network.** 2137 Defense Hwy, Crofton, MD 21114. 1-800-264-3565.

Provides Maternity Housing, shelter & referrals for women and families facing crisis pregnancies.

Visit <https://gabrielnetwork.org/> for more information.

**Grassroots Crisis Intervention.** 6700 Freetown Road, Columbia, MD. 410-531-6006.

Family Shelter Program – Grassroots operates the only general emergency shelter in Howard County at 6700 Freetown Road in Columbia, MD. The program has 33 beds for families and single adult women experiencing a shelter crisis. All clients are accepted into the emergency shelter program on a provisional basis for a period of no more than three months. Each resident is assigned a case manager who works with them to develop a case plan designed to address their needs and challenges. Prior to the end of their 3-month stay, residents may apply for a 3-month extension, for a maximum stay of 6 months. An additional extension is granted only under extenuating circumstances such as medical necessity. Extensions of stay dependent on the resident’s progress achieving the goals in their housing plan (such as getting a job, saving money, attending addictions treatment, applying for benefits for which they may be eligible, meeting regularly with their case manager, etc.), their ability to function cooperatively in the group living setting, and their adherence to basic shelter guidelines.

Motel Shelter – As a back-up to Emergency Shelter, Grassroots has a capacity to house up to three families for up to fifteen days in motel when the shelter is full and there are no immediate alternatives. Staff work intensively with these families to help them find more permanent arrangements including other shelter, their own apartment, or relocating to be with family members or friends.

Randy Sands Men’s Shelter- Can serve up to 18 single adult men. The program serves about 55 – 75 men per year. Each resident has a primary counselor or case manager and an individualized housing plan which could include employment, a savings plan, addictions treatment, psychiatric treatment, training or GED, and debt management. All support services available to families are also provided to male residents. The structure of the residents’ length of stay applies to the men’s shelter as well.

Cold Weather Shelter- Provides overflow shelter from November through March. Congregations host the shelter for one or two weeks and provide volunteers for transportation, meals, laundry and to work shifts in the shelter.

Day Resource Center – open 3 days a week and located at 10390 Guilford Road, Suite A (first floor), in Jessup. Provides meals, showers, limited laundry, fellowship and other social services to homeless individuals in the HC Route 1 corridor. For more information about Grassroots Crisis Intervention and the services provided visit <http://grassrootscrisis.org/> or [www.daycenter.org](http://www.daycenter.org).

**Heritage Housing Partners Corporation** 9770 Patuxent Woods Dr, Columbia, MD. (443) 518-7685.

Owns and manages affordable housing for the disabled, senior citizens and families at risk of homelessness.

**HopeWorks**, 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 300, Columbia, MD. Sexual, Dating and Domestic Violence Helpline is 410-997-2272 or 1-800-752-0191 (24 hours).

Provides support and advocacy to survivors of sexual, dating and domestic violence, and aim to be the catalyst in the community to change the cultural norms that allow sexual and domestic violence to happen.

Safe Shelter and Transitional Housing – 45-day crisis shelter for victims of sexual assault or domestic violence and their children. Transitional housing for up to six months; individual case management; Services to adult and child victims of domestic violence, emergency shelter.

<http://www.wearehopeworks.org/>.

**Howard County Housing & Community Development**, Administrative Office: 9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 224 Columbia, MD. 410-313-6318.

Housing & Community Development - Service Office (Landlords and rental residents excluding MIHU).

For more information, visit <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Housing-and-Community-Development>.

**Moderate Income Housing Unit (MIHU)**, 9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 224, Columbia, MD. 410- 313-6318.

Are you looking for high-quality, yet affordable, housing options in Howard County? Howard County Housing offers new, quality homes and apartments through its Moderate-Income Housing Unit (MIHU) Program. \*This program is open quarterly for the homeowner program. If you would like to rent an MIHU apartment, we encourage you to visit the website and reach out to the participating communities for information on availability.

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Housing/Home-Ownership-Opportunities/Moderate-Incoming-Housing-Unit-Program-MIHU>.

**Salvation Army**, 3267 Pine Orchard Ln, Ellicott City, MD. 410-465-1060 or 443-656-3376.

Provides First Month's Rent and Eviction Prevention. We encourage you to call their offices for more information.

**United Way of Central Maryland**, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 340, Baltimore, MD. Ph: 410-547-8000.

Housing is provided by property management firms through the United Way/ Maryland Multi-Housing Association Rental connection partnership, which assists families in urgent need of affordable housing through easements such as reduced rent and waived background checks or security deposits. Visit <https://www.uwcm.org/> for more information.

**Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc.**, 7901 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD. 240-764-2631.

Provides safe, affordable homes to formerly homeless and low-income families. Visit <https://www.voachesapeake.org/housing> for more information.

## Food Assistance

**Columbia Community Care** [columbiacommunitycare@gmail.com](mailto:columbiacommunitycare@gmail.com)  
<http://columbiacare.live/how-to-get-supplies/>

Provides food and necessities for pick-up and delivery if residents are unable to pickup

Hours: Wednesdays - 5:30 - 7:30pm / Saturdays - 10:00am – Noon

Locations:

- Wilde Lake Interfaith Center 10431 Twin Rivers Rd. Columbia, MD 21044
- Oakland Mills Middle School 9540 Kilimanjaro Rd. Columbia, MD 21045
- Long Reach Village Center 8775 Cloudleap Ct. Columbia, MD 21045

**FISH of Howard County, Inc.** P. O. Box 34, Ellicott City, MD. 410-964-8660.

Provides food, financial assistance, referral information and other aid to Howard County residents with legitimate emergency needs.

**First Evangelical Lutheran Church**, Ellicott city, MD 3604 Chatham Road Ellicott City, MD 21042-3920, 410-465-2977, [flcoffice@firstlutheranec.org](mailto:flcoffice@firstlutheranec.org), <https://www.firstlutheranec.org>, Free food assistance program.

**Food Supplement Program (FSP)** 1-800-997-2222.

Helps low-income households buy food they need to maintain good health. Benefits are distributed through an Electronic Benefits Transfer System and used just like cash to buy food. To find out how to apply, visit <http://dhr.maryland.gov/food-supplement-program/> (Funded by the Department of Human Resources).

**Salvation Army**, 3267 Pine Orchard Lane. Ellicott City, MD. 410-465-1060 or 443-656-3376.  
 Provides food assistance.

### Maryland Food Pantries:

**Adventist Community Services, North America**, 9705 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD. 443-391-7254.

Services Provided: Food Pantry services. Visit <http://www.communityservices.org/> for more information.

**Bridgeway Community Cupboard**. 9189 Red Branch Road Columbia, MD. 410-992-5832.  
 Hours of operation: 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 10am - 12 noon and 30 to 40 minutes following each service.

Visit <https://www.bridgeway.cc/support/community-cupboard> for more information.

**Bryant Woods Elementary School**, 5450 Blue Heron Lane, Columbia, MD. 410-313-6859.  
 Hours of operation: Tuesday and Friday 9:30am-2:30pm. Visit <http://bwes.hcps.org/> for more information.

**Celebration Church (formerly Long Reach Church of God).** 6080 Foreland Garth Columbia, MD. 410-997-2088. Hours of operation: Fridays 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Visit <http://wininlife.com/> for more information.

**Community Action Council (CAC),** 9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, MD. 410-313-6440. Food Bank Donation Center located at 9385 Gerwig Lane, Suite J, Columbia, MD. 410-313-6185.

