

Howard County has a wide array of education resources for children, youth, and adults with disabilities or special needs, designed to support academic achievement, personal growth, and inclusive learning.

These resources include:

- Specialized programs and non-public schools serving students with autism, learning, emotional, intellectual, and multiple disabilities.
- Early intervention and home-visiting programs promoting child development, school readiness, and family engagement.
- Vocational, college, and transition support to prepare youth for employment, post-secondary education, and independent living.
- Advisory, advocacy, and coalition services that provide guidance, legal information, and inclusive education advocacy for families, educators, and students.
- Military and bilingual support programs to meet the needs of diverse communities and families of children with special needs.

Together, these resources empower families, educators, and students by providing specialized support, advocacy, and educational opportunities that enhance learning, independence, and long-term success.

Education Resources			
Resource	Info	Contact / Admin	Website
Center for Autism Services, Science and Innovation (CASSI™)	Interdisciplinary program serving children, families, and professionals in the autism community; combines clinical services, research, and training	9800 Patuxent Woods Dr, Suite G, Columbia, MD 21046, 443-923-7630	kennedykrieger.org/cassi
Community Action Council	Rent, food, transportation assistance, Head Start, food bank	9820 Patuxent Woods Dr, Columbia, MD 21046, 410-964-8660	cac-hc.org
Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) - Transitioning Youth Initiative	Provides resources and information for youth transitioning from school to adult services	410-234-8200	health.maryland.gov/dda/TY

Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)	Vocational supports including counseling, evaluation, placement, and coaching for employment	7161 Columbia Gateway Dr., Ste D, 410-290-2640	dors.state.md.us
Healthy Families Howard County	Free home-visiting programs; promote child development, school readiness, and family self-sufficiency	410-313-1940, children@howardcountymd.gov	howardcountymd.gov/home-visiting
HOCO SECAC	Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee; comprised of parents, educators, service providers, and administrators	9151 Vollmerhausen Rd, Savage, MD 20763, 410-313-7161	howardcountysecac.com
Homewood Center	Non-traditional/alternative programs for students needing flexible support (grades 6–12); programs include Bridges, Gateway, and Innovative Pathways	10914 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042, 410-313-7081	hc.hcpss.org
Howard Community College - CORE	Math and reading supports to improve academic skills	10901 Little Patuxent Pkwy, 443-518-1700, core@howardccu.edu	howardcc.edu/core
Howard Community College - DSS	Student accommodations and support services for students with disabilities	443-518-1300, disabilitysupport@howardcc.edu	howardcc.edu
Linwood Center	Non-public special education program (grades 1–8, ages 6–21), MSDE approved	3421 Martha Bush Drive, Ellicott City, MD	linwoodcenter.org
Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF)	Represents 70 state-approved special education schools serving 3,000+ students; advocates for full continuum of services	501 North Charles St, Towson, MD 21204, 410-938-4413	mansef.org
Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education (MCIE)	Provides resources and partnerships for educators to improve inclusive learning environments	410-859-5400	mcie.org
Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council Office	Advocates for individuals with disabilities; works with families and networks on policy and legislation	410-767-3670	md-council.org
Maryland School for the Deaf	Early intervention through high school for students who are deaf or hard of hearing	410-696-7449	msd.edu

Maryland Youth Forum	Training for high school students on education, legal info, ADA, and leadership	240-898-2189	innow.org/mdylf
MSDE (Division of Early Intervention & Special Education Services)	Works with SESACs in each local school system; oversees early intervention and special education programs	200 West Baltimore St, Baltimore, MD 21201	marylandpublicschools.org
Operation Autism - Resource Guide	Supports military families with a family member with autism	N/A	operationautism.org/base-post/fort-meade
Phillips Program Laurel	MSDE-approved, serves students ages 8–21 with emotional, learning, autism, intellectual, and multiple disabilities; includes integrated CTE programs	301-470-1620	phillipsprograms.org/laurel
The Parents' Place of Maryland	Offers training, programs, and services to support families of children with disabilities and special healthcare needs; bilingual and veteran support available	410-768-9100	ppmd.org