

ELIGIBILITY FOR AUTISM WAIVER (AW) SERVICES

Children must meet technical, medical, and financial eligibility

- Be a resident of Maryland
- Be between the age of 1 and 21
- Have a current educational classification of Autism or a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Receive early intervention or special education services identified through one of the following:
 - an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) (ages 1-5)
 - an Individual Education Program (IEP) in an early childhood or Kindergarten setting (ages 3-5)
 - an IEP with 15 hours or more of special education and related services, and/or 1:1 adult supports per week (first grade through exit from high school)
- Meet an institutional Level of Care for Intermediate Care Facilities for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID) and choose to receive AW services as an alternative
- 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
- Choose the AW as the waiver that best meets the child's needs
- *Military Exception:* Dependents of US Military Service members invited to apply to the AW while the family is out of the state for military services shall be offered an opportunity to apply upon request when they return to Maryland and meet all technical eligibility requirements

AUTISM WAIVER WAITLIST

Contact the Autism Waiver Helpline at 1-866-417-3480 if interested in registering for the AW Waitlist

- Parents must provide the following information for the child:
 - Name
 - Date of birth
 - Address
 - County of residence
 - Contact information
 - Parents must confirm a diagnosis of ASD
- Parents must confirm the child has an IFSP or IEP
- Confirm at least 15 hours of special education/related services per week on IEP (1st grade and above)
- Parents must ensure all demographic information is up to date and must contact the AW Helpline to report any changes
- Application for enrollment is based on chronological order from the time the child's name is placed on the Waitlist

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) will send an application letter when there is a vacancy, and the child may begin the AW application process to determine eligibility

- Contact the local education agency or the early intervention program to speak to the AW contact and begin the eligibility determination process
- Work with the child's assigned Service Coordinator to complete the financial eligibility application within 45 days from the date of application letter from MDH
- Contribute to the Level of Care assessment process that determines the child's medical eligibility
- Receive notification of eligibility from the State. If eligible, the letter will include a start date to begin AW services
- Attend a multidisciplinary team meeting to develop a Plan of Care
- Maintain eligibility by using at least 5 hours of AW services per month

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 self-help, socialization, communication, daily living, functional living, behavior management, and adaptive skills necessary to reside successfully at home.
- Therapeutic Integration- Regular (TI) or Intensive (ITI):** A structured program available outside of school hours 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.

AUTISM WAIVER CONTACTS

| Jurisdiction | Local Education Agency Contact | Early Intervention Contact |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Allegany | 301-759-2051 | 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 | 443-550-8343 | 443-550-8380 |
| Caroline | 410-479-3640, x112 | 410-479-1460, x1112 |
| Carroll | 410-751-3033 | 410-751-3155 |
| Cecil | 410-996-5401, x33066 | 410-996-5450, x50402 |
| Charles | (301) 392-7508 | 301-753-1745, x105146 |
| Dorchester | 410-228-4747 | 410-221-1111, x1022 |
| 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 | 301-702-2890 | 301-925-1985 |
| 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, x436 | 410-822-0330, x150 |
| Washington | 301-766-8222 | 301-766-2964 |
| Wicomico | 410-677-4507 | 410-677-5250 |
| Worcester | 410-632-5034 | 410-632-5033 |

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 Office of Long-Term Services and Supports Administration
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