**Distribution Hours:**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 1pm-4pm  
Wednesdays 5pm-8pm **(by appointment only)**  
Saturdays 9am-12pm **(by appointment only)**

Listing for partnering food banks visit: <https://www.cac-hc.org/wp-content/uploads/Pantry-and-Partners-2019.pdf>. See website to find eligibility requirements and fill out food assistance form.

**Dasher Green Head Start Center,** 6680 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD. 410- 313-6210. Hours of operation: Thursday 4-5pm.

**Elkridge Food Pantry.** 5646 Furnace Avenue Elkridge, MD. 443-535-1482. Open on the 2nd and 4th Fridays monthly. Hours of operation: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Visit <http://elkridgefoodpantry.org/> for more information.

**Ellicott City Head Start Center,** 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD. Hours of operation: Wednesday 4-5pm.

**Eva Johnson Foundation Food Pantry.** 3588 Mount Ida Drive Ellicott City, MD. 410-313-2670. Hours of operation: 10am – 1pm and 4-7pm every third Tuesday and Thursday of the month. For more information, visit <http://pdfs.glenmarumc.org/EJFlyer.pdf>.

**Luminus** 5999 Harpers Farms Road, Suite E-200, Columbia, MD. 410-992-1923 ext. 11. [info@beluminus.org](mailto:info@beluminus.org)  
Hours of operation: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am-5pm (by appointment). Visit <https://www.beluminus.org/> for more information.

**First Baptist Church of Savage.** Corner of Washington & Woodward Streets Savage, MD. 301-725-3944.  
Hours of Operation: Thursday 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Visit <http://www.fbcsavage.org/BreadofLifeFoodPantry> for more information.

**Glenelg United Methodist Church**, 13900 Burntwoods Road, Glenelg, MD, 410-489-7260. Hours of operation: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 9-11am. Visit <http://glenelgumc.org/> for more information.

**Howard County Food Bank**, 9385 Gerwig Lane, Suite J, Columbia, MD, 410-313-6185. Hours of operation: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1-4pm, Wednesday 5-8pm, Saturday 9am-12pm (appointment only).

**Howard County Office of Community Partnerships Multiservice Center**. Patuxent Square. 9900 Washington Blvd. (Route 1), Suite I, Laurel, MD. 410-313-0220. Hours of operation: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30am – 4:30pm, Wednesday: 10:00am – 6:00pm. Visit <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Community-Resources-and-Services/Office-of-Community-Partnerships/MultiService-Center> for more information.

**Longfellow Elementary School**, 5470 Hesperus Drive, Columbia, MD. 410-313-6879. Hours of operation: Tuesday 9am-2:30pm. Visit <http://loes.hcpss.org/> for more information.

**Mt. Pisgah AME Church**, 5901 Cedar Fern Ct, Columbia, MD. 301-596-0936. Hours of operation: Monday through Thursday 6-8pm. Visit <http://mtpisgahame.org/> for more information.

**Mt. Zion United Methodist Church**, 12430 Scaggsville Road, Highland, MD. 301-854-2324. Hours of operation: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 9-11am. Visit <http://www.mtzionhighland.com/> for more information.

**New Hope Lutheran Church**, 8575 Guilford Road, Columbia, MD. 410- 381-4673. Visit <https://www.newhopelutheran.org/> for more information.

**Old Cedar Lane Head Start Center**, 5451 Beaverkill Road, Columbia, MD. 410- 313-7246. Hours of operation: Tuesday 3-4pm.

**Oakland Mills High School**, 9410 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia, MD. 410- 313-6945. Hours of operation: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 3-5pm. Visit <https://omhs.hcpss.org/> for more information.

**Rachell L. Gray Community Foundation**, Elkridge Christian Community Church, 6327 Meadowridge Road, Elkridge, MD. 443-796-5162. Hours of operation: 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10am-12pm. Visit <https://www.rlgcommunityfoundationhelp.org/> for more information.

**S.A.F.E. (Supplying Allergy Friendly and Emergency) – Food Pantry**. 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 316, Columbia, MD. 443-741-1060. Call for hours. Visit <http://www.safefoodpantry.org/> for more information.



**Solomons Porch Worship Center**, 10545 Guilford Road, Suite 104, Jessup, MD. 240-360-0278. Hours of operation: Tuesday and Thursday 12:30-9pm, Saturday 12-6pm, after 6pm (appointment needed 7-9pm), Sunday 12:30-2pm. Visit <http://www.spworshipcenter.org/> for more information.

**St. Johns Baptist Church/Harper House**. 5495 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD. 301-596-5571. Open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Hours of operation: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
(Funded by the Community Action Council). For a list of food pantries, visit <http://cac-hc.org/CAC/CACDocs/pantries2.pdf> for more information.

**St. Vincent de Paul (Church of the Resurrection)**, 3175 Paulskirk Drive, Ellicott City, MD. 410-461-9112.  
Emergency food packages as well as food store certificates. Visit <https://www.resurrectionmd.org/svdp> for more information.

**United Way of Central Maryland**, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 340, Baltimore, MD. Ph: 410-547-8000.  
To improve access and affordability of food sources, we support after-school meal programs, virtual supermarkets, access to public benefits and so much more. Visit <https://www.uwcm.org/main/> for more information.

## Financial Assistance

**Coalition for Compassion**. 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD. 410-997-2781.  
Open Mondays and Wednesdays. Hours of Operation: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Celebration Church**. 6080 Foreland Garth, Columbia, MD. 410-997-2088. Open Monday – Friday. Hours of Operation: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### **Department of Social Services - Temporary Cash Assistance.**

Provides cash assistance to families in need with dependent children when available resources do not fully address the family's needs and while preparing program participants for independence through work. Some families which need only short-term assistance receive a welfare avoidance grant equivalent to three months of TCA benefits. This grant is a one-time lump sum payment. For information on how to apply, visit <http://dhr.maryland.gov/weathering-tough-times/temporary-cash-assistance/>.

**Emergency Assistance to Families with Children (EAFC)**. 311 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, MD. 1-800-332-6347.

Provides emergency cash assistance to families who need emergency help paying rent, utilities, or other emergency bills. For information and instructions on how to apply visit <http://dhr.maryland.gov/weathering-tough-times/emergency-assistance/>.

**FISH of Howard County, Inc.** P. O. Box 34, Ellicott City, MD. 410-964-8660.

Provides food, financial assistance, referral information and other aid to Howard County residents with legitimate emergency needs.

**Jewish Federation of Howard County**, 10630 Little Patuxent Parkway, Suite 400, Columbia, MD. 410-730-4976.

Provides information and referral to social services and organizes support groups; assesses and provides emergency financial assistance to Jewish residents of Howard County on a case-by-case basis. Visit <https://www.jewishhowardcounty.org/> for more information.

**Just Living Advocacy**, 9770 Patuxent Woods Dr. Ste. 319, Columbia, MD. 410-972-8377 (by appointment), Multiservice Center, 9900 Washington Blvd, Laurel, MD. 410-313-0220 (Tuesday only, by appointment).

Assists and advocate to ensure that income sustaining opportunities does not fall through. In partnership with licensed child/daycare providers, scholarships and/or waivers may be provided to bridge an applicant to work, from the unemployed-to-employed ranks. Provides State Childcare Subsidy Application Assistance. Visit <https://www.justlivingadvocacy.org/> for more information.

