

**Maryland State Department
of Education Division of
Rehabilitation Services
(DORS)**

**Information for Adults with
Autism Spectrum Disorders
Towson University**

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Please Note: All information is taken directly from DORS website.

Contact Information

E-mail DORS at dors@dors.state.md.us or call the phone numbers below with comments, concerns or questions. E-mails and calls will be forwarded to a staff member who handles your area of concern.

- Web site problems or suggestions.
- Comments about programs and services.
- Concerns about services.

Questions about how DORS can serve you or a family member.

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Overview

The Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) offers programs and services that help people with disabilities go to work or stay independent in their homes and communities. DORS is an agency of the Maryland State Department of Education

DORS is composed of the public vocational rehabilitation program and the Disability Determination Services.

The **public vocational rehabilitation** program includes:

The Office of Field Services prepares people with disabilities to go to work, to stay on the job, or remain independent in the home or community. Rehabilitation counselors in offices throughout Maryland provide or arrange for services that may include career counseling, assistive technology, vocational training and/or job placement assistance.

The Workforce & Technology Center (WTC) offers career assessment, skills training, job placement assistance, assistive technology services and other medical and support services that prepare people to work or remain independent.

In addition, DORS also operates The Disability Determination Services (DDS), which makes medical decisions about disability claims filed by Maryland citizens through the Social Security Administration.

Vision

Our shared vision is that the State of Maryland is the best place in our nation for persons with disabilities to live, work and raise a family. Individuals with disabilities are welcomed, fully included and actively participate in all Maryland communities.

Mission

The mission of the Division of Rehabilitation Services is to provide leadership and support in promoting the employment, economic self-sufficiency and independence of individuals with disabilities.

Charge

Our charge is to maintain and enhance opportunities for individuals with disabilities by:

- Promoting employment and independent living through the administration and development of the State's rehabilitation services program.
- Maximizing independence and self-sufficiency through the administration and development of the State's disability determination services program.
- Promoting empowerment and inclusion in all of Maryland's communities.
- Building collaborative relationships with public agencies, private organizations, employers and community groups.
- Fostering a skilled workforce that reflects the diversity of Maryland's communities and the people we serve.

Services

DORS operates two major programs:

In the **Vocational Rehabilitation** program, eligible individuals may choose from services such as career assessment, vocational training and job placement.

The **Disability Determination Services** determine the eligibility of Maryland applicants for Social Security Administration's (SSA) two disability programs:

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), which provides cash benefits to insured workers who meet the definition of disability and to their dependents and

Supplemental Security Income (SSI), which provides monthly cash benefits to children and adults who meet the definition of disability as well as certain income and resource guidelines

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Locations

<u>Allegany</u>	<u>Anne Arundel</u>	<u>Baltimore City</u>
<u>Baltimore</u>	<u>Calvert</u>	<u>Caroline</u>
<u>Carroll</u>	<u>Cecil</u>	<u>Charles</u>
<u>Dorchester</u>	<u>Frederick</u>	<u>Garrett</u>
<u>Harford</u>	<u>Howard</u>	<u>Kent</u>
<u>Montgomery</u>	<u>Prince George's</u>	<u>Queen Anne's</u>
<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>Somerset</u>	<u>Talbot</u>
<u>Washington</u>	<u>Wicomico</u>	<u>Worcester</u>

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