

1. Housing

Finding the right living environment can provide the security, stability, and sense of safety everyone deserves. The housing resources listed offer a broad range of supports that promote affordability, independence, and inclusive living for individuals and families across Howard County. These organizations help residents explore housing options while also connecting them to community resources that foster self-sufficiency, inclusion, and quality of life. Services include affordable housing programs, emergency shelter, residential supports, and advocacy for fair housing access.

Core services include:

- **Affordable and supportive housing options**, including group homes, independent living arrangements, and transitional housing.
- **Crisis and emergency assistance**, such as eviction prevention, utility relief, financial aid, food, and shelter.
- **Specialized residential programs** for individuals with developmental disabilities, mental health needs, or medical conditions, offering 24-hour support and skill-building for independent living.
- **Housing navigation and counseling services**, assisting clients in locating and maintaining safe, affordable housing, resolving landlord-tenant disputes, and accessing public benefits.
- **Advocacy and community development**, ensuring fair housing practices, providing education, and connecting residents to employment, health, and legal support services.
- **Faith- and community-based outreach**, offering compassionate aid such as food, household items, and pastoral or volunteer support.

| Affordable and Supportive Housing Options | | | |
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| Organization | Info | Contact | Website |

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| Columbia Housing Corporation | Develops and manages affordable housing options | 9150 Rumsey Rd, Suite A1, Columbia, MD 21045, (410) 730-9554 | columbiahousing.org |
| Housing Commission | Provides affordable housing, loans/grants, rental assistance | 9770 Patuxent Woods Dr., Ste 100, Columbia, MD 21046, 443-518-7800 | househoward.org |
| Howard County Housing and Community Development | Affordable housing opportunities | 9820 Patuxent Woods Dr, Suite 224, Columbia, MD 21046, (410) 313-6318 | howardcountymd.gov/housing-community-development |
| Adaptive Living | Housing, food, transportation, and support for adults with developmental disabilities | 10649 High Beam Ct., Columbia, MD, 410-997-9499 | adpativeliving.net |
| Bridges to Housing Stability | Affordable housing, advocacy, financial support | 9520 Berger Rd, Ste 311, Columbia, MD 21046, 410-312-5760 | bridges2hs.org |
| Maryland Dept of Human Resources - Project Home | Supportive housing for adults with disabilities/mental illness | 1-800-332-6347 | dhs.maryland.gov/office-of-adult-services/ project-home |
| Maryland Housing Search | Rental search tool for affordable housing | 1-877-428-8844 | mdhousingsearch.org |
| Crisis and Emergency Assistance | | | |

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| Grassroots Crisis Center | Emergency shelter, suicide & crisis services | 6700 Freetown Rd, Columbia, MD 21044, (410) 531-6006 | grassrootscrisis.org |
| Hope Works | Support for survivors of domestic violence/sexual assault | 9770 Patuxent Woods Dr, Ste 300, Columbia, MD 21046, Hotline: 410-997-2272 | hopeworksofhc.org |
| Christian Services of Howard County | Emergency financial assistance, eviction/utility help | 3267 Pine Orchard Ln, Ellicott City, MD 21042, 410-465-1060 | christianservicesofhowardcountymd.org |
| Salvation Army | Emergency financial help, food programs | 3267 Pine Orchard Ln, Ellicott City, MD 21042, 410-465-1060 | salvationarmusa.org |
| Fish of Howard County, Inc. | Food pantry, limited rental support, laundry/personal care needs | 410-964-8660 | fishhowardcounty.org |
| Specialized Residential Programs | | | |
| Organization | Info | Contact | Website |
| Creative Options | Residential and community services for adults with developmental disabilities | 9601 Pulaski Park Dr, Suite 416, Middle River, MD 21220, 410-780-4095 | creativeoptionsmd.com |

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| Emerge | Residential, day, and employment services for developmental and mental health needs | 9180 Rumsey Rd, Suite D2, Columbia, MD 21045, 410-884-4420 | emergeinc.org/residential-services |
| LIFE, Inc | Community living program, group homes, alternative living units | 2822 Hollins Ferry Rd, Baltimore, MD 21227, 410-789-4570 | lifeinc.org |
| Linwood Center, Inc. | Residential, vocational, and recreational services for adults with developmental disabilities | 3421 Martha Bush Dr, Ellicott City, MD 21043, 410-465-1352 | linwoodcenter.org |
| Richcroft, Inc. | Residential, supported living, personal support services | 11350 McCormick Rd, Suite 700, Hunt Valley, MD 21031, 410-785-3274 | richcroft.com |
| Starflight Enterprises, Inc. | Group homes, personal supports, and respite for individuals with disabilities | 8930 Old Annapolis Rd, Suite A, Columbia, MD 21045, 877-280-1310 | starflightenterprises.com |
| Unified Community Connections | Residential services in apartments and single-family homes | 952 Ridgebrook Rd, Suite 1000, Sparks, MD 21152, 410-484-4540 | unified.org |

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| The Arc of Howard County | Independent living and supported living group homes | 11735 Homewood Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042, 410-730-0638 | archoward.org |
| Housing Navigation and Counseling Services | | | |
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| Accessible Resource for Independence (ARI) | Housing navigation, advocacy, independent living skills | (410) 636-2274 | arinow.org |
| Making Change | Housing counseling, financial wellness, coaching | 9770 Patuxent Woods Dr, Ste 307, Columbia, MD 21046, 443-518-7659 | makingchangecenter.org |
| Office of Consumer Protection | Mediation, landlord/tenant disputes | 9820 Patuxent Woods Dr, Columbia, MD 21046, 410-313-6420 | howardcountymd.gov/consumer-protection |
| Kennedy Krieger Institute Resource Finder | Connects clients to housing resources | 707 N. Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21205, (800) 873-337 | kennedykrieger.org/community/initiatives/ resource-finder |
| Advocacy and Community Development | | | |
| Organization | Info | Contact | Website |
| Center for Social Change | Advocacy, social justice, immigration support | 6800 Amberton Dr, Elkridge, MD 21075, 410-579-6789 | centerforsocialchange.org |

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| Humanim, Inc. | Social services, workforce development, behavioral health, housing support | 6355 Woodside Ct, Columbia, MD 21046, 410-381-7171 | humanim.com |
| Making Change | Advocacy for independent living | 9770 Patuxent Woods Dr, Ste 307, Columbia, MD 21046, 443-518-7659 | makingchangecenter.org |
| Maryland Access Point (MAP) | Information and referral for community resources | 9830 Patuxent Woods Dr, Columbia, MD 21046, 410-313-1234 | howardcountymd.gov/MAP |
| United Way 211 | 24/7 referral and support | 100 S. Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21201, 211 or 800-492-0618 | 211md.org |
| Faith- and Community-Based Outreach | | | |
| Organization | Info | Contact | Website |
| Christ Church Link | Faith-based outreach, eviction & utility help, food, medicine, shelter | 6800 Oakland Mills Rd, Columbia, MD 21045, 410-381-9365 | christchurchcolumbia.org |
| Church of the Resurrection | Worship services, community outreach, eviction & utility help | 3175 Paulskirk Dr, Ellicott City, MD 21042, 410-461-9112 | res-ec.org |

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| Jewish Community Services | Mental health, addiction, senior & caregiver support | 5750 Park Heights Ave, Baltimore, MD 21215, 410-466-9200 | jcsbaltimore.org |
| The Gabriel Network | Support for pregnant women, housing, baby supplies | 2137 Defense Hwy, Crofton, MD 21114 | gabrielnetwork.org |