**St. Vincent de Paul (Church of the Resurrection)**, 3175 Paulskirk Drive, Ellicott City, MD. 410-461-9112.

Provides emergency food packages as well as food store certificates. Visit <http://www.res-ec.org/SocialJustice/StVincentdePaul.aspx> for more information.

## Budgeting and Credit Resources

**Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCSMD)** 6315 Hillside Court Suite B Columbia, MD 21046, 800-642-2227, [hraynaud@cccsmd.org](mailto:hraynaud@cccsmd.org)

Provides specialized counseling service in debt repayment, mortgage, credit report review, bankruptcy counseling, student loan counseling. Visit <https://www.cccsmd.org/> for more information.

**MakingChange Inc.** 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive Suite 307 Columbia, MD 21046, 443-518-7647 [execdir@makingchangecenter.org](mailto:execdir@makingchangecenter.org)

Provides programs to help households facing the greatest financial challenges including personal financial coaching, housing counseling, free tax preparation assistance, group

seminars and webinars that helps build a budget and prove credit homebuying planning for retirement and more. Visit <https://makingchangecenter.org/> for more information.

## Clothing Assistance

**The Salvation Army, Howard County.** 3267 Pine Orchard Lane. Ellicott City, MD. 410-465-1060 or 443-656-3376.

Provides family counseling and casework services, emergency financial assistance, food and nutrition programs and seasonal services. Visit <https://www.salvationarmy.org/> for more information.

**Success in Style, Savage Mill, 8600, Foundry Street, Savage, MD.** 301-498-5035.

Provides business wardrobes and coaching at no cost to disadvantaged men and women seeking employment. A referral is needed. Multiservice Center, 9900 Washington Blvd. Laurel, MD Services offered on Tuesdays, 12:30pm -2:00pm and Wednesdays, 11am – 4pm. Visit <http://www.successinstyle.org/> for more information.

## Employment Assistance

**Howard County Office of Workforce Development,** 7161 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite D, Columbia, MD. 410-290-2620.

Provides recruitment, employment and training services for businesses and job seeker. Visit <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/County-Administration/Workforce-Development> for more information.

**Just Living Advocacy,** 9770 Patuxent Woods Dr. Ste. 319, Columbia, MD. 410-972-8377 (by Appointment,) Multiservice Center, 9900 Washington Blvd, Laurel, MD. 410-313-0220 (Tuesday only, by appointment.

Provides employment opportunity referrals to clients seeking employment. Visit <https://www.justlivingadvocacy.org/> for more information.

**Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.** 500 North Calvert Street #401, Baltimore, MD. 410-230-6001.

For those who are unemployed (separated from employment through no fault of their own), please contact the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation to determine eligibility for services. Call their office Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 2p.m. Visit <http://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/uibenefits.shtml> for more information.

**Maryland's American Job Centers (Columbia Workforce Center),** 7161 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD.410-290-2600.

Provide a variety of employment and support resources to assist [job seekers](#) in achieving their employment goals. Meet with consultants to discuss career exploration, referrals to training programs, résumé preparation, and workshops to enhance job seeking skills and work readiness. Access computers with Internet access, printers, photocopiers, fax machines, telephones, and a variety of job search resource materials. Visit <http://dllr.state.md.us/county/howard/> for more information.

**Office of Workforce Development.** 7161 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite D, Columbia, MD. 410-290-2620.

This agency is geared towards meeting the workforce and employment needs and provides a wide array of resources to job seekers. In addition, job seekers in Maryland can now search a database with thousands of jobs presently open and active jobs across Maryland.

For more information or to apply, visit <https://mwejobs.maryland.gov/> or <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/departments.aspx?ID=1863>.

**Pinnacle Empowerment Center.** 8180 Lark Brown Rd # 301, Elkridge, MD. 410-375-1928.

A nonprofit organization tailored to supporting women who find themselves looking for employment and that may need resources to help them succeed.

For more details visit <http://pinnaclecareerresources.com/>.

## County Tax Credits

Tax Credit Name	Income Eligibility	Program Description and how to apply
Community Associations Tax Credit	Property must be owned by the Community Association and used for community, civic, educational, library or park purposes	This program provides a tax credit on certain real and tangible personal property owned by a Community Association. Annual application is required. Specific types of use are demoted in the governing law.  <a href="https://bit.ly/2rhszxd">https://bit.ly/2rhszxd</a>
Howard County Renewable Energy Tax Credit		Howard County implemented a renewable energy tax credit to jump start the industry in Howard County and create green jobs. The 4-year program encouraged homeowners to purchase and install solar and geothermal energy systems for their homes. <a href="https://livegreenhoward.com/energy/incentives/">https://livegreenhoward.com/energy/incentives/</a>
Homeowners Property Tax Credit	Based on relationship between property taxes and income; gross	The program provides tax credits for homeowners who meet certain household income and net worth limits.

	household income cannot exceed \$60,000.	Deadline: September 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year. More info available  <a href="https://bit.ly/1NDk9Tb">online: https://bit.ly/1NDk9Tb</a>
Homestead Tax Credit	If your property in Howard County is your primary residence, then your property is eligible for the Homestead Credit during any year in which your assessment increases by more than 5%.	If your property in Howard County is your primary residence, then your property is eligible for the Homestead Credit during any year in which your assessment increases by more than 5%. You need to submit the one-time Homestead Application to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.  <a href="https://bit.ly/2JSsdUX">https://bit.ly/2JSsdUX</a>
Livable Home Tax Credit	See link for what is considered eligible	A tax credit may be available for certain types of <u>accessibility features</u> (defined in the county code Section 20-129C) installed in a Howard County homeowner's principal residence.  <a href="https://bit.ly/1SvwWMX">https://bit.ly/1SvwWMX</a>
Renovation of Historic Property Tax Credit	A structure that is listed in Howard county's historic sites inventory	The County's Historic Property Tax Credit program provides incentives for property owners to restore or preserve historic properties. Property owners must apply and obtain approval from the Historic Preservation Commission before beginning work which qualifies for tax credits.  <a href="https://bit.ly/2KwZBlj">https://bit.ly/2KwZBlj</a>
Senior Tax Credit	Combined gross income less than \$82,300 yearly.	A County Tax credit is available for homeowners who are at least 65 years old and have a combined household income that does not exceed 500% of the Federal poverty guidelines for a household of 2 for tax year 2019, that limit is \$84,550.  <a href="https://bit.ly/2KygR9y">https://bit.ly/2KygR9y</a>
Disabled Law Enforcement Officer or Rescue Worker	Dwelling must have been owned by the applicant at the time of disability or acquired within ten years of the date of disability	Provides a credit to a permanently and totally disabled law enforcement officer who became disabled in the course of employment or a permanently and totally disabled rescue worker who became disabled while in active service. Credit is equal to 100% of the taxes on the dwelling and curtilage.  <a href="https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Finance/Billing-and-Payments/Real-Property-Taxes/Tax-Credits/Other-Residential-Credit">https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Finance/Billing-and-Payments/Real-Property-Taxes/Tax-Credits/Other-Residential-Credit</a>
Surviving Spouse of Fallen Law Enforcement Officer or	The dwelling must have been owned by the fallen law enforcement officer or emergency worker at the time of his/her death.	This program provides a credit to the surviving spouse or cohabitant of a law enforcement officer who dies in the course of employment or rescue worker who dies while in active service.  Spouse cannot have remarried and the dwelling must

