

## Autism Waiver Contacts In Maryland Jurisdictions

| Jurisdiction     | Local School System Contact | Early Intervention Contact |
|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Allegany         | 301-724-6632                | 301-759-2415               |
| Anne Arundel     | 410-980-1866                | 410-424-3268               |
| Baltimore City   | 410-396-0775                | 410-396-1666               |
| Baltimore County | 443-809-4130                | 443-809-2169               |
| Calvert          | 410-550-8332                | 443-550-8380               |
| Caroline         | 410-479-3640, x112          | 410-479-3246               |
| Carroll          | 410-751-3620                | 410-876-4437               |
| Cecil            | 410-996-5401, x33066        | 410-996-5450               |
| Charles          | 301-934-7349                | 301-753-1745, x105146      |
| Dorchester       | 410-228-4747                | 410-228-4747, x1023        |
| Frederick        | 301-644-5274                | 301-600-3118               |
| Garrett          | 301-334-7658                | 301-334-7658               |
| Harford          | 410-558-5246                | 410-638-3823               |
| Howard           | 410-313-6659                | 410-313-7017               |
| Kent             | 410-778-7164                | 410-778-7164               |
| Montgomery       | 240-740-3877                | 240-777-1778               |
| Prince George's  | 301-918-8780                | 301-918-8780               |
| Queen Anne's     | 410-758-2403, x179          | 410-556-6103, x11          |
| St. Mary's       | 301-475-5511, x32228        | 301-475-5511, x32218       |
| Somerset         | 410-651-6268                | 410-651-1616               |
| Talbot           | 410-822-0330, x150          | 410-822-0330               |
| Washington       | 301-766-8222                | 301-766-2964               |
| Wicomico         | 410-677-4507                | 410-677-5250               |
| Worcester        | 410-632-5034                | 410-632-5034               |

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## Autism Waiver Maryland Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

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## Maryland Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder Autism Waiver



For children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Maryland, the *Autism Waiver* provides services and supports that promote independent living skills and community integration.

## Autism Waiver Services

*Autism Waiver Services use the home and community environment as a learning experience.*

- **Intensive Individual Support Services (IISS):**  
One-on-one assistance based on the child's need for interventions and support. Services assist children in acquiring, retaining, and improving the self-help, socialization, communication, daily living, functional living, behavior management, and adaptive skills necessary to reside successfully at home.
- **Therapeutic Integration (TI: Regular or Intensive):**  
A structured program during after-school hours, weekends, and non-school days that provides therapeutic activities and expressive therapies specially needed for children and adolescents who have problems with socialization, isolation, hyperactivity, impulse control, and behavior.
- **Respite Care:** Short-term supervision and assistance with activities of daily living that are provided to children because of the absence or need for relief of those persons normally providing care.
- **Environmental Accessibility Adaptations (EAA):**  
Funding towards making physical adaptations to the home that are necessary to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the individual in the home environment.
- **Family Consultation (FC):** Individualized consultation and training provided to a child's family.
- **Adult Life Planning (ALP):** Family-centered and focused on educating and supporting the family in accessing adult community services on behalf of the participant.
- **Residential Habilitation (Regular or Intensive):**  
Community-based residential placement for children who cannot live at home because they require highly supervised and supportive environments with the goal of returning the child to the home.

## Eligibility for Autism Waiver Services



*Children must meet the following eligibility criteria.*

- Have a current IEP classification of Autism and/or clinical diagnosis of ASD (within the last 3 years by a qualified diagnostician);
- Be a resident of Maryland;
- Be age 1 through the end of the school semester when the child turns 21 years old;
- Have an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) with at least 15 hours per week of special education/related services;
- Meet an institutional Level of Care for Intermediate Care Facilities for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID) and choose to receive Autism Waiver services as an alternative;
- Be able to be served and safely maintained in the home and community through Autism Waiver services;
- Meet financial eligibility for Medical Assistance; the child's monthly income may not exceed 300% of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits and their countable assets may not exceed \$2,000 or \$2500 (depending on eligibility category); and
- Choose Autism Waiver to best meet child's needs if the child is enrolled in another Home and Community-Based Services Waiver, the Model Waiver or any other Medicaid Waiver program, as applicable.

## Autism Waiver Registry



*Families should contact the Autism Waiver Registry if interested in applying to the Autism Waiver when a vacancy occurs.*

- Provide the following information: child's name, date of birth, address, county of residence, and contact information.
- Parents are required to notify the Registry of any changes in address or contact information.
- Application for enrollment is based on chronological order from the time the child's name is placed on the Registry.

## Application Process

*Parents will receive an application letter from the Maryland Department of Health when there is a vacancy and their child may begin the Autism Waiver application process to determine eligibility.*

- Contact the local school system or the early intervention agency to speak to the Autism Waiver contact to begin eligibility determination process.
- Meet with the child's assigned Service Coordinator to complete the financial eligibility form.
- Contribute to the Level of Care assessment process that will be signed by a Maryland licensed psychologist or certified school psychologist employed by the local school system.
- Attend a multidisciplinary team meeting to develop a Plan of Care.
- Receive notification of eligibility from the State. If eligible, the letter will include a start date to begin Autism Waiver services.
- Maintain eligibility by using at least one participant-focused Autism Waiver service a month.