Rescue Worker		<p>have been owned by the deceased at the time of death or acquired by the surviving spouse or cohabitant within ten years of officers/workers death. Credit is equal to 100% of the taxes on the dwelling and curtilage.</p> <p><a href="https://bit.ly/2jrK7CM">https://bit.ly/2jrK7CM</a></p>
Trash, Bay and Watershed Protection Fee Hardship Tax Credit	Homeowners with limited income may qualify for a 60% credit against the Trash Fee and Watershed Protection Fee and 100% of Bay Fee.	<a href="https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Finance/Billing-and-Payments/Real-Property-Taxes/Tax-Credits/Hardship-Credit">https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Finance/Billing-and-Payments/Real-Property-Taxes/Tax-Credits/Hardship-Credit</a>
Renters' Tax Credit	Plan is based on relationship between rent and income.	<p>For persons age 60 and over, persons disabled or persons under age 60.</p> <p><a href="https://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Renters'-Tax-Credits.aspx">https://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/Pages/Renters'-Tax-Credits.aspx</a></p>
Aging in place	<p>Who is at least 65 years old by June 30 and has lived in the same dwelling for at least the preceding 40 years</p> <p>2) Who is at least 65 years old by June 30 and is a retired member of the Uniformed Services of the United States as defined in 10 U.S.C.§101, the Military Reserves, or the National Guard with 20 years of service</p> <p>3) Who is at least 65 years old by June 30, is a surviving spouse of a retired member of the Uniformed Services of the United States as defined in 10 U.S.C.§101, the Military Reserves or the National Guard, with 20 years of service and is not remarried</p>	<p>Limited to 20% of taxes. Cannot combine with senior tax credit in a single year.</p> <p><a href="https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Finance/Billing-and-Payments/Real-Property-Taxes/Tax-Credits/Other-Residential-Credit">https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Finance/Billing-and-Payments/Real-Property-Taxes/Tax-Credits/Other-Residential-Credit</a></p>
Tax Deferral Program for Elderly or Disabled Homeowners	65 years of age or older OR permanently and totally disabled AND have an annual income of \$75,000 or less AND have resided in the current dwelling for at least 5 consecutive years.	<p>Allow qualifying homeowners the option of deferring that portion of county property tax currently due which is in excess of the county property tax paid the previous year.</p> <p><a href="https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Finance/Billing-and-Payments/Real-Property-Taxes/Tax-Credits/Tax-Deferral-Program-for-Elderly-or-Disabled-Homeowners">https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Finance/Billing-and-Payments/Real-Property-Taxes/Tax-Credits/Tax-Deferral-Program-for-Elderly-or-Disabled-Homeowners</a></p>

Real Property Jointly Owned by the Housing Commission	Must reside at property.	Credit is equal to County Taxes multiplied by the percentage owned by the Housing Commission. <a href="https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Finance/Billing-and-Payments/Real-Property-Taxes/Tax-Credits/Other-Residential-Credit">https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Finance/Billing-and-Payments/Real-Property-Taxes/Tax-Credits/Other-Residential-Credit</a>
Residential Flood Damage	Application must be filed no later than December 29, 2019.	Credit to residential properties that suffered flood damage or sewage damage caused the flood conditions on July 30 or 31, 2016. The amount of the credit may be up to 100% of the cost to repair, rehabilitate, or restore the property. Should the credit exceed the County property tax in the year of the application, the credit will be applied for up to a total of 4 years. <a href="https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Finance/Billing-and-Payments/Real-Property-Taxes/Tax-Credits/Other-Residential-Credit">https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Finance/Billing-and-Payments/Real-Property-Taxes/Tax-Credits/Other-Residential-Credit</a>

## Individuals with Disabilities

**Accessible Resources for Independence.** 1406-B Crain Highway South, Suite 206, Glen Burnie, MD. (410)-636-2274.

Provides advocacy, peer mentors, benefits counseling, transition services, support broker services, veteran's directed services, independent living assistive technology, portable ramp loan program, and nursing faculty outreach, as well as teaches independent living skills through pre-employment transition instruction and an assistive technology demonstration library. For more information, visit <http://arinow.org/>.

**Adaptive Living.** 11089 Swansfield Road, Columbia, MD. 410-997-9499.

Provides affordable housing, food, transportation, and supervision for individuals with developmental and cognitive disabilities. Visit <https://adaptiveliving.net/> for more information.

**Alzheimer's Association, Greater Maryland Chapter,** 1850 York Road, Suite D, Timonium, MD 21093. P: 410-561-9099.

Provides a residential program for working intellectually disabled adults. Visit [www.alz.org/maryland](http://www.alz.org/maryland) for more information.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Assistance and Information.** 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 300, Columbia, MD. 410-313-6431.



Provides information, referral, and assistance for housing, transportation, employment, and improved access to public facilities for people with disabilities. For more information, visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/ada>.

**The Arc of Howard County.** 11735 Homewood Road. Ellicott City, MD. 410-730-0638.

Services: Provides residential services, job placement and support, day services, and family support to individuals with cognitive and developmental disabilities. For more information, visit <http://www.archoward.org>.

**Athelas Institute.** 9104 Red Branch Road, Columbia, MD. 410-964-1241.

Provides employment, meaningful days, transportation and a continuum of in-home and residential supports to adults with developmental disabilities based on their needs and preferences. Visit <http://www.athelasinstitute.org> for more details.

**Camp Attaway** 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD, USA, Suite 303, United States 21046, 443-518-7671, [shafley.campattaway@gmail.com](mailto:shafley.campattaway@gmail.com)

Provides recreation program for children ages 7-13 with complex emotional and behavioral disorders. Visit <http://campattaway.org/> for more information.

**CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder),** PO Box 646, Ellicott City, MD, 410-294-2701.

This organization believes in improving the lives of people affected by ADHD. Visit <https://www.chadd-mc.org/> for more information.

**Compass.** 12400 Kiln Court, Suite A, Beltsville, MD. 301-625-2406 Ext. 1115.

Provides residential services, personal support services, customized employment and day services, and behavioral support to individuals with disabilities. For more information, visit <http://www.compassmaryland.org>.

**Elmanda Maima Boakai Foundation, Inc.,** 5457 Twin Knolls Road, Suite 300-N30, Columbia MD. 410-740-7469.

Provides support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through supportive outreach and education. Visit <https://elmanda-maima-boakai-foundation-inc.business.site/> for more information.

**Emerge,** 9180 Rumsey Road, Suite D-2, Columbia MD. 443-288-8234.

Provides services to children and adults with disabilities, including residential, supported living, individual support services, day programs, supported employment, psychological and nursing case management. Can support individuals with multiple disabilities and behavioral challenges.

Visit <https://emergeinc.org/> for more information.

**Every Life Works,** 3210 Boones Lane, Ellicott City, MD. 443-820-7798.



Creating a group of sustainable microbusinesses to train and employ young adults with autism to generate wealth through ownership and working side by side with neurotypical adults. Visit <http://everylifeworks.com/> for more information.

**Howard County Autism Society**, 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 308, Columbia, MD. 410-290-3466.

Serves individuals on the autism spectrum, their families and their communities by providing information, support and advocacy and working to improve the quality of and access to services and educational opportunities. Visit <http://www.howard-autism.org/> for more information.

**Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services**, 9830 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD. 410- 313-6400.

Promotes full inclusion for individuals with disabilities. Visit <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Community-Resources-and-Services> for more information.

**Humanim**, 6355 Woodside Court, Columbia, MD. 410- 381-7171.

Provides rehabilitation, housing, day programs, workforce development, behavioral support, case management, and crisis intervention to those with developmental and psychiatric disabilities, deaf individuals, and individuals with barriers to employment. Visit <https://humanim.org/> for more information.

**Linwood Center**, 3421 Martha Bush Drive, Ellicott City, MD. 410- 465-1352.

Offer 12-month educational and vocational services to people with autism and other disorders, residential services for ages 5-21, operate a community-based vocational and residential program for adults with autism and some of our adults are employed in donated goods store. Visit <http://www.linwoodcenter.org/> for more information.

**Maryland Coalition of Families**, 10632 Little Patuxent Parkway, Suite 234, MD. 410-730-8267.

Helps families who care for someone with behavioral health needs. Using personal experience as parents, caregivers, youth and other loved ones, connect, support and empower Maryland's families. Visit <http://www.mdcoalition.org/> for more information.

**Service Coordination**, 5283 Corporate Drive, Suite 103, Frederick, MD. 301-663-8044.

Provides adults and children with quality case management services by helping people understand what their choices are and connecting them to resources in their communities in ways that respect their dignity and rights. Visit <http://www.servicecoord.org/> for more information.

**Special Olympics Howard County** 8970 Route 108, Suite A1 Columbia, MD 21045, 410-740-0500, [bobbaker@somdhc.org](mailto:bobbaker@somdhc.org)

Provides a year-round training and competitive sports program for Howard County children and adults with intellectual disabilities and/or closely related developmental disabilities. Visit <https://somedhc.org/> for more information.

**Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc.**, 7901 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD. 240-764-2631. Supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in person-centered program. Visit <https://www.voachesapeake.org/developmental-disabilities> for more information.

**Winter Growth**. 5460 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia, MD. 410-964-9616. Provides adult medical daycare and assisted living for senior and disabled adults from two centers located in the Washington/Baltimore metropolitan area. For more information, visit <http://www.wintergrowthinc.org>.

## Healthcare Assistance

**Columbia Health Center**, 8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia, MD. 410-313-7500. Services: Immunization services, family planning clinics (for teens and adults), AIDS/HIV counseling and testing, pregnancy testing and counseling, takes part in the Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program, sexually transmitted disease investigations, operates a STD clinic, provides communicable disease investigation, and offers a supplemental food program for eligible pregnant and nursing woman infants and children.

**Columbia Pregnancy Center**. 10632 Little Patuxent Parkway, Suite 254, Columbia, MD. 410-730-3223. 1-800-712-4357 (24/7).

Services: Pregnancy tests, Pre-natal vitamins and ultrasound, options information and counseling, material aid, post abortion support, pre-natal and parenting classes. Visit <https://columbia-pregnancy.org/> for more information.

**Clarity Hearing Assistance Project (CHAP)**. 3290 North Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD. 410-698-6594.

Provides hearing test, fit and maintenance of hearing aids to low-income individuals in Howard County. For more information visit [www.clarityhearing.com](http://www.clarityhearing.com).

**Department of Social Services**, 7121 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD. 410-872-8700. Helps low-income families with medical assistance. For eligibility and medical assistance options visit <http://dhr.maryland.gov/Local-Offices/Howard-County/>.

**Gilchrist Services**. 5537 Twin Knolls Road, Suite 434, Columbia, MD. 888-823-8880.

Services: Medical care, pain and symptom management, hospice care, emotional and spiritual support, respite care, and bereavement support. For more information, visit <http://www.gilchristservices.org>.

**HealthCare Access Maryland**, 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel, MD. 410-313-4264.

20+ programs are dedicated to making sure that ALL Marylander's have equal access to health Care and services needed. Programs include Connector Entity, Population Health and Care Coordination services. <http://www.healthcareaccessmaryland.org/>.

**Healthy Howard – the Door to Health Care.** 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel, MD. 855-288-3667.

A unique program that helps identify the right healthcare for you and your family. We provide uninsured Howard County residents with the latest information about insurance and non-insurance options including [Maryland Children's Health Program \(MCHP\)](#), [Medical Assistance for Families](#), and [PAC](#). Together we'll determine the program(s) you're eligible for, explain their benefits, and help you apply online. For more info, visit <http://www.healthyhowardmd.org/>.

**Healthcare Access Maryland** 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road Laurel, MD 20723, 410-313-4264, [jortega@hcamaryland.org](mailto:jortega@hcamaryland.org)

HCAM helps residents enroll in health care coverage, navigate the complex healthcare system, and connect to a range of resources that promote the health and wellness of individuals and communities.

<https://www.healthcareaccessmaryland.org/files/2020/09/HCAM-Consumer-Resource-Guide.pdf>

**Howard County General Hospital** 5755 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD 21044. 410-740-7890

Community Care Team - Works with patients and their health care providers to improve patient health conditions after their hospital stay. It includes coordinating home health care workers, helping with proper diet management, accessing senior programs.

[https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/howard\\_county\\_general\\_hospital/services/population\\_health/community\\_care\\_team/index.html](https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/howard_county_general_hospital/services/population_health/community_care_team/index.html)

Journey to Better Health – Provides free services to help individuals identify, monitor and manage their health conditions with health screenings and classes and a support care program, the Member Care Support Network.

[https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/howard\\_county\\_general\\_hospital/services/population\\_health/journey\\_to\\_better\\_health/index.html](https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/howard_county_general_hospital/services/population_health/journey_to_better_health/index.html)

**Howard County Health Department.** 8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia, MD. 410-313-6300. 1-866-313-6300 (Toll free). 410-313-2929 (Emergency – 24/7).

Offers reproductive health services to the uninsured or underinsured women and teens. Payments for services based on a sliding fee scale. Child Health Program provides

services to families that meet specific eligibility criteria. Programs offered by the Health Dept include: Infants and Toddlers Program, WIC, Child Advocacy Center, Case Management for children with elevated blood lead. In addition, outreach, information and referral services are offered. Hearing and vision screenings are offered to students in specific grades within HC public and private schools. Visit <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Health> for more information. To contact Children's Health Programs, call 410-313-7500 or toll free at 1-866-313-3600 or email [askhealth@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:askhealth@howardcountymd.gov).

**Humanim.** 6355 Woodside Court, Columbia, MD. 410-381-7171 Ext. 2220.

Provides workforce development, residential, mental health, neurorehabilitation, and developmental disability services to children, adults and older adults. Visit <http://www.humanim.org> for more details.

**Just Living Advocacy,** 9770 Patuxent Woods Dr. Ste. 319, Columbia, MD. 410-972-8377 (by appointment), Multiservice Center, 9900 Washington Blvd, Laurel, MD. 410-313-0220 (Tuesday only, by appointment).

Provide information for wellness check-ups and Heart Disease awareness and prevention, to combat this #1 killer among women. Visit <https://www.justlivingadvocacy.org/> for more information.

**Local Behavioral Health Authority,** 8930 Stanford Boulevard, Columbia, MD. 410-313-6202, 24/7 services 410-531-6677.

Services: Plans, develops, and monitors all publicly funded mental health services in the county, provides education and training on mental health issues. For more information, visit <http://www.hcmha.org>.

**Loyola Clinical Centers.** 5911 York Road, Suite 100, Baltimore, MD. 410-617-1200.

Provides assessment and therapy services in Speech-Language Pathology and Pastoral Counseling to the Howard County community. For more information, visit <https://www.loyola.edu/department/clinical-centers>

**Maryland Insurance Administration.** 200 St. Paul Place Suite 2700, Baltimore, MD. 410-468-2000. 1-800-492-6116 (Toll free).

Provides information regarding health care laws and procedures in the State of Maryland. Provides links to health care assistance services.

Visit <http://www.mdinsurance.state.md.us/sa/consumer/health-coverage.html> for more information.

**Medicaid.** 201 West Preston Street, Baltimore, MD. 410-767-6500. 1-877-463-3464 (Toll free).

Provides for the payment of medical bills for certain, income-qualifying individuals. For more information regarding Medicaid, your eligibility or any other inquiries visit <https://mmcp.dhmd.maryland.gov/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

**Office on Aging and Independence**, 9830 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD. 410-313-6410. Serves older adults, their families, caregivers, adults with disabilities and agencies supporting these groups. Visit

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Community-Resources-and-Services/Office-on-Aging-and-Independence> for more details.

**Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP)**. 311 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, MD. 1-800-332-6347.

Helps low-income, disabled Marylanders while they are awaiting approval of federal disability support. The program is funded through the State of Maryland to provide help to individuals without dependent children. For more details, visit

<http://www.dhr.state.md.us/blog/?p=1578>.

To apply for TDAP (subject to eligibility) visit <http://dhs.maryland.gov/local-offices/howard-county/>.

## Utility Assistance

**Church of Resurrection**. 3175 Paulskirk Drive, Ellicott City, MD. 410-645-4018.

Offers Utility Assistance. Hours of operation: Tuesday 10am-12pm, Wednesday 2-4pm, and Friday 10am-12pm. Visit <http://www.res-ec.org/> for more information.

**Community Action Council**, 9820 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD. 410-313-6440.

### Energy Assistance:

Provides utility assistance to households in imminent danger of utility cut-off in partnership with the Office of Home Energy Programs, BGE, Howard County Support, Fuel Fund of Maryland, and others. Visit <https://www.cac-hc.org/programs-services/energy-assistance/> for more information.

### Weatherization:

Assists low to moderate income homeowners and renters permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient. Services are based on an energy audit and typically include installing insulation, reducing air infiltration, sealing and repairing ducts, and tuning and repairing heating and cooling units.

**Emergency Assistance to Families with Children (EAFC)**. 311 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, MD. 1-800-332-6347.

Provides emergency cash assistance to families who need emergency help paying rent, utilities, or other emergency bills. For information and instructions on how to apply visit <http://dhs.maryland.gov/weathering-tough-times/emergency-assistance/>.

**Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP)**, 311 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, MD. 410-313-6440 or 1-800-332-6347 Visit <http://dhr.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs/>

### Grants Offered:

- Arrearage Retirement Assistance  
Helps customers with large, past due electric and gas bills. If eligible, customers may receive forgiveness of up to \$2,000 towards their past due bill. Customers must have a past due bill of \$300 or greater to be considered eligible. Customers may only receive an arrearage grant once every seven years, with certain exceptions.
- Electric Universal Services Program (EUSP) Grant  
Provides financial assistance with electric bills. Eligible customers receive help that pays a portion of their current electric bills. Customers who receive EUSP are placed on a budget billing plan with their utility company.
- Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)  
Provides financial assistance with home heating bills. Payments are made to the fuel supplier and utility company on the customer's behalf.
- Utility Service Protection Program (USPP)  
Designed to protect low-income families from utility turn-offs during the heating season. All MEAP eligible customers may participate in USPP. Participation also requires a year-round even monthly budget billing. Failure to make consecutive payments may result in removal from USPP.
- Weatherization and Energy Efficiency Services  
Customer information is referred to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for programs that can provide improvements and repairs to homes at no cost. These improvements can help lower utility bills and make the home more comfortable. DHCD's energy efficiency and weatherization programs support the EmPOWER Maryland Energy Efficiency Act. For more information, call 1-855-583-8976 or visit [dhcd.maryland.gov/Pages/EnergyEfficiency](http://dhcd.maryland.gov/Pages/EnergyEfficiency)

### **Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)**

Operated by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Single-Family Special Loan Programs (SLP) and helps low- and moderate-income households with the installation of energy conservation materials in their dwelling units. These measures both reduce the consumption of energy and make these homes more comfortable, safe and healthy. Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Energy, the State of Maryland and other resources. Residents must be income eligible (60% of statewide median) and able to prove ownership, sign a written agreement permitting the improvements to be done and not increase rent to income-qualified families for a specified period. Priority is given to residents who are elderly, disabled, have families with young children and have the highest energy burden. Sponsored by the Howard County Community Action Council. 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Box 226, Columbia, Maryland. 410-313-6440.

Visit [http://cac-hc.org/CAC/cac\\_weatherizationassistance.htm](http://cac-hc.org/CAC/cac_weatherizationassistance.htm) for more information.

**Salvation Army.** 3267 Pine Orchard Ln, Ellicott City, MD, 410-465-1060 or 443-656-3376  
Provides BGE assistance. Call for more details. Visit <https://salvationarmycm.org/> for more information.

## Miscellaneous

**Building Families for Children.** 7161-A Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD. 410-872-1050 Ext. 1240.

Services: Treatment foster care, therapeutic family services, recruits volunteers to serve as short-term hosts and family friends for the children of families in crisis, catalyze volunteers within the faith community in supporting an individual in their life plan towards self-sufficiency, support those engaged with services and congregations involved in outreach to their community, pastor helpline. Visit <http://www.buildingfamiliesforchildren.org> for more information.

**Luminus.** 5999 Harpers Farm Road, Suite E-200, Columbia, MD. 410-992-1923 Ext. 11.  
info@beluminus.org

Provides services to immigrants. Services include immigration counseling, interpreters, consumer counseling, adult and student literacy, job counseling, citizenship classes, and crisis assistance. For more information, visit <https://www.beluminus.org/>.

**Grassroots Crisis Intervention.** 6700 Freetown Road, Columbia, MD. 410-531-6006. 410-531-6677 (Crisis Hotline – 24/7).

Grassroots operates a 24-hour crisis intervention and supportive counseling hotline. Individuals may call for a variety of reasons including suicide, family and relationship problems, shelter needs, violent or threatening domestic situations, loneliness or depression, and chemical dependency issues, among others. Callers may remain anonymous. Visit <https://grassrootscrisis.org/> for more information.

**HopeWorks,** 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 300, Columbia, MD, Sexual, Dating and Domestic Violence Helpline is 410-997-2272 or 1-800-752-0191 (24 hours).

HopeWorks provides support and advocacy to survivors of sexual, dating and domestic violence, and aim to be the catalyst in the community to change the cultural norms that allow sexual and domestic violence to happen.

Safe Shelter and Transitional Housing – 45-day crisis shelter for victims of sexual assault or domestic violence and their children. Transitional housing for up to six months; individual case management; Services to adult and child victims of domestic violence, emergency shelter. Visit

<http://www.wearehopeworks.org/> for more information.



**Howard County Chamber of Commerce.** 6240 Old Dobbin Lane, Suite 110, Columbia, MD. 410-730-4111.

Facilitates success of business in Howard County through advocacy, communication, and education. For more information, visit <http://www.howardchamber.com>.

**Howard County Department of Corrections.** 7301 Waterloo Road, Jessup, MD, 410-313-5200.

Operates Central Booking Facility and the Detention Center. Provide such services as addictions health and mental health, GED, employment readiness, food safety and financial literacy education, anger management, parenting re-entry including mediation and work release. For more information, visit

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Corrections>

**Howard County Office of Children and Families,** 9830 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD. 410-313-1940.

Provides referrals for childcare and other services to parents, and training and technical assistance to current and prospective childcare professionals. Visit

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Community-Resources-and-Services/Office-of-Children-and-Families> for more information.

**Howard County Office of Consumer Protection,** 9830 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD. 410-313-6420.

Investigates and conciliates complaints regarding deceptive and unfair trade practices. Services: issue subpoenas, institute litigation, obtain restitution for consumers who have been harmed, issue solicitors/peddler's licenses, register towing companies, offer free voluntary binding arbitrary program. For more information, visit

<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Community-Resources-and-Services/Office-of-Consumer-Protection>.

**Maryland Legal Aid.** 3451 Court House Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ellicott City, MD. 410-480-1057.

Free civil legal services include assistance with consumer rights, elder rights, employment, expungement, family, farmworkers rights, government benefits, health care, housing. Visit <http://www.mdlab.org> for more information.

**Mediation and Conflict Resolution Center,** 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive #306, Columbia, MD. 443-518-1888.

Provides free mediation and conflict resolution services, including group facilitation, restorative dialogue, restorative reflection, restorative circles, education and training for all of Howard County. For more information, visit <https://mediation-and-conflict-resolution-center.business.site/>.

**National Family Resiliency Center.** 10632 Little Patuxent Parkway, Suite 121, Columbia, MD. 410-740-9553.

Provides therapeutic and educational services as well as mediation and collaborative law services for children and adults who are experiencing marital problems, separation, divorce or remarriage. Visit <http://www.nfrchelp.org> for more information.



**Rebuilding Together Howard County.** 8775 Centre Park Drive #519, Columbia, MD. 410-381-3338.

Provides free repair services for those with the greatest need, low-income homeowners, particularly those who are elderly, displaced or disabled, and families with children. For more information, visit <http://www.rebuildingtogetherhowardcounty.org/>.

**United Way of Central Maryland (2-1-1 Helpline),** 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 340, Baltimore, MD. Dial 2-1-1 from a cellphone or landline. If you cannot reach us through 2-1-1, dial 410-685-0525 (greater Baltimore area) or 1-800-492-0618 (elsewhere in Maryland).

<https://www.uwcm.org/main/211helpline/>.

The 2-1-1 Maryland United Way Helpline can help you access:

- Food
- Shelters and emergency housing for the homeless
- Access to transitional housing
- Medical care
- Utility assistance
- Tax help
- Job training
- Eviction prevention services
- Family services and counseling
- Day care
- Prescription assistance
- Suicide prevention and crisis center services

## Education Assistance

**Bright Minds Foundation** 10910 Clarksville Pike Ellicott City, MD 21042, 410-740-0707, [liz@brightmindsfoundation.org](mailto:liz@brightmindsfoundation.org). Offers college access and scholarships to students who are in need of assistance. Visit <https://brightmindsfoundation.org/our-work/>

**Community Foundation of Howard County 10440** Little Patuxent Parkway Suite 230 Columbia MD, 21044, 410-730-7840. Offers student scholarships. For more information visit <https://cfhoco.org/grants-and-scholarships/scholarships/>.

**Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).** 1-800-433-3243.

FAFSA forms and details about applying for Federal student aid can be found at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>.

**Helping Hands Enrichment & Leadership Foundation,** 10227 Wincopin Cir, Columbia, MD. 240-517-4065.

Provides supplemental learning program for elementary school students, including the whole child, academically at-risk, and to assist them in reaching, maintaining and exceeding grade level expectations.

**Howard Community College Financial Aid Services.** 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD. 443-518-1260. Visit <https://www.howardcc.edu/admissions-aid/pay-for-college/financial-aid/index.html> for more information.

**Howard County Library System** 9411 Frederick Road Ellicott City, MD 21042, 410-313-7750, [christie.lassen@hclibrary.org](mailto:christie.lassen@hclibrary.org). Offers student resources, parents and educator resources, and educational initiatives. Visit <http://hclibrary.org/> for more information.

**HowGirlsCode.** 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 320 Suite 320 Columbia, MD 21046, 301-523-5920 [drmarsha@howgirlscode.com](mailto:drmarsha@howgirlscode.com)

Dedicated to increasing girls' participation in computer science, offer scholarship and other programs. Visit <https://www.howgirlscode.com/> for more information.

**Judy Center Partnership at Cradlerock.** 6700 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD. 410-313-8224. Promotes school readiness by providing information and referral for comprehensive early childhood services to children and parenting support to parents. For more information, visit <https://judycenter.hcps.org/>.

**Maryland Educational Opportunity Center.** 2305 N. Charles Street, Suite 101, Baltimore, MD. 410-728-3400 Ext. 27.

Services: Guidance to help select right college and program, help developing Individual Education plan, college admissions, financial aid, and scholarship information, help completing admissions and financial aid applications, career information, workshops, practice tests, referrals, online tutoring. Visit <http://www.meoonline.com> for more information.

**Prepare for Success.** 7230 Single Wheel Path, Columbia, MD. 443-535-1625.

Provides Howard County students from low income families with a backpack and school supplies. For more information, visit <http://www.prepareforsuccess.org>.

**Tech Changers.** 9330 Furrow Avenue, Ellicott City, MD, USA 21042, 410-241-7767 [info@techchangers.org](mailto:info@techchangers.org)

Focused on creating a diverse community of youth makers, technologists, leaders, and innovators by providing all students, especially underrepresented and socioeconomically challenged groups with opportunities to discover and foster their passion for STEM and computing. Visit <https://www.techchangers.org/> for more information.

## Aging

**Adventist Community Services, North America**, 9705 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD. 443-391-7254.

Promotes Christ-centered, practical and sustainable solutions to successful holistic aging. It coordinates education and services related to aging, health, finance, and social issues for older adults in the church and community in collaboration with community-based elder care programs that nurture body, mind and spirit. Visit <http://www.communityservices.org> for more information.

**Alzheimer's Association, Greater Maryland Chapter**, 1850 York Road, Suite D, Timonium, MD 21093. 410-561-9099.

Provides a residential program for working intellectually disabled adults. Visit [www.alz.org/maryland](http://www.alz.org/maryland) for more information.

**Coalition of Geriatric Services (COGS)**, 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 318, Columbia, MD. 410-997-0610.

Nonprofit organization of public agencies, private companies, and individuals who provide services to older adults. COGS membership services include advocacy, provider networking and education. Visit <https://cogsmd.org/> for more information.

**Gilchrist**, 5537 Twin Knolls Road, Suite 434, Columbia, MD, 443-849-8200.

Provides counseling and support, elder medical and hospice care to anyone with a serious illness. We give people the clear information and support they need to make informed choices about their care. Visit <https://www.gilchristcares.org/> for more information.

**Howard County Office of Aging and Independence**, 9830 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD. 410-313-6410.

Promotes the full inclusion of persons with disabilities, addresses the needs of an increasingly diverse cultural community, and supports the desires of our citizens to remain independent as they grow older. Visit <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Community-Resources-and-Services/Office-on-Aging-and-Independence> for more information.

**Interim Healthcare of Columbia** 9050 Red Branch Rd. Ste. D, Columbia, MD 21045-2176, 667-803-0076, [mbruce@interimhealthcare.com](mailto:mbruce@interimhealthcare.com)

Provides personal service and support, home care services, interim transitions and more. <https://www.interimhealthcare.com/columbiasc/home/>

**Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland (MOW)**, 515 South Haven Street, Baltimore, MD.

410-558-0827

Enables people to live independently at home through the provision of nutritious meals, personal contact and related services. Visit <https://www.mealsonwheelsmd.org/> for more information.

**Neighbor Ride**, 5570 Sterrett Place, Suite 102, Columbia, MD. 410-884-7433.

Enabling ambulatory Howard County seniors (age 60+) to remain active and independent by utilizing volunteer drivers who provide reasonably priced or subsidized supplemental transportation using their personal vehicles. Visit <http://neighborride.org/wordpress/> for more information.

**Rebuilding Together Howard County**, 8775 Cloudleap Court, Suite 519, Columbia, MD. 410-381-3338.

Organization aims to revitalize communities and rebuild lives by providing free home repairs to low-income Howard County homeowners, particularly those who are elderly, disabled, veterans, and families with children. Visit <http://www.rebuildingtogetherhowardcounty.org/> for more information.

**The Village in Howard**, 6061 Stevens Forest Road, Columbia, MD. 443-367-9043.

Membership organization of Howard County residents age 55+ who pay an annual fee. Members reside in their own homes and are connected by enjoying services while volunteering their own skills to fellow members. Visit <https://www.thevillageinhoward.org/content.aspx?sl=1110725794> for more information.

**Winter Growth**. 5460 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia, MD. 410-964-9616.

Provides adult medical daycare and assisted living for senior and disabled adults from two centers located in the Washington/Baltimore metropolitan area. For more information, visit <http://www.wintergrowthinc.org>.

**This Point Forward** 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 329, Columbia, MD 21046 [info@this-point-forward.org](mailto:info@this-point-forward.org)

Empowering people to reimagine the use of their skills, experience and knowledge as they enter next phase of their life. Visit <https://this-point-forward.org/> for more information.

## Addiction and Substance Abuse

**HC DrugFree**, Wilde Lake Village Center, 5305 Village Center Drive, Suite 206, Columbia, MD. 443-325-0040.

Provides prevention, treatment, recovery, and health and wellness resources to help Howard County residents develop knowledge and skills to understand and address behavioral health disorders. Visit <http://www.hcdrugfree.org/> for more information.

**Living in Recovery**, 8775 Centre Park Drive, Suite 218, Columbia, MD. 443-741-1331.

Helps men and women break the cycle of addiction-rehab-relapse by combining affordable housing free of drugs and alcohol with peer support and a climate of personal accountability. Visit <http://lirhowardcounty.org/> for more information.

**The Serenity Center**, 9650 Basket Ring Road, Columbia, MD. 410-884-6088.

Provides a variety of self-help group meetings such as AA (daily meeting in Spanish), NA, AlAnon, Children of Alcoholics, Codependents Anonymous, Overeaters, Sex and Love Addicts, Debtors Anonymous, Nicotine Anonymous, and Gamblers Anonymous. Visit <https://theserenitycentercolumbia.org/> for more information.

## Foreign-Born Assistance/Immigration

**Chinese American Parent Association**, PO Box 2164, Ellicott City, MD, 443-797-9588

Helps Chinese parents navigate the public-school system. Encourage and support parents to get involved in public school activities and community events. Support parents to advocate for their children at school or school system. Visit <https://www.capa-hc.org/> for more information.

**Conexiones** PO Box 6997, Columbia, MD. 410-531-9470.

Advocates for changes in policies, practices and personnel of the Howard County Public School System, that improve the performance and educational outcomes for Hispanic/Latino students. Visit <http://conexioneshc.org/> for more information.

**Luminus** 5999 Harpers Farm Road, Suite E-200, Columbia, MD. 410-992-1923, Ext. 11.

[info@beluminus.org](mailto:info@beluminus.org)

Provides services to immigrants as they bridge into the American culture. Services include immigration counseling, interpreters, consumer counseling, adult and student literacy, job counseling, citizenship classes, and crisis assistance. Luminus is an accredited immigration agency. <https://www.beluminus.org/>

**Korean Community Service Center of Greater Washington, Inc.**, 8430 Glenmar Road, Ellicott City, MD. 410-441-3700.

Assists and empower Asian Americans and new immigrants to become well-adjusted and fully contributing members of their community through social services, education, advocacy, and development of resources. Visit <http://www.kcscgw.org/> for more information.

## LGBTQ Resources

**PFLAG Columbia-Howard County**, PO Box 1470, Columbia, MD. 443-518-6998.

Promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends by supporting each other and advocating for equality by educating the broader community. Visit <https://www.pflaghoco.org/> for more information.

### African American Resources:

**The GLCCB**, 2530 North Charles St, 3rd Floor, Baltimore, MD. 410-777-8145.

Catalyst for uniting and empowering sexual and gender minorities in Baltimore and Maryland, and to advocate for a better quality of life for the entire community. <http://www.glccb.org/>

**Black Transman**, 3530 Forest Lane #38 Dallas, TX. 1-855-BLK – TMEN.

Solely focused on acknowledgment, social advocacy and empowering transmen with resources to aid in a healthy female to male transition. <http://blacktransmen.org/index.html>

**The Center for Black Equality**, 1920 Martin Luther King Jr Ave, SE, Washington, D.C. 202-641-8527

Foster a sense of belonging and connectedness among the Black LGBTQ community in the Baltimore metropolitan area. <https://centerforblackequity.org/baltimore/>

### Faith Resources:

**Christ United Methodist Church**, 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD. 410-381-6329.

<http://cumcobic.org/>

**Channing Memorial Church, Unitarian Universalist**. 3220 Corporate Court, Ellicott City, MD. 410- 203-0474.

<https://www.channingmc.org/wp/>

**Columbia Jewish Congregation**, 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD. 410-730-6044.

<http://dev.columbiajewish.org/>

**Columbia United Christian Church**, 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD. 410-730-1770.

<https://cucc-md.org/>

**Kittamaqundi Community Church**, 5410 Leaf Trader Way, Columbia, MD. 410-730-4855.

<http://www.kc-church.org/>

**Laurel Presbyterian Church**, 7610 Old Sandy Spring Road., Laurel, MD. 301-776-6665.

<http://www.laurelpresbyterian.org/>

**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**, 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD. 410-964-1425. <http://www.stjohnscolumbiamd.org/>

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia**, 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD.

410- 381-0097. <https://uucolumbia.net/>

Latinx/Latina/Latino Resources:

**Somos Families**, 510-725-7764

Supports Latino families with children who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (LGBTQ) and conducts education to create family and community acceptance. <http://www.somosfiliabay.org/contact/>

**Suicide Prevention Hotlines:**

- **Maryland Crisis Hotline:** 1-800-422-0009 – Available 24 / 7 / 365
- **Suicide Prevention Resource Center:** <http://www.sprc.org/>
- **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>
- **Grassroots Crisis Intervention:** 24-Hour Crisis Hotline: 410-531-6677 <http://www.grassrootscrisis.org/>
- **The Trevor Project 24/7 Hotline:** 1-866-488-7386 <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>
- **National Suicide Prevention Hotline:** 1-800-273-8255 <